

# PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

## for the Ph.D. in Organizational Studies and Cultural Theory at the University of St.Gallen

dated 14 November 2016

The Senate of the University of St.Gallen  
hereby issues the following regulations

on the basis of Art. 88 para. 1 (h) of the University Statutes dated 25 October 2010<sup>1</sup>:

### I. General provisions

Art. 1. These regulations govern special conditions for the Ph.D. in Organizational Studies and Cultural Theory (DOK) at the University of St.Gallen regarding

- a) admission;
- b) programme structure;
- c) examinations and their evaluation.

Scope of application

### II. Admission

Art. 2. <sup>1</sup>Under Art. 15 of the Award Regulations [PromO 17], applicants may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme in Organizational Studies and Cultural Theory if they

- a) hold a completed Master's degree from the University of St.Gallen (HSG);
- b) hold a completed Master's degree or a Licentiate (university degree) in any of the following subjects: Economics or Economics and Finance, Social Sciences, Law;
- c) hold a completed Master's degree or Licentiate (university degree) in a subject area in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of St.Gallen.

Terms of admission

Art. 3. <sup>1</sup>In addition to the conditions laid down in Art. 16 of the PromO, the following conditions apply for admission:

- a) the submission of application documents in due form and before the deadline;
- b) simultaneous matriculations at two universities in the same or a different subject area are only possible if the other university provides written confirmation that the other university waives the contribution payments under the Inter-Cantonal University Agreement dated 20 February 1997 [sGS 217.81].

Further terms of admission

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<sup>1</sup> sGS 217.15

Art. 4. <sup>1</sup>When the average grade is between 4.85 and 5.00, the Supervisor shall provide a reasoned application to the Programme Committee. Additional entry requirements

Art. 5. <sup>1</sup>Admission to the Ph.D. programme is based on the Programme Committee's evaluation of the submitted application documents ('sur dossier').

<sup>2</sup>The Programme Committee may also carry out interviews with the applicants.

<sup>3</sup>Admission is communicated through a decree issued by the Dean of Studies.

Art. 6. <sup>1</sup>On admission to the Ph.D. programme, additional entry requirements covering a maximum of 16 ECTS credits may be imposed. Additional entry requirements

<sup>2</sup>These additional entry requirements involve introductory courses and courses in core disciplines.

<sup>3</sup>Additional requirements are contingent on student's previous education, are defined jointly by the Supervisor and the Programme Committee and communicated to the student through a decree issued by the Dean of Studies.

Art. 7. <sup>1</sup>The additional entry requirements are deemed to have been completed once all relevant courses have been passed with a minimum grade of 4.00. Passing additional entry requirements

<sup>2</sup>One further attempt is permitted on failure to pass a course.

<sup>3</sup>If the additional entry requirements are not passed at the second attempt, the student may not continue with the Ph.D. studies.

### III. Programme structure

Art. 8. <sup>1</sup>The programme language is German.

<sup>2</sup>However, the programme shall be set up in such a way that it can also be completed in English. Language of the programme

Art. 9. <sup>1</sup>During the coursework phase a total of four compulsory elective courses must be completed.

<sup>2</sup>Each individual course represents 4 ECTS credits.

Art. 10. <sup>1</sup>The Programme Committee defines the compulsory elective courses. Coursework phase

<sup>2</sup>The Ph.D. students decide on their courses in consultation with their Supervisor.

Art. 11. <sup>1</sup>During the research phase two colloquia must be held.

<sup>2</sup>One colloquium earns 4 ECTS credits. Research phase

Art. 12. <sup>1</sup>A maximum of one externally completed unit (a course or a seminar) may be credited to replace a compulsory elective or a colloquium. Credit

<sup>2</sup>The Programme Committee decides whether to accept the credit.

Art. 13. <sup>1</sup>The Course Scheme spells out in detail what must be done in order to successfully complete the Ph.D. programme. Course Scheme

#### IV. Examinations and their evaluation

Art. 14. <sup>1</sup>The types of examinations for the courses are:

Types of examination

- a) Individual examinations:
  - 1. Written examination'
  - 2. Written paper;
  - 3. Oral examination (including presentation)
- b) Group evaluations:
  - 1. Written paper;
  - 2. Oral examination (including presentation)

<sup>2</sup>Active participation by the Ph.D. student in classes can influence grades up to a maximum of 20%.

Art. 15. <sup>1</sup>The courses during the coursework phase, and the seminars during the research phase are graded as "passed" or "not passed".

Grades

#### V. Final provisions

Art. 16. <sup>1</sup>These regulations will come into effect as of 1 August 2017.

Date of application

<sup>2</sup>They apply to students who start a Ph.D. study programme at the University of St.Gallen from the autumn semester 2017 onwards.

<sup>3</sup>From 1 August 2020 these regulations will apply to all Ph.D. students.

Art. 17. <sup>1</sup>For students who start their Ph.D. studies before 1 August 2017 and who have completed courses in the coursework phase at the end of the 2017 spring semester, the Course Regulations of 4 June 2007 shall apply until 31 July 2020.

Transitional rules

<sup>2</sup>The Course Scheme covers the transitional provisions.

<sup>3</sup>The Senate Committee is authorised, as necessary in urgent cases, to issue transitional provisions to the benefit of the students as part of the Course Scheme.

Art. 18. <sup>1</sup>The Course Regulations for the Doctorate in Organizational Studies and Cultural Theory from the University of St.Gallen dated 4 June 2007 (version dated 12 December 2011) will be suspended with effect from 1 August 2020.

Suspension of currently applicable rules

On behalf of the Senate,

The President:  
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The General Counsel:  
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