

Information for doctoral students in the MMGS

Doctoral procedures

The legally binding rules for obtaining a doctoral degree from the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at the University of Münster are set by the so called "Promotionsordnung für den Fachbereich Mathematik und Informatik der Westfälischen Wilhelms-Universität Münster". For legal reasons these doctoral regulations are only published in German, but an English guideline does exist on the homepage¹ of the Examination Office.

Doctoral programme under MMGS

Besides your PhD project and the standard doctoral procedures mentioned above the doctoral programme offered by the MMGS includes the following:

1. In addition to the supervisor(s) all doctoral students in the MMGS choose a mentor. (Generally the mentor is another professor; in exceptional cases a PostDoc might be chosen as mentor.)
2. Attendance of research seminars or other advanced seminars of your work group are part of the doctoral programme within the MMGS.
3. All doctoral students in the MMGS attend at least two mathematically relevant courses (lectures, seminars or mini course), which thematically lie outside the research focus of their respective PhD project.
4. All doctoral students in the MMGS should co-organise one or more scientific events (e.g. a workshop or conference) during their doctoral studies if circumstances allow. They also should attend one international scientific event (e.g. a summer/winter school, a conference or workshop) during their doctoral studies.
5. There are two progress reviews (the first after 1-1,5 years, the second after 2-2,5 years) in which the status and perspectives of the PhD project are discussed. Each progress review consists of a short report by the doctoral student, a joint meeting between the doctoral student, the supervisor(s) and the mentor and a subsequent short report from the mentor.
6. The goal of the MMGS is to enable doctoral students to finish their doctorate within three years. Membership in the MMGS can be extended upon request to a maximum of 4 years total. In extenuating circumstances, e.g. maternity/paternity leave, further extensions can be granted.
7. The MMGS supports joint doctoral degrees with other research institutions.

¹ <https://www.uni-muenster.de/MNFak/Pruefungsamt/promotion/antraege/promotionform.html>