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GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.§

- (1) All the provisions set out in the University Doctoral Regulation (hereinafter: UDR) of the Corvinus University of Budapest shall apply to the Rules of Operation (hereinafter: RO of DSSCS or Rules) of the Doctoral School of Sociology and Communication Science (hereinafter: DSSCS).
- (2) All the provisions set out in the UDR also apply to these Rules.
- (3) Based on the framework and rules set out in the UDR, its provisions and the applicable legislation, the detailed rules as listed below are set out in these Rules:
 - a) the rules with regard to the activities and responsibilities of the Track Director,
 - b) the operation of the council of the DSSCS (hereinafter referred to as: CoDS),
 - c) the number of members of the admission committee, the content and the way in which the selection procedure is conducted and, where relevant, the submission of additional documents, other than those specified in the UDR, required for the assessment of the professional qualifications of candidates, the range of and points associated with the performance components, the method of ranking the candidates,
 - d) the process of assigning (a) supervisor(s) to doctoral students,
 - e) the detailed regulation of the tasks and requirements associated with the study and research phase,
 - f) the detailed regulation with regard to the research tasks and requirements associated with the research and dissertation phase,
 - g) in the research and dissertation phase, the criteria for obtaining twenty additional credits (20 credits) that may be awarded once in recognition of the doctoral student's research-related performance above the expected level,
 - h) the requirements of being admitted to the comprehensive examination, the requirements of the comprehensive examination,
 - i) the scholarly publications, published or approved for publishing, and documentation of creative artwork that is required from the doctoral student at the time of submitting the doctoral dissertation,
 - j) the procedural rules for the discussion of thesis proposal,
 - k) the content and format requirements of the thesis proposal and the dissertation,
 - l) any publication requirements defined for the award of the doctoral degree that are stricter than those set out in Section 44(1)b)bb) of the UDR (if relevant),
 - m) the language requirements defined for the award of the doctoral degree and the method for proving language proficiency, a list of all the foreign languages accepted for the purposes of meeting the language requirements, as well as the designation of

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one foreign language that is necessary for obtaining the doctoral degree and that is indispensable for performing academic activity in the given branch of science,

- n) the quality assurance plan of the DSSCS.
- (4) The requirements related to the items listed in subsection (3) are included in the present Rules, it being understood that the provisions of the UDR must be applied mutatis mutandis in matters not regulated herein.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND OFFICE HOLDERS OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

2.§

- (1) The DSSCS was established as of 1 July 2020 as a result of a merger of the Doctoral School of Sociology on the one hand and the Doctoral School of Social Communication on the other. Disciplines of the Doctoral School: Social Science, Sociological Science, Communication and Media Science.
- (2) The activities of the Head of the DSSCS (hereinafter: Head of DS) are specified in the relevant legislation, in the UDR and in the Quality Assurance Regulation (hereinafter referred to as: QAR).
- (3) The DSSCS offers doctoral tracks. A doctoral track is a training path that is typically associated with one, possibly more disciplines.
- (4) The DSSCS operates the following two (2) tracks (individually, in cooperation with each other):
 - a) Doctoral Track of Sociology,
 - b) Doctoral Track of Communication Science.
- (5) Taking into account the specificities of their respective discipline, the tracks offer their own subjects within the DS's educational programme.
- (6) Each track is managed by a Track Director entrusted by the Head of the Doctoral School and appointed by the Dean of the CDS.
- (7) The mandate of the Track Directors is for an indefinite period.
- (8) The Track Directors shall be in charge of:
 - a) under the professional management of the UDO, performing administrative tasks in addition to management, organisation and quality assurance duties
 - b) assisting the Head of the DS (shall be involved in developing strategies and international co-operations),
 - c) preparing the admission procedure in cooperation with the Head of DS,
 - d) compiling the track's education plan, operational curriculum and timetable in cooperation with the Head of DS,
 - e) recording the teaching and service activities of doctoral students, approving research and teaching and service credits,


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- f) checking that the minimum publication requirement is met,
 - g) participating in the assessment of requests and applications submitted by students,
 - h) setting up the boards in charge of the comprehensive examination, of the thesis proposal discussion and the defence,
 - i) maintaining contact with the track's students, lecturers and supervisors,
 - j) collecting and analysing data relating to the progress of the individual students of the track and, as far as possible, the students who obtained a degree, as well as information related to the implementation of the educational programme and its professional standards,
 - k) participating in the preparation of the annual report of the DS,
 - l) performing other duties defined by the Head of DS.
- (9) The Head of DS shall be assisted in his/her work by the CoDS pursuant to the UDR.
- (10) Both tracks are represented in the CoDS, the scientific goals of the DS being set uniformly. Aligned with the dates of the sessions of the UDC, the CoDS holds its meetings at least twice in a semester and adopts its decisions in matters falling within its remit by majority voting. In exceptional cases, it may be convened more than once. The quorum of the CoDS shall be constituted if all members are present at least online. In case of a tie, the Head of the Doctoral School shall have a casting vote.
- (11) The DS may set up an Advisory Board based on the proposal of the Head of DS, the members of which are entrusted by the Head of DS based on the proposal of the CoDS. The members of the board may not have an employment relationship with the University. Using international benchmarks, the Advisory Board will evaluate at least every two years the following:
- a) the educational programme of the DS,
 - b) the quality of doctoral topics and dissertations,
 - c) the publication record of the lecturers and students of the DS, and
 - d) give its opinion on the strategic development tasks of the DS.
- (12) The university-level administration of doctoral programmes is performed by the UDO.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE


3.§

- (1) The documents to be submitted and the conditions to be met by every applicant in the admission procedure are specified in the UDR, it being understood that the applicant shall write and submit the research proposal defined in the UDR in English. The expected length is: at least 10,000, not more than 20,000 characters with references.
- (2) In the application for admission, applicants must indicate which track they are applying for. If an applicant selects both tracks, the Head of DS and the Admission Sub-committees shall decide which track is competent to conduct the admission procedure. If both tracks

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are deemed competent, the applicant may participate in both admission procedures. In that case the applicant may submit two research plans.

- (3) The CoDS shall set up the Admission Committee pursuant to the provisions of the UDR and at the proposal of the Head of DS. A minimum of 2 persons shall be elected from each track and these persons shall conduct the admission procedure forming subcommittees.
- (4) The committees referred to in subsection (3) shall:
 - a) organise the oral examination (online platform or physical presence),
 - b) conduct the admission exam in English pursuant to the UDR,
 - c) review and evaluate past achievements documented in the application materials (educational achievements, research experience, publication output, whether the completed education matches the track's field of study),
 - d) review and evaluate the submitted research plan (maturity, relevance of research topic, whether it matches the doctoral track's professional profile),
 - e) conduct face-to-face or online interviews as a means to assess the language skills, communication skills and professional competence of each applicant,
 - f) formulate their recommendations for the admission decision following the admission exams:
 - fa) recommend the application of those who fail to reach the minimum level to be rejected,
 - fb) place the rest of the applicants taking part in the admission examination in an order of ranking, except for the applicants referred to in subparagraph fa), compiling a different list of those recommended for Hungarian state scholarship, for Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship and for a self-funding status.
- (5) The Admission Committee(s) will evaluate and score the candidates on the basis of the criteria set out in Annex 1.
- (6) The Admission Committee will decide on the admission ranking in proportion to the number of applicants and the number of points obtained.
- (7) The Admission Committee shall review the lists at a joint meeting, formulate its admission proposals pursuant to subsection (7) and submit its proposal to the Dean of CDS, who in turn sends it to the UDC in such a manner that a sufficient number of future students for each track.
- (8) The DSSCS's admission bulletin is prepared by the Head of DS and published by the UDO on the University website.
- (9) The DSSCS also accepts applicants in the framework of an individual preparation procedure, the detailed rules thereof being set out in the UDR.

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STUDY MATTERS

Supervision


4.§

- (1) The detailed rules regarding supervision are set out in the UDO and the QAR, with the additions contained in this Section.
- (2) Following the decision on admission, no later than 30 days after approval by the UDC, the CoDS shall approve the supervisor(s) - proposed by the track directors on the basis of the application documents - from the list of doctoral supervisors approved by the UDC. The Track Director shall inform both the student and the supervisor thereof.
- (3) The DS expects the supervisor to closely monitor the work and scientific activity of the doctoral student, assist him/her in publishing, introduce him/her to the scientific community, and evaluate his/her activities.
- (4) The Track Directors control the supervisors' work and provide support to the newly assigned supervisors.
- (5) The doctoral students evaluate the supervisor's work on the dedicated interface of the University. The evaluation shall be available to the Head of DS and the concerned Track Director (with the exception of evaluations by his/her own supervised students).
- (6) Both the supervisor and the doctoral student may request a change of supervisor from the track director in writing (paper or electronic letter) including the justification therefor. After the necessary consultations and in accordance with the rules defined in the UDR, the Track Director shall submit the proposed change to the CoDS for decision, which shall take its decision after having heard the opinion of the CoDS member designated to interview the parties and obtained the opinion of the Head of DS. The supervisor and the student shall then provide a written (electronic letter) statement as to whether they request the CoDS to withdraw the supervisor, and appoint a new supervisor. Upon receipt of such request, the Track Director or the Head of DS shall recommend a new supervisor. The CoDS will decide on the proposal within seven (7) working days and will inform the student and the supervisor by post or e-mail.
- (7) Formal tasks of the supervisor(s) in addition to what is specified in the UDR:
 - a) Acceptance and evaluation of the doctoral student's progress at the end of the semester based on the report prepared by the supervised doctoral student.
 - b) The supervisor oversees and, in agreement with the Head of Institute, coordinates the activities through which the doctoral student acquires teaching and service credits.


Study and research phase

5.§

- (8) After the successful entrance examination, the doctoral student must register in the Hungarian Scientific Publications Database (hereinafter: MTMT).

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- (9) The doctoral student shall collect study, research as well as teaching and service credits in each semester of the study and research phase as stipulated in the UDR and the present section.
- (10) The curriculum includes a list of compulsory and elective subjects, the number of hours and credits associated with the subjects, and the programme's outcome competences. Once approved by the UDC, the education plan will be published on the website of the DS. The UDO shall be responsible for such publication.
- (11) Rules for obtaining study credits:
- a) To obtain study credits, the requirements set out in the subject syllabus must be met.
 - b) For doctoral students admitted to organised instruction, the DS teaches compulsory and compulsory elective subjects and may also announce free elective subjects within the study and research phase.
 - c) The students of a given track must take the compulsory subjects announced for the given track. The concerned Track Directors may decide to announce a compulsory subject jointly.
 - d) In each track, the number of compulsory elective subjects laid down in the relevant sample curriculum must be completed.
 - e) In each track, the number of completed free electives must be sufficient to ensure that the student obtains the required number of credits when taken together with the compulsory and compulsory elective subjects.
 - f) The curriculum is drawn up, maintained and submitted for decision to the UDC by the Head of DS in collaboration with the track directors, no later than 30 June of the previous academic year.
 - g) Equivalence in regard to individually organised study abroad under the Regulation on Studies Abroad (RSA) shall be assessed by the Track Directors based on the opinion of the supervisor. The relevant decision is taken by the Credit Transfer Committee. The doctoral student may have a maximum of 2 subjects recognised from such studies.
 - h) With the approval of the subject's instructor, the doctoral students of the tracks and of the doctoral schools of Corvinus University of Budapest may take the subjects of each other in the scope of offered free elective subjects.
 - i) The subjects may be announced as intensive courses (one-week course) and in the form of even workload spread over a semester. The syllabi and assessment systems for the announced subjects are approved by the Head of DS and the track directors and submitted to the UDC for decision as part of the curriculum by the Head of DS. The uploading and updating of subject syllabi are monitored by the track directors.
 - j) The doctoral students evaluate the subjects in the myView system of the Corvinus University of Budapest. The evaluations shall be available to the Head of DS and the concerned Track Directors.


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- (12) Research credits can be obtained according to the rules set out in the UDR, in case of fulfilling the criteria listed below:
- a) Submission of work plan for the given semester upon consultation with the supervisor, within 30 days of the commencement of the study period. The work plan should include the following: research activity planned for the semester (along with the schedule); any problems arising during research, support expected from the supervisor, expected results of research (e.g. publication, conference presentation),
 - b) Submission of the semestrial report two (2) weeks before the end of the examination period. The semestrial report covers the following: description of the research activity carried out during the semester, progress in doctoral research, research and publication achievements (e.g. participation in conference, publications), teaching activity carried out, assessment of working relationship with the supervisor, any personal or material problems and any assistance required to address them,
 - c) favourable assessment from the supervisor A supervisory assessment is deemed favourable if the supervisor confirms regular consultations and progress made by the student,
 - d) presentation held at the research forum,
 - e) participation in a thesis proposal discussion or a public defence at least once in every semester.
- (13) The rules for the acquisition of teaching and service credits are set out in the UDC, it being understood that the following may constitute education support-service activities: thesis or TDK paper supervision, thesis review, mentoring, teaching assistance (e.g. correcting home assignments, exam papers, developing teaching materials, compiling exam questions), participation in committee work (e.g. admission, TDK, final exams), assistance in conference organisation.


Comprehensive examination

6.§

- (1) The comprehensive examination ends the study and research phase (at the completion of which the candidate wishing to obtain a degree through individual preparation may be admitted to the doctoral procedure).
- (2) The comprehensive examination has a theoretical-methodological and a dissertation part.
- (3) The main rules for the comprehensive examination are set out in the UDR, it being understood that the UDO issues a detailed timetable for the comprehensive examination in January each year, which is published on the University's website and sent to the students concerned by e-mail.
- (4) The Track Directors shall involve the supervisors in defining minimum two topics for every examinee in the theoretical-methodological examination part, which shall be approved by the Chair of the examining board of the comprehensive exam. The deadline is 31 March.

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- (5) In the theoretical part of the comprehensive examination, the theoretical and methodological competence of each doctoral student is tested in writing and/or orally in relation to his/her research topic.
- (6) During the comprehensive examination the student shall prove that
- a) He/she is aware of the scientific problems, theories, results and methodological dilemmas and solutions related to his/her research field,
 - b) He/she is able to formulate relevant researchable questions based on the theoretical, methodological and research background related to his/her research field,
 - c) He/she has thought over the schedule, process and feasibility of the doctoral research,
 - d) He/she has thought over the schedule and feasibility of the research,
 - e) He/she is capable of publishing and presenting his/her research in the form of a dissertation.
- (7) Further criteria for the comprehensive examination in the Sociology Doctoral Track:
- a) in the theoretical-methodological part, the examinee shall present and defend his/her paper reviewing literature (including relevant theories, research results and methodological solutions), or the theoretical and methodological part of his/her own publication;
 - b) in the research part of the examination, the examinee shall present and defend his/her research proposal, reviewing the questions (and any hypotheses), the methodology, the relevance and the schedule of the doctoral research.
- (8) Further criteria for the comprehensive examination in the Communication Science Doctoral Track:
- a) during the theoretical-methodological part the examination, the board shall raise two subjects relating to the review of the academic literature of the research proposal, formulating a question or thesis for each. The examinee shall demonstrate his/her knowledge of the academic literature in a brief argumentative presentation, and shall answer to any further questions of the board,
 - b) the research part covers the defence of the research proposal. The doctoral student shall present and defend his/her research proposal, reviewing the questions (and any hypotheses), the purpose, the methodology, the relevance and the schedule of the doctoral research.
- (9) The questions raised during the comprehensive exam are related to the research proposal. The research proposal should cover the following:
- a) delimitation of the research topic, research questions/purposes and potential hypotheses,
 - b) arguments to prove the scientific relevance of the research questions/purposes referring to the literature review,


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- c) a review and summary synthesis of the relevant literature, theoretical and research background,
 - d) detailed presentation and justification of the research methods to be used in the research, arguments for choosing the method in question, any ethical dilemmas, manner of handling research ethics issues,
 - e) expected results, significance and implications of research, limitations of the research,
 - f) schedule of planned research activities,
 - g) publication strategy and ideas.
- (10) The substantive part of the research proposal should be at least 55,000 and no more than 75,000 characters long (including spaces).
- (11) Doctoral degree acquisition through individual preparation is governed by the relevant provisions of the UDR.
- (12) Comprehensive examination requirements shall be published at the time of announcing a doctoral track. Professional content is provided to the UDO by the Head of DS. The UDO is responsible for publishing it on the University website.

Research and dissertation phase

7.§

- (1) In keeping with the provisions of the UDR, doctoral students may enter the research and dissertation phase upon fulfilling the requirements of the study and research phase and passing the comprehensive examination.
- (2) The rules on research credits as well as on obtaining teaching credits and credits for the organisation of education are included in the UDR, it being understood that twenty additional credits (20 credits) may be awarded once to the doctoral student's research-related performance above the expected level.
 - a) a journal article with a Q1-Q3 rating in Scimago's list that is relevant for the given branch of science, or
 - b) in the Sociology Track, a journal article that has a domestic A-B rating in the list of journals of the Committee on Sociology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, or
 - c) in the Communication Science Track, a journal that has a domestic A-B rating in the applicable journal list of the Communication Science Track, or
 - d) a book chapter published by a publisher named in the Corvinus Research Excellence competition, or
 - e) additional research credits can be obtained through the thesis proposal discussion in the last active semester of the study and research phase.
- (3) Awarding additional credits under subsection (2) shall be at the discretion of the Track Director.

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DEGREE ACQUISITION PROCEDURE

The thesis proposal and the dissertation


8.§

- (1) Principles governing the dissertation and the thesis proposal:
 - a) the dissertation must be relevant to the discipline,
 - b) it should include new scientific findings,
 - c) it should be up to date with the latest scientific findings of the chosen field,
 - d) its goal and method must be clear; it must prove the ability of the doctoral candidate to perform independent research work, his/her critical and innovative abilities,
 - e) and it must comply in all respects with science ethics norms,
 - f) it must furthermore contain a full reference list and the schedule of the remaining work, if necessary, shall be included in the thesis proposal.
- (2) The thesis proposal and the dissertation may take the form of a book or a series of papers. As regards its format, both the dissertation and the thesis proposal must comply with the requirements of the specific branch of science. As regards length, the expected length of the thesis proposal and the dissertation: 100-150 pages.
- (3) The thesis proposal shall meet all the content requirements that are defined for the dissertation:
 - a) the research methodology,
 - b) a critical review/processing of the academic literature,
 - c) the main research problems and issues,
 - d) the data used (in the case of empirical research), the results and their discussion,
 - e) demonstration of the novelty of the research.
- (4) The dissertation can take the form of a book or a series of papers. The book-length dissertation is a separate work. The dissertation taking the form of a series of papers consists of three or more closely or loosely related papers and a short introduction. The papers are stand-alone, not necessarily published academic works.

The thesis proposal and its discussion


9.§

- (1) The declaration of (the) supervisor(s) on whether the thesis is suitable for discussion shall be attached to the thesis proposal. If two supervisors are not in agreement, the Head of DS and the Track Director together shall decide on the conditions of holding the discussion.
- (2) Proposals shall be submitted/delivered in three bound copies and electronically in pdf format. The bound copy must be submitted to the UDO and the electronic copy must be sent to the electronic mail address provided by the UDO and to the electronic mail address

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of the Track Director at the same time as the bound copy is submitted. The cover page must feature the name(s) of the supervisor(s).

- (3) Upon the submission of the thesis proposal, the Track Director shall review compliance with the basic requirements with regard to format and content defined for doctoral dissertations. Following consultations with the supervisor, the Track Director may request the student to redraft and resubmit the thesis proposal if his/her paper does not meet the expectations set out in Section 8.
- (4) The discussion is public. The discussion shall be announced in the University's electronic newsletter. An attendance list of the participants of the thesis proposal discussion shall be drawn up.
- (5) The official referees of the thesis proposal shall be the members of the thesis proposal evaluation committee (hereinafter: TPEC), the rules for the composition of which are laid down in the UDR. The composition of the TPEC is proposed by the track director to the Head of DS, after consultation with the supervisor of the doctoral candidate.
- (6) The secretary of the TPEC shall be responsible for drawing up the minutes.
- (7) Prior to the discussion, the referees shall prepare a written opinion about the thesis proposal, which they shall submit no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the discussion to the TPEC. The written opinion shall be attached to the minutes.
- (8) Prior to the debate, on the basis of the referees' reviews under subsection (7,) the Chair of the TPEC shall identify the issues whose discussion is indispensable to enable the Committee to formulate its proposals.
- (9) The first part of the thesis proposal discussion begins with the student's presentation. During the presentation the student shall address the questions and suggestions of the referees in a meaningful way. The presentation will be followed by an open discussion. Referee's rejoinders should be given priority.
- (10) During the discussion, participants may ask questions, add comments and make suggestions. The Chairperson of the TPEC may also put questions to the candidate that were submitted in writing.
- (11) The Chairperson of the TPEC closes the debate when all the information is available to formulate the committee's proposals.
- (12) The TPEC shall evaluate the discussion at a closed session after the discussion and enter one of the following positions in the minutes
 - a) recommending the thesis proposal for approval (submission) without changes,
 - b) recommending the thesis proposal for approval (submission) with the listed changes,
 - c) not recommending the thesis proposal for approval (submission) and recommending the preparation of a new thesis proposal.
- (13) The decision of the TPEC shall be communicated after the closed session. A new thesis proposal may only be submitted on one occasion, the deadline being 31 August (31 March

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for those admitted during the February intake). The procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree shall be terminated if the new proposal is unsuccessful.

- (14) The minutes signed by the Chairperson and the secretary, the attendance list, the opinion of the referees shall be sent to the Head of DS and the secretariat of CDS.
- (15) In the case of an unsuccessful thesis proposal discussion, the doctoral candidate may resubmit his/her thesis proposal on one occasion.
- (16) Content and format requirements with regard to the thesis proposal, other rules related to its discussion are included in Section 9 of the present Rules.

Submission and defence of the doctoral dissertation

10.§


- (1) The conditions of submitting the doctoral dissertation, the rules of the defence procedure and the conditions of the doctoral degree acquisition are set out in the UDR.
- (2) The publication requirements for the degree (i.e. at the time of submission of the dissertation, the doctoral candidate must have at least 1 journal article, which):
 - a) has been published or accepted for publication in at least a Q3 journal according to Scimago's classification of the relevant field,
 - b) the doctoral candidate is the first author,
 - c) the article was written during the doctoral studies,
 - d) the maximum number of co-authors is 2,
 - e) the article reports on the results of the doctoral research.
- (3) Articles accepted for publication must be accompanied by a statement of acceptance.
- (4) The publication requirement may not be fulfilled by an article with which the doctoral student has earned additional research credits under subsection (2) of Section 7.

CLOSING PROVISIONS

11.§

- (1) These Rules were adopted by the University Doctoral Council at its meeting of 25 October 2023 under resolution H-231/EDT.
- (2) The present Rules shall enter into force on 26 October 2023, at the same time the Rules of Operation of the Doctoral School of Sociology and Communication Science adopted by the University Doctoral Council at its meeting of 7 June 2023 under resolution number H-120/EDT shall be repealed.
- (3) The provisions set out in these Rules shall apply subject to the entry into force defined t in the UDR effective from 1 September 2023.
- (4) Annexes:


Annex 1: Admission scoring system

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TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

12.§

- (1) Transitional provisions, where relevant, are included in the UDR.

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ADMISSION SCORING SYSTEM

Criterion	Maximum score
<i>Prior achievement</i>	
1. Master-level education / professional experience consistent with knowledge and competence expected by the Doctoral School	10
2. Former research experience, publications*	10
<i>Research plan</i>	
3. Sophistication, elaborateness, quality of research plan**	20
4. Relevance of research concept to the announced subjects and to research conducted in the Doctoral School	10
5. Feasibility and relevance of research	10
<i>Oral examination</i>	
6. English language proficiency and professional communication skills	20
7. Performance during oral interview (competence, debating skills, autonomy, flexibility)	20

Comments

* Papers submitted to and rankings achieved at the competitions organised by the Students' Scientific Association (TDK) and the National Conference of Students' Scientific Association (OTDK) may be considered here

** The effort made to develop the research plan should be assessed irrespective of relevance and feasibility