

# ACADEMIC REGULATIONS OF DOCTORAL STUDIES

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## Introduction

The present Regulation for Doctoral Studies of the Department of Psychology at the University of Western Macedonia was created within the framework of the project titled “Support for Internationalization Actions of the University of Western Macedonia” and the sub-project “Doctoral Studies Program of the Department of Psychology” (MIS: 6004802).



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Specifically, it concerns the Deliverable (D 1.2): Educational Content (Operating Regulation) of the Working Package (WP1) “Development, Organization, and Implementation of a Foreign Language Doctoral Studies Program in the Department of Psychology.”

The first version of this Regulation, completed on September 27, 2024, served as the basis for discussion and consultation with the External Advisory Committee of the Department of Psychology (Article 4/October 10, 2024) and, after amendments, led to its approval by the Assembly of the Department of Psychology (Article 112/October 17, 2024). It has been submitted for approval to the Senate of the University of Western Macedonia and the National Authority for Higher Education and Quality Assurance through the Quality Assurance Unit.



## Article 1

### The Doctoral Studies Program in the Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology offers a Third-Cycle Study Program focused on research, specialising in the primary cognitive areas and related fields within the University of Western Macedonia Department of Psychology. The Program includes the mandatory preparation of a Doctoral Thesis (D.T.) on a subject related to the department's scientific domain. The Doctoral Studies aim to produce high-level scientific research, emphasizing the publication of the scientific work carried out within this framework and the training of scientists capable of contributing to advancing education and science.

The Doctoral Degree constitutes an academic title that certifies the completion of original scientific research and the substantial contribution of the holder to the advancement of science and its specific branches. Graduates of the Doctoral Studies Program (D.S.P.) contribute to staffing the research, business, and academic potential of both the Greek territory and abroad.

The D.S.P. enhances the Department of Psychology and the University's prestige and recognition by contributing to expanding research output and publishing the scientific findings produced during its duration.

## Article 2

### Formulation of the Doctoral Studies Regulation

In accordance with Article 91 of Law 4957/2022, the Regulation for Doctoral Studies of the respective Department is formulated by decision of the Department Assembly, which is approved by the Senate, published in the Government Gazette, posted on the Department's website, and communicated to the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

## Article 3

### Number of Doctoral Candidates that a Faculty Member May Supervise or Co-Supervise

The supervision of a doctoral dissertation is permitted for members of the Faculty of Higher Education of the First Grade, Associate Professors, and permanent Assistant



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Professors of the Department. The Assembly of each Department determines the number of doctoral candidates that a faculty member may supervise, taking into account the needs of the scientific field and the number of members of the Faculty of Higher Education of Full Professors, Associate Professors, and permanent Assistant Professors of the Department. Each faculty member may supervise a total of three (3) doctoral theses, either through direct supervision or co-supervision. Additionally, in exceptional cases (e.g., if the primary supervisor cannot continue) wherein the faculty member is called to take over the doctoral thesis of another faculty member, the number of supervised theses may be altered by the decision of the Assembly. Furthermore, in cases of co-supervision, a Special Cooperation Protocol shall be established.

#### Article 4

##### Doctoral Studies Program (D.S.P.)

By decision of the Senate of the University of Western Macedonia (U.o.W.M.), following a proposal from the Department Assembly, the Doctoral Studies Program (D.S.P.) and its Regulation are established.

The D.S.P. may be offered in Greek or another language and includes an organized program of courses and other educational and research activities with learning outcomes at both the program and course levels. The completion of the D.S.P. requires 180 credit units (European Credit Transfer System-ECTS), which are allocated to the following activities:

1. Mandatory preparation of a Doctoral Thesis: 90 ECTS.
2. Two publications in an international journal classified in one of the Q<sub>1</sub>, Q<sub>2</sub>, or Q<sub>3</sub> categories of SCIMAGO (SCOPUS): 20 ECTS (each).
3. The two (2) publications in an international journal classified in one of the Q<sub>1</sub>, Q<sub>2</sub>, or Q<sub>3</sub> categories of SCIMAGO (SCOPUS), will be accepted only if:
  - a. The doctoral candidate is the first author.
  - b. The supervising professor is included in the publication.
  - c. The number of participants in the publication does not exceed five (5) individuals.
    - ci. If the number of participants in the publication exceeds five (5) individuals, the doctoral candidate must be the first author in at least four (4) publications, in which the supervising professor is also included, on topics derived from the thesis in a



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reputable international journal classified in one of the Q1, Q2, or Q3 categories of SCIMAGO (SCOPUS).

4. Preparation of a scientific article and its presentation at a peer-reviewed international conference (Proceedings): 10 ECTS.
5. Intermediate deliverables and periodic progress reports from the supervisors.
6. Participation and successful completion of an entire cycle of courses (in classes, workshops, or seminars related to the preparation of the Doctoral Thesis) or other educational or research activities (participation in the educational process and being assigned auxiliary teaching work in undergraduate and master's programs of the Department): 40 ECTS.

More specifically:

- Compulsory Course (Doctoral Level) 39 hours: Research Methodology: 10 ECTS.
- Teaching assistant in the Department's undergraduate programme: 2 ECTS/semester with the possibility of providing supportive teaching work up to 5 semesters (total 10 ECTS).
- Three lectures at other universities, of which at least one (1) must be at an international university. The lecture plan must be approved by the supervising professor: 6 ECTS.
- Participation in a Summer School of at least 39 hours in the research field of the Doctoral Studies: 6 ECTS.
- Participation in doctoral candidates working groups: 6 ECTS.
- Research skills (proposal preparation and submission for grant): 6 ECTS
- Participation in research programs (2 funded research programs): 6 ECTS
- Courses of free choice from the Institutional Catalogue: E.g. "Gender Equality Course", "Sustainable Development Course" - 6 ECTS<sup>1</sup>

Below is a table showing the curriculum per activity and the corresponding ECTS.

**Table 1.** The curriculum by activity and the corresponding ECTS.

<sup>1</sup> The doctoral candidate can choose up to 5 different activities or some activities two or three times depending on how he/she wants to complete the remaining 24 ECTS.



Academic Activities	ECTS	Mandatory	Select
Doctoral Thesis	90	✓	
Two (2) scientific publications in international journals of SCIMAGO category Q1, Q2, or Q3 (SCOPUS)	40 20 each	✓	
At least one (1) scientific publication in the proceedings of an international conference	10	✓	
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Courses, research and teaching activities during the doctoral studies	ECTS	Mandatory	Optional
Compulsory courses at doctoral level (39h/semester)	10	✓	
Supportive teaching work (lectures/workshops)	2 (up to 10)		✓
Three (3) invited lectures of which at least (1) at a foreign university	6		✓
Participation in a summer school (lasting at least 39 hours)	6		✓
Research skills (proposal preparation and submission for grant)	6		✓
Participation in research programs (2 funded research programs)	6		✓



Seminars/ Elective Courses (minimum 39 hours)	6 per seminar/course		✓
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## Article 5

### Right to Submit an Application to the D.S.P.

The right to submit an application for the preparation of a Doctoral Thesis (D.T.) in the Greek or foreign language Doctoral Studies Program (D.S.P.) is granted to those who meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a degree from a Greek Higher Education Institution or a recognized Higher Education Institution from abroad.
2. Hold a Master's Degree granted by a Higher Education Institution (A.E.I.) in Greece or abroad, or be a graduate of a Higher Education Institution with at least a five-year duration corresponding to three hundred (300) European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credit units.
3. 3a) Hold proficiency certification in at least one foreign language at the B2 level.  
3b) By decision of the Department Assembly, certification of proficiency in at least one foreign language at the B2 level may be verified through examinations in the respective Department.

The selection of doctoral candidates for each D.S.P. is conducted by decision of the Assembly of the Department of Psychology.

## Article 6

### Procedure for Selecting Candidates

1. Announcements for the selection of doctoral candidates in the Greek or foreign language Doctoral Studies Program (D.S.P.) are made once every academic year, during the months of September to November, or at any other time deemed appropriate by the Department Assembly. The announcements for doctoral candidate positions are posted on the Department's website. The announcements specify:
  - The duration of the application submission period,



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- The scientific fields in which candidates may conduct their Doctoral Thesis, as well as the number of admissions per scientific field,
  - The documents to accompany the application.
2. Any interested party who meets the conditions of the Doctoral Studies Regulation may submit an application to the Department Assembly for the preparation of a Doctoral Thesis (D.T.). The application must include at least the following information:
- Proposed field/title of the Doctoral Thesis,
  - A brief summary of the subject to be addressed in the Doctoral Thesis,
  - Language of writing, which may differ from Greek, provided that the Three-Member Committee can support it,
  - Proposed supervisor of the Doctoral Thesis, whose field of expertise or scientific work is related to the proposed Doctoral Thesis.

The application is accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae of the candidate and the documents specified in the program regulations to prove the fulfilment of the conditions listed in paragraph 1 and any other conditions required as applicable.

The candidate's compulsory qualifications include a good command of the English language at B2 level. The language may differ from English if the Department Assembly deems it significant for academic reasons. Any additional language proficiency certification will be positively evaluated.

The Department Assembly, after considering the submitted applications, categorizes them according to the relevance of the research topic and establishes three-member committees for each category of applications, consisting of members of the faculty. The committees review all documents submitted with the application and invite the candidate for an interview. Subsequently, the committees prepare a detailed memorandum indicating why each candidate meets or does not meet the requirements for acceptance and submit it to the Assembly.

If the candidate does not propose a supervising professor in their application, the competent committee will propose a suitable one and submit it for approval by the Assembly.



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The Department Assembly considers the committee's memorandum alongside the opinion of the proposed supervisor and either approves or dismisses the candidate's application for the Greek or foreign language D.S.P. with justification. The approval decision also specifies the language of writing for the Doctoral Thesis.

In the same decision, conditions may be set, such as the concurrent attendance of courses, related obligations concerning scientific research, etc.

## Article 7

### Public Disclosure of Accepted Candidates

Following the appointment of the Three-Member Advisory Committee by the Department Assembly, the names of the doctoral candidates and the members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee, along with the title and a brief summary of the Doctoral Thesis to be prepared, will be posted on the Department's website. Additionally, the titles of all publications by the doctoral candidate in conferences and scientific journals will also be posted on the Department's website throughout the duration of their Doctoral Thesis work.

## Article 8

### Language of the Doctoral Thesis

The Doctoral Thesis may be written in Greek or in English, which the candidate has proven to be proficient in.

## Article 9

### Change of Title/Field of Study or Language

A change in the title or field of study of the Doctoral Thesis, or its language of preparation, may occur upon a substantiated recommendation from the Three-Member Advisory Committee and approval by the Department Assembly.

## Article 10

### Duration of the Doctoral Thesis Preparation

The duration for the preparation of the Doctoral Thesis (D.T.) may not be less than four (4) full calendar years from the date of the appointment of the Three-Member Advisory



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Committee. The maximum duration for the completion of the D.T. is set at six (6) calendar years. By decision of the Department Assembly, the maximum duration for the preparation of the D.T. may be extended upon the request of the doctoral candidate and with the agreement of the Three-Member Advisory Committee for a significant reason. Specifically, in exceptional cases, an extension of the maximum time by two (2) additional years may be granted after a specially justified request from the candidate, which, once approved by the members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee, will be recommended for approval to the Department Assembly.

## Article 11

### Obligations and Rights of Doctoral Candidates

According to current legislation, in the Third Cycle of Studies, holders of a Master's Degree who also meet the specific conditions outlined in the Internal Regulation of the Doctoral Studies Program of the Department of Psychology are accepted as doctoral candidates.

During the preparation of the Doctoral Thesis (D.T.) and prior to its defense, candidates have the following obligations:

1. To collaborate with their supervisor and the members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee to support their Doctoral Thesis preparation.
2. To submit a detailed written progress report of their Doctoral Thesis annually to the Three-Member Advisory Committee and to present the progress orally. The progress report and presentation will be considered in the progress report of the Three-Member Advisory Committee.
3. To provide auxiliary teaching work according to the needs of the Undergraduate and Master's Programs of the Department, upon the recommendation of the supervisor, as well as auxiliary administrative work within the Department, e.g., supervision duties.
4. To consistently attend the cycle of courses and educational or research activities as defined by the Department of Psychology. The course cycle and the aforementioned activities must correspond to at least thirty (30) credit units (ECTS). In this case, specific titles of the courses, their content, weekly teaching hours, the correlation of the aforementioned courses, and the number of credit units assigned to each must be



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specified. A detailed description is also required to define the educational or research activities in which the doctoral candidates are expected to participate.

5. To provide documented participation either in person or remotely (via teleconference) in at least one (1) international peer-reviewed conference.
6. To present at least two (2) publications stemming from their Doctoral Thesis in a reputable international journal classified in one of the Q<sub>1</sub>, Q<sub>2</sub>, or Q<sub>3</sub> categories of SCIMAGO (SCOPUS). The two (2) publications will only be accepted if:
  - The doctoral candidate is the first author.
  - The supervising professor is included in the publication.
  - The number of participants in the publication does not exceed five (5) individuals.
  - If the number of participants in the publication exceeds five (5) individuals, the doctoral candidate must be the first author in at least four (4) publications, in which the supervising professor is also included, on topics derived from the Doctoral Thesis in a reputable international journal classified in one of the Q<sub>1</sub>, Q<sub>2</sub>, or Q<sub>3</sub> categories of SCIMAGO (SCOPUS).
7. To submit to the Secretariat before the beginning of the defense procedure for the Doctoral Thesis a responsible declaration that the work has been conducted by themselves and does not contain any elements of plagiarism.
8. To respect and adhere to the decisions of the bodies of the Department and the University of Western Macedonia.

Failure to comply with all of the above without serious and justified reasons, as well as a) any violation of the existing provisions regarding the handling of disciplinary offenses by the relevant disciplinary bodies and b) offenses that fall under the law of intellectual property (Law 2121/1993) during the writing of the Doctoral Thesis will constitute grounds for the candidate's expulsion from the Third Cycle of Studies.

During the preparation of the Doctoral Thesis and before its defense, doctoral candidates have the rights of students enrolled in the Master's Degree programs and any other rights stipulated by the Doctoral Studies Regulation. Doctoral candidates may participate in research projects/programs of the Higher Education Institution and receive scholarships under co-financed, self-financed, or other projects/programs for financial support of their doctoral research.



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## Article 12

### Granting of Scholarships/Remunerative Scholarships – Criteria

The University of Western Macedonia may provide scholarships to doctoral candidates based on excellence criteria as a reward for their performance, as well as remunerative scholarships for the provision of work or participation in research and development projects. Scholarships can be funded either from the reserves of the Special Account for Research Funds or from resources of self-funded programs of the University, or from funding of research and/or development programs (which are funded by private, international, and own resources of Article 230 of Law 4957/2022, as well as co-funded projects of the Partnership Agreement for Development Framework, or from grants or donations from legal and natural persons, or from the resources of the Departments.

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Candidates:

- Must have completed their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of doctoral studies.
- Must not hold salaried positions in the public or private sector, nor receive scholarships from any other provider for the specified period.

Upon invitation, doctoral candidates who meet the terms and conditions can submit an application with the necessary documentation for the granting of a scholarship.

Depending on the source of funding for the scholarships, the bodies responsible for the selection process of the scholarship recipients are defined (e.g., Research Committee, Department Assembly, etc.).

#### a) Excellence Scholarships

The selection criteria for excellence scholarships are:

- Progress report/recommendation from the Three-Member Advisory Committee,
- Research work,
- Publications,
- Contribution to the educational/laboratory/research work of their Department,
- Individual or family financial situation.

#### b) Remunerative Scholarships



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The academic scholar must:

- Provide work ranging from forty (40) to eighty (80) hours per month at the School or Department where they are enrolled, upon request,
- Comply with the requirements set by the School or the Department regarding their attendance,
- Adhere to the deadlines for submitting all documents required for the scholarship disbursement.

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If incompatible behavior with the status of the academic scholar is identified, the relevant bodies shall immediately discontinue the scholarship.

#### Granting Process

The scholarship is paid in installments to the recipient, after written certification, indicating the exact number of hours of attendance. The certification is signed by the Dean of the School or the Chair of the Department where the scholar is enrolled and is stamped by the Secretariat of the School or Department.

#### Selection Criteria for Remunerative Scholarships:

- Progress report/recommendation from the Three-Member Advisory Committee,
- Research work,
- Publications,
- Contribution to the educational/laboratory/research work of their Department,
- Individual or family financial situation,
- Social criteria (such as orphans, large families, families with three children, serious health reasons, persons with disabilities, single-parent families, student siblings in another city, etc.).

The maximum amount of the remunerative scholarships is up to €650 for 80 hours, which may be adjusted according to applicable regulations.



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## Article 13

### Auxiliary Teaching Work

Doctoral candidates may be assigned auxiliary teaching work with hourly compensation in Bachelor's and Master's degree programs by decision of the Department Assembly. Auxiliary teaching work is defined as assisting members of the Teaching and Research Staff (Δ.Ε.Π.) in their teaching duties, conducting tutorials, laboratory exercises, supervising examinations, and grading assignments. The maximum hourly compensation limit, which is covered exclusively by private, own, and international resources of the institution, is €8.12 per hour.

*Procedure for Assigning Auxiliary Teaching Work to Doctoral Candidates of the UoWM:* Doctoral candidates participate in the educational process by providing auxiliary work, supporting students of the undergraduate and master's programs of the Department, specifically in the following areas:

- Supervising examinations,
- Participating in tutorials,
- Participating in laboratory sessions,
- Assisting in the preparation and support of courses,
- Organizing teaching materials,
- Grading assignments and exercises,
- Co-supervising Master's Theses with the supervisor, without participation in the final evaluation.

Supervision during examinations in each examination session, according to the schedule prepared by the Department Assembly, is mandatory. The doctoral candidate is obliged to take responsibility for keeping up to date on the supervision schedule from the Department Secretariat for each examination period. In the case of his/her inability to attend, he/she must find a replacement and inform the responsible professor of the person who will replace him/her.





## Article 14

### Auxiliary Teaching Work with Compensation

By decision of the Senate, up to three doctoral candidates may be compensated for the auxiliary work they provide through remunerative scholarships in each Department. The auxiliary work with compensation is announced by the Department, and the selection of the candidates providing this work is made by decision of the Department Assembly. The announcement specifies the criteria based on which the selection of candidates will occur. The criteria are determined by the Assembly and must be academic and/or social in nature. The announcement is made by the Department Assembly. The names of the doctoral candidates providing auxiliary work are listed in the Course Schedule.

In cases where the Department has decided that the auxiliary teaching work will be provided through a remunerative scholarship, the compensation and maximum working limit for the doctoral candidates for this work is set at €12 per hour and 20 hours per week, with the possibility of adjustment according to applicable regulations. In any case, this total workload should not, with the responsibility of the supervising professor, distract the candidates from their primary obligations.

## Article 15

### Conditions for the Possibility of Suspension and Resumption of Studies

Upon the request of the doctoral candidate and for serious reasons (such as health issues, family matters, conscription, etc.), the Three-Member Advisory Committee may recommend to the Department Assembly the suspension of the candidate's Doctoral Thesis preparation. The doctoral candidate may, provided they have not exceeded the maximum duration of studies, request, through a sufficiently justified application, a suspension of studies for a total of up to two (2) years. During the suspension, the student status of the candidate is suspended, and they do not participate in the educational processes of the Doctoral Studies program. The duration of the suspension is not counted towards the time taken to prepare the Doctoral Thesis. Candidates who are recipients of scholarships from the State Scholarship Foundation or other public/private bodies are not entitled to a suspension of studies for the period during which they receive the scholarship.

The Assembly of the Department may decide to expel a doctoral candidate:



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- a) After a request for expulsion from the doctoral candidate.
- b) Following a substantiated recommendation from the supervising faculty member or the Advisory Committee when their progress is deemed inadequate. Specifically, the inadequate progress of the candidate is substantiated by at least two (2) negative Progress Reports during their studies or due to a lack of scientific collaboration, which is adequately documented by the supervising professor.

## Article 16

### Supervision of Doctoral Theses (Oversight)

The Department Assembly appoints the proposed supervisor for the Doctoral Thesis (D.T.) and establishes a Three-Member Advisory Committee (Supervisor and two members), which has the authority to oversee and support the preparation and writing of the thesis. Members of the Faculty of Higher Education of Full Professors, Associate Professors, and permanent Assistant Professors of the Department or another Higher Education Institution may supervise doctoral theses as members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee. Each Professor and member of the Department may supervise a total of three (3) Doctoral Theses, either through direct supervision or co-supervision. In the case of co-supervision, a Special Cooperation Protocol is drafted between the collaborating Departments.

The members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee must have either the same or a related field of expertise or the same or a relevant scientific work compared to the topic of the Doctoral Thesis. The supervisor and the members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee are not entitled to a fee or any other compensation for their support in the preparation of the Doctoral Thesis.

According to Article 94, paragraph 1 of Law 4957/2022, members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee may include Δ.Ε.Π. members of any rank from the Department or other Departments of the same or another Higher Education Institution, Emeritus Professors, retired Δ.Ε.Π. members, members of Teaching and Research Staff from Higher Military Educational Institutions and Higher Ecclesiastical Academies, or Professors recognized as equivalent from foreign institutions who hold a doctoral degree, researchers



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of grades A, B, or C from research centers mentioned in Article 94.1 of Law 4957/2022, including research centers of the Academy of Athens and the Institute of Medical Biological Research of the Academy of Athens, as well as the scientific staff of the Hellenic Survey of Geological and Mineral Exploration (HSGME) of Article 25 of Law 4602/2019 (A' 45), provided they possess a doctoral degree and research activity relevant to the subject of the thesis, or from recognized research centers or institutes abroad and have the same or a related field of study as the doctoral thesis under consideration.

At least one (1) Professor member from the first three ranks of the relevant Department must participate in the Three-Member Advisory Committee. The number of retired Professors participating as members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee may not exceed one (1).

The members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee, Professors and Researchers must also have at least three (3) publications in international scientific journals of categories Q<sub>1</sub>, Q<sub>2</sub>, Q<sub>3</sub>, Q<sub>4</sub>, or in chapters of collective volumes from abroad or in reputable international conferences with a peer-review system, or participation in competitive research programs in scientific fields relevant to the proposed topic of the Doctoral Thesis.

## Article 17

### Replacement of the Supervisor

1. If any member of the Three-Member Advisory Committee, including the supervisor, becomes unavailable or unable to fulfill their duties, upon the request of the member themselves, the doctoral candidate, or the supervising professor, the Department Assembly may appoint a replacement until the completion of the preparation of the Doctoral Thesis (D.T.).
2. If the supervisor or a member of the Three-Member Advisory Committee transfers to another Department of the same or another Higher Education Institution or retires, they may continue to hold the status of supervisor of the D.T., provided they consent, and the title is granted by the Higher Education Institution to which the Department that initiated the preparation of the Thesis belongs.



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## Article 18

### Evaluation – Awarding of the Doctorate

1. After completing the writing of the Doctoral Thesis and submitting the final report regarding its progress to the Three-Member Advisory Committee, the doctoral candidate submits a request for public defense according to the provisions of the Doctoral Studies Regulation. The Chair of the Department is required to verify whether the candidate meets all the criteria of the current Doctoral Studies Program and sends it for review to the Quality Assurance Unit. Then, once the Quality Assurance Unit confirms that the publication requirements of this regulation are met, it sends a transmittal to the Department, and the Department may establish a Seven-Member Examination Committee. The Department Assembly, after reviewing the written positive recommendation from the Three-Member Advisory Committee, by its decision appoints a Seven-Member Examination Committee to evaluate the Doctoral Thesis. As mandatory members of the Seven-Member Examination Committee, the members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee must be appointed, along with four (4) additional members, who are designated by the relevant law and possess documented research work, evidenced by published work in the SCOPUS database, in the field of the Doctoral Thesis. Close relatives of the first and second degree of the candidate may not serve as members of the Seven-Member Committee. At least four (4) of the seven (7) members of the Examination Committee must be members of the Higher Education Institution in which the Doctoral Thesis is conducted. Up to two (2) members, Professors from abroad, may participate in the seven-member committee, who may also be members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee.
2. If the recommendation of paragraph 1 is not submitted to the Department Assembly, or if it is negative, the process may continue upon the request of the candidate, in accordance with the provisions of the Doctoral Studies Regulation.
3. The examination of the Doctoral Thesis is carried out no later than 60 days from the date of the establishment of the Seven-Member Examination Committee by the Department Assembly and the transmission of the D.T. to the committee members. In case of the two-month period elapsing, the Seven-Member Examination Committee must be re-appointed by the Department Assembly upon the recommendation of the supervisor.



4. The D.T. is publicly defended by the candidate before the seven-member examination committee, which poses questions to the candidate. The session for the public defense of the D.T. may also be held using videoconferencing technology, if the physical presence of all committee members is not possible, in accordance with applicable legislation. After the completion of the defense of the D.T., the seven-member examination committee meets without the presence of third parties, evaluates the D.T. in terms of quality, completeness, originality, and contribution to science, and based on these criteria, approves or rejects the awarding of the Doctorate. The awarding of the doctorate requires the unanimous consent and positive evaluation of the D.T. from at least five (5) members.

The doctoral candidate must send the D.T. in printed or electronic format to the members of the Seven-Member Examination Committee (upon prior agreement) at least thirty (30) days before the defense date.

5. In case of approval, the seven-member examination committee evaluates the D.T. with the grades of SATISFACTORY, VERY GOOD, or EXCELLENT. There is an option, after a decision by the Committee, to award the Doctoral Title with the mention "Excellence with Distinction" due to the exceptional quality of the D.T.
6. The meeting and the entire examination process are coordinated by the supervising member of Δ.Ε.Π.
7. From the date of approval of the D.T. by the Seven-Member Examination Committee, the doctoral candidate acquires the status of doctor. The graduation by the Department Assembly has a certifying character.

## Article 19

### Industrial Doctorates

Doctoral theses prepared by doctoral candidates who fulfils the requirements for enrolment in a doctoral studies programme in collaboration with a company or industry based in Greece and concern the carrying out of industrial or applied research aimed at the extraction of research results for the production of innovative products or services. A representative shall be appointed by the partner enterprise or industry who:

- Guides the DC with the knowledge and experience relevant to the scope of the D.S.P.



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- Participates in the meetings of the Three-member Advisory Committee and the dissertation jury, but without the right to vote.

The collaborating enterprise or industry concludes a protocol of cooperation between the HEI and the doctoral candidate, which sets out the terms and conditions of the cooperation during the doctoral studies, the conduct of research and the use of the equipment of the respective H.E.I., the extraction of research results and generally the rights and obligations of the contracting parties.

It also provides its own premises in order to enable the conduct of research activity in whole or in part during the period of the D.S.P., provided that the internal regulations of the University and the Doctoral Studies Program are followed.

Finally, it finances in part or in full the preparation of the industrial PhD and pays the corresponding insurance contributions unless the PhD is financed by the UOWM's Research Committee (RC), in which case the contributions may be charged to the budget of the funded project. Industrial doctoral studies may be funded simultaneously by the Development and Resilience Fund and by companies or industries with a registered office or branch in the country.

## Article 20

### Transitional Provisions

Issues not covered by Law 4957/2022 and not directly defined by the present Doctoral Studies Regulation will be resolved by the Assembly of the Department of Psychology. The Assembly has the right to modify the operation of the Doctoral Studies Regulation in any case deemed necessary to ensure the quality of the Doctoral Studies Program.

