



## Regulations for Doctoral Studies in Theology and Biblical Studies

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### *Article 1 – Subject of Doctoral Studies*

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The doctorate in theology covers the following disciplines: Biblical Studies (Old Testament, New Testament), Ethics, Systematic Theology, History of Christianity, Practical Theology, Theology of Religions, and Ecumenism.

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### *Article 2 - Admission*

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Candidates with a Master's degree with honors (or equivalent) are eligible for doctoral studies in Theology.

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### *Article 3 – Duration of Doctoral Studies*

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The candidate is enrolled in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of doctoral studies.

Each year of study lasts one academic year; each year can be spread over 24 months, depending on the student's needs. No additional costs are due if the year of study is spread over (the maximum period of) 24 months.

Passing from one academic year to the next is conditional on passing the examination.

The total duration of doctoral studies may not exceed 72 months, unless an exemption is granted by the Rectorate.

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#### *Article 4 – Supervision, Support, Dissertation Approval*

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Dissertation work is carried out under the supervision of a doctoral advisor, a professor at Domuni Universitas.

The final dissertation project must be accepted by the doctoral advisor and approved by the Faculty Council, after notice from the doctoral advisor and a member of the Council. This approval must take place no later than 12 months after the date of first enrollment in doctoral studies. If the project is rejected, an additional 6 months may be granted for a second (and final) appearance before the Faculty Council.

A Follow Up and Support Committee of three professors or experts is officially appointed upon approval of the topic. This committee will constitute the jury at the time of the defense. One or more external members (not from the faculty) will complete the jury. One of them will be a dissertation referee (*rapporteur*).

The dissertation may be written in French, English, Spanish, Italian, Arabic or any other language (subject to the acceptance of a doctoral advisor and of the Dean of the faculty).

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#### *Article 5 – Education*

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- Doctoral studies amount to one hundred and eighty (180) ECTS.
- The doctoral student validates sixty (60) ECTS of doctoral training including a doctoral seminar of six (6) ECTS, two exams of twelve (12) ECTS, and the final defense of six (6) ECTS.
- In addition, thirty six (36) ECTS credits are acquired by preparing oral or written communications, by publishing in a journal, participating in a scientific colloquium or event, teaching activities, research activities, all according to an individual study plan, approved jointly by the Dean of the faculty and the doctoral advisor.

Exceptionally, a candidate with a substantial scientific record may be exempt from doctoral training, in whole or in part.

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### *Article 6 – Doctoral Charter*

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The doctoral charter defines the principles and values that form the basis of the relationship between the doctoral advisor and the student.

The charter specifies the rights and obligations of the parties.

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### *Article 7 – Dissertation Defense*

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Dissertation defense has its own procedure.

It is authorized by the doctoral advisor and the two dissertation referees (*rapporteurs*), after a positive simple majority vote.

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### *Article 8 – Doctoral Study Contract*

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A doctoral study contract, per year of study, specifies for each doctoral student his or her rights and duties.

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### *Article 9 – Doctorials*

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Every year, the Doctoral School organizes study and research days called "Doctorials". These days are mandatory.