

DOCTORAL STUDIES ORGANISATION

**ORGANISATION OF DOCTORAL
STUDIES; RECRUITMENT,
ADMISSION AND MONITORING**

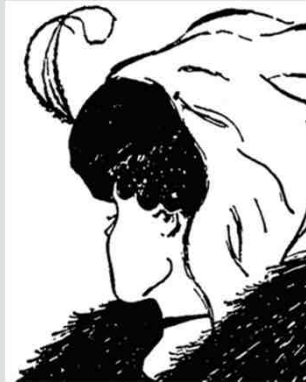
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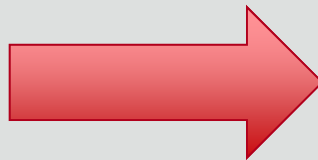
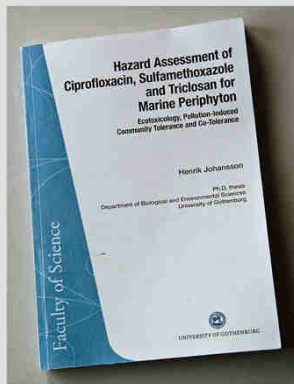


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"OUTCOME" FROM DOCTORAL EDUCATION



Transition from focus the thesis to focus the development of personal knowledge, skills and competence in order to perform independent research after exam



LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE THIRD CYCLE IN THE EUROPEAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (EQF)

- **Knowledge** at the most advanced frontier of a field of work or study and at the interface between fields
- The most advanced and specialized **skills** and techniques, including synthesis and evaluation, required to solve critical problems in research and/or innovation and to extend and redefine existing knowledge or professional practice
- **Competence:** Demonstrate substantial authority, innovation, autonomy, scholarly and professional integrity and sustained commitment to the development of new ideas or processes at the forefront of work or study contexts including research

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System of qualifications; general qualitative targets with intended outcomes: knowledge and understanding, competence and skills, and judgement and approach as outlined in the Qualification ordinance

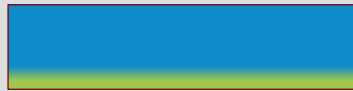
All study programmes have a ***general study syllabus***; the main content of the study programme, specific entry requirements, selection criteria and other regulations required

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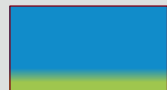
An *individual study plan* shall be drawn up for each doctoral candidate

- undertakings of the doctoral candidate
- undertakings of the HEI
- timetable for the doctoral candidate's progression
- adopted after consultation with the doctoral candidate and his or her supervisors
- reviewed regularly (yearly, at least)

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Degree of Doctor, 240 ECTS



Degree of Licentiate, 120 ECTS

- Thesis work: at least 120/60 ECTS
- Rate of study: at least 50 % of full time
- The whole time period of the doctoral education has to be fully financed for each doctoral candidate
- Each doctoral candidate must have at least two supervisors

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Examination of thesis

- An approved doctoral thesis is required for the award of the doctoral degree
- The doctoral thesis shall be presented and defended orally in public
- A faculty examiner (opponent) shall be appointed for this presentation
- At least one of those participating in the grading of a doctoral thesis shall be someone who does *not* have a post at the HEI awarding the degree.

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment

- Starts already at bachelor and master levels
- Contact with research by essay/paper
- Goal: to recruit the best fitted applicants for the doctoral education in question
- Open announcement of vacant positions in a doctoral education programme is a prerequisite for setting up a competition between applicants
- Control station before the announcement gets public

ADMISSION

Admission

- Big investment for the HEI and the doctoral candidate to be – of great importance for both partners that admission is successful
- Transparency in the selection criteria
- Professional selection process
- Several persons involved in the ranking of applicants
- Inspection of paper merits complemented by interview

MONITORING

Monitoring, formal

- The supervisor has great responsibility
- Written and signed agreement - planning instrument (career development)
- Introduction; education system, the HEI, subject matter, the department (research group)
- Follow-up of the agreement, for instance completion of course work
- As employee. The doctoral candidate may also have other duties at the HEI (teaching or administration)

MONITORING

Monitoring, academic

- Seminars; theory, methods and results
- Participating in conferences and work shops arranged outside the doctoral candidate's own HEI
- Peer review of articles (compilation thesis)
- Follow-up of agreement, such as completion of parts of the thesis work
- Final seminar; rehearsal prior to defense (examination) of the thesis by external peer review (green/red light)