



Supplementary regulations for courses offered by the Graduate School of Psychology (GSP)

(Please note that this is a translation of the approved German version)

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In addition to writing the dissertation and the oral PhD examination, the PhD degree regulations (“Promotionsordnung”) of 17. September 2014 requires the acquisition of at least 12 credit points. The structured PhD programs of the Faculty of Psychology each require a minimum of 18 credit points.

The PhD programs are autonomous in terms of content and governance, and each offers its own course program. This reflects the high diversity of disciplines within psychology as well as their content and methodological orientation. The GSP assumes a coordinating function, so that PhD courses and activities within the Faculty of Psychology are optimally organized, synergies are exploited, and redundancies avoided.

The PhD program courses are divided into four modules:

- Research content
- Research methods
- Interdisciplinary qualifications
- Professional qualifications

Within the structured PhD programs, the number of credits of the modules is specified by the respective PhD program regulations. All PhD students make decisions regarding the fulfillment of the module requirements in consultation with their PhD committees and according to the PhD regulations.

With regard to the coordinating function of the GSP, the following apply:

- Courses in the “research content” and “professional qualifications” modules are usually organized by the PhD programs and/or specified in the individual doctoral agreements. Due to the high degree of specialization, there is typically no coordination of content at GSP level.
- Courses in the “research methods” module are organized by the PhD programs and the GSP and coordinated by the GSP.
- Courses in the “interdisciplinary qualifications” module are organized centrally by the university (GRACE). In individual cases—if, for example, GRACE does not offer (sufficient) courses for a particular skill—the GSP or the PhD programs, coordinated by the GSP, organize courses in the “interdisciplinary qualifications” module.

Courses offered in the individual modules typically consist of half-day, one-day, or two-day workshops. The “research content” module also includes, for example, attending and participating in colloquia, presenting one's research at meetings and conferences (1 ECTS per meeting/conference), and activities within the framework of the PhD programs. For the organization of a conference or a symposium, ECTS points can be awarded depending on the effort and upon proof.

All PhD students are invited to submit proposals for courses to the executive boards of both the GSP and the PhD programs. This enables a course program that (a) is precisely tailored to the needs of the respective cohort and (b) prioritizes state-of-the-art topics as well as current methodological/content-related developments and challenges.

These supplementary regulations will come into force after approval by the Faculty Assembly of the Faculty of Psychology of the University of Basel. They replace the supplementary regulations decided in the Faculty Assembly on 27.02.2019 with immediate effect.

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