

Supplementary regulations for offers by the doctoral program Society and Choice (SC-PSY)

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

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In addition to the writing of the dissertation and the oral doctoral examination, the doctoral degree regulations (Promotionsordnung) of 17 September, 2014 require the acquisition of a total of 12 credit points. The SC-PSY doctoral program requires 18 credit points (ECTS).

I. Courses offered

Courses offered in the SC-PSY doctoral program are divided into three modules:

- Research content (at least 8 ECTS)
- Research methods (at least 6 ECTS)
- Transferable skills (at least 4 ECTS)

The ECTS points listed per module and the study achievements listed below specify the minimum requirements for successful participation in the program. It is possible to acquire additional ECTS points. Provided that there is freedom of choice, doctoral students independently select (in consultation with their Ph.D. Committee) the training courses that are optimal for their individual qualifications.

Module Research content

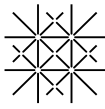
- Participation in the joint research colloquium of the departments involved, throughout the entire period of the doctoral training (2 ECTS).
- Active participation, including presentation, in the internal conference of the SC-PSY doctoral program, which takes place once a year, throughout the entire period of doctoral training (2 ECTS).
- Presentation of own research work at meetings and conferences, usually at least one international conference (1 ECTS per conference).
- Establishing contact with an external expert in the topic of the dissertation (2 ECTS). Ideally, this contact leads to
 - a visit by the expert to Basel, for example combined with a talk / a joint lunch with doctoral students / or a workshop for doctoral students,
 - an expansion of the Ph.D. committee,
 - an opportunity for a stay abroad,
 - a long-term collaboration.
- Participation in workshops assigned to the module Research content.

Module Research methods

Doctoral students take an active part in workshops and events that serve to develop and expand methodological competence in the field of psychological research. The courses are typically offered by national/international experts and are tailored to the needs of doctoral students. The workshops are typically half, one or two days long. Courses offered by other universities are also eligible for credit, with the prior consent of the program management board.

Module Transferable skills

Doctoral Students take an active part in workshops and events that serve to develop and expand interdisciplinary qualifications (e.g., writing courses, courses in university didactics, career development). Transferable skills courses are provided centrally by the university (GRACE). In individual cases-if, for example, there is no suitable and/or an insufficient course offered by GRACE for a particular skill-the Graduate School of Psychology or the doctoral programs of the Faculty of Psychology organize Transferable skills courses. Courses offered by external providers are also eligible for credit, with the prior consent of the program management board.



II. Interaction between the SC-PSY doctoral program and the Graduate School of Psychology (GSP)

The doctoral programs at the Faculty of Psychology are autonomous in terms of content and governance. At the same time, they are part of the overarching Graduate School of Psychology (GSP). The GSP offers workshops and events that are relevant for all doctoral students in the Faculty (especially module Research methods and, in cooperation with GRACE, module Transferable skills). This offer is complemented by workshops and events that are specifically tailored to the SC-PSY doctoral program's research priorities (especially modules Research methods and module Transferable skills). These specific workshops and events can be attended primarily by members of the SC-PSY doctoral program; spare places are open to members of the Master «Science Track» (StO15) or the «Science Track Society and Choice» (StO24) and all members of the GSP. The GSP and the SC-PSY doctoral program work together in such a way that doctoral courses and activities within the Faculty of Psychology are optimally coordinated, making use of synergies and avoiding redundancy.

III. Participatory development of the curriculum

All members of the SC-PSY doctoral program are invited to submit proposals for courses to the program management board. 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.

IV. Duration of the doctorate

As a rule, no more than 36 months should elapse between the start of the doctorate and the submission of the dissertation.

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