**Regulations for Earning a Doctorate in Educational Science (Dr. paed.) at the University of Münster (WWU)**

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at the University of Münster (WWU) of 28 September 2000 and the respective amendments of 25 July 2001, 26 February 2003, 28 November 2003, 14 March 2005, 24 October 2005, 20 March 2007, 5 May 2010, 23 May 2011, 4 June 2013, 28 May 2014 and 7 September 2015

In accordance with § 2 (4) and § 64 (1) of the Higher Education Act of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (HG NRW) in its version of the Act on the Future of Higher Education (*Hochschulzukunftsgesetz*) of 16 September 2014 (GV. NRW 2014, p. 574), amended by the Act to Amend the Higher Education Act of 12 July 2019, most recently revised by Art. 1 of the act to further amend the Higher Education Act and the Art Colleges Act of 25 November 2021 (GV. NRW, p. 1210a), the University of Münster (WWU) has issued the following regulations:

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**§ 1**

**Doctoral Degree**

1. The Faculty of Protestant Theology (FB 1), Faculty of Catholic Theology (FB 2), the School of Business and Economics (FB 4), Faculty of Educational and Social Sciences (FB 6), Faculty of Psychology/Sport and Exercise Sciences (FB 7), Faculty of History and Philosophy (FB 8), Faculty of Philology (FB 9), Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science (FB 10), Faculty of Physics (FB 11), Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy (FB 12), Faculty of Biology (FB 13) and the Faculty of Geosciences (FB 14) of the University of Münster (WWU) confer the doctoral degree in Educational Science (Dr. paed.) on the basis of a scientific/academic treatise (dissertation) and an oral examination. The participating faculties delegate the authority of conferral to a joint decision-making committee in accordance with § 3. In recognition of outstanding scientific/academic achievement and merits, the doctorate can also be awarded as an honorary distinction (honorary doctorate).
2. All doctoral candidates are required to enrol at the University of Münster (WWU) for the duration of their doctoral studies in accordance with § 67 (5) of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (HG NRW). The doctoral programme commences with a supervisory agreement and concludes when the candidate has passed his/her final doctoral examination.
3. The candidate’s dissertation must represent an independent contribution to advancing the further scientific development of his/her discipline. The dissertation may be written in cumulative form upon the written approval of the first assessor. In this case, the dissertation must consist of at least three separate, thematically related publications, of which at least two must already be published in scientific journals under a peer-review system or accepted for publication. If the scientific/academic papers are co-written by two or more authors, the candidate’s own contribution must be clearly distinguishable from the others. The cumulative dissertation must contain an overarching introduction and discussion of the dissertation with explanations on how the various papers relate to one another, as well as a general summary of all the findings.
4. The dissertation must be written in either German or English. The examinations board may decide on exceptions to this rule.
5. The dissertation should be written under doctoral supervision. The doctoral supervisor can be any member from the group of professors or habilitated academic staff member (i.e. with post-doc qualification) from one of the faculties listed in § 1 (1).
6. The oral examination is conducted in one major and two minor subjects. The major is defined by the subject of the dissertation.
7. In the oral examination, the candidate must demonstrate that he/she possesses fundamental knowledge of the examination subjects, has mastered scientific/academic methods, and can reflect on the problems of the major subject in relation to the theme of his/her dissertation.

**§ 2**

**Doctoral Subjects**

1. The dissertation must have a didactic emphasis. It can focus on topics of educational science, psychology or the didactics of any subject taught at the University of Münster, provided that educational science, psychology or the corresponding didactics of the subject is represented by a member from the group of professors.
2. The candidate may choose from the following minor subjects:
3. educational science
4. didactics of a subject
5. all other subjects taught at the University of Münster (WWU), provided they belong to the departments/faculties specified in § 1 (1).
6. If educational science is not the subject of the dissertation, then the candidate must choose educational science as one of his/her minor subjects. The candidate may only choose one subject from either (2) a, b or c. It is not permitted to combine a subject with the didactics of that same subject. The examinations board is responsible for deciding on factually substantiated exemptions. At the Institute of Economic Education (IÖB) of the School of Business and Economics (FB 4), subject-related didactics can be substituted by the teaching subject “Social Sciences”.

**§ 3**

**Joint decision-making committee of the Faculty of Protestant Theology, Faculty of Catholic Theology, School of Business and Economics, Faculty of Educational and Social Sciences, Faculty of Psychology/Sport and Exercise Sciences, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Faculty of Philology, Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Physics, Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Faculty of Biology and the Faculty of Geosciences, responsible for conferral of doctoral degrees in Educational Science (Dr. paed.)**

1. The faculties listed under § 1 (1) form a joint decision-making committee in accordance with § 28 (6) p. 1 HG NRW. This joint decision-making committee is responsible for all decisions related to the doctoral regulations insofar as no other authority is granted the same responsibility by these doctoral regulations.
2. The joint decision-making committee is comprised of the following members:
   1. one representative from the group of professors from each of the faculties listed in § 1 (1)
   2. two representatives from the group of academic staff for every five professors
   3. two representatives from the group of students for every five professors
   4. one representative from the group of non-academic staff for every five professors

The total number of representatives as provided in no. 4 is reduced by one if the number of representatives from the group of professors indicated in no. 1 does not exceed the total number of representatives in nos. 2 to 4.

1. The faculty boards of the participating faculties hold separate elections for the members of each group of the joint decision-making committee.
2. The following applies to the election of members in accordance with § 3 (2) nos. 2, 3 and 4: The Examinations Office of the faculties represented by the Mathematical-Natural Scientific Faculty first determines by way of a random selection procedure which faculties may select a representative to sit on the joint decision-making committee. The random selection procedure is conducted for each group separately. Faculties which have already been chosen by the random selection procedure are no longer permitted to participate in subsequent random selection procedures.
3. The members indicated in § 3 (2) nos. 1, 2 and 4 are appointed for two years, and the members indicated in § 3 (2) no. 3, for one year. Reappointment is permitted.
4. A deputy is selected for each member indicated in § 3 (2) nos. 1 - 4 and must belong to the same faculty to which the ordinary members belong.
5. The members of the joint decision-making committee are invited by the Doctoral Examinations Office of the Mathematical-Natural Scientific Faculty to convene their constitutive meeting. The chairperson of the joint decision-making committee and his/her deputy must belong to the group of professors appointed to the decision-making committee and are elected by and from their number.

**§ 4**

**Examinations Board**

1. The examinations board is comprised of four representatives from the group of professors, one academic staff member and one student, who should ideally be enrolled in a doctoral programme.
2. The members of the examinations board and their respective deputies are elected by the joint decision-making committee.
3. The chairperson and his/her deputy are elected by the members of the examinations board from among the group of professors.
4. The members who belong to the group of professors are appointed to the examinations board for a term of two years. The members from the group of academic staff are likewise appointed for two years, and members from the group of students, one year. Reappointment is permitted.
5. The examinations board has a quorum when the chairperson or his/her deputy as well as at least three other members are present, two of whom must belong to the group of professors. The examinations board is responsible for organising and conducting the doctoral examination process and carrying out the tasks assigned to it by these doctoral regulations. It ensures compliance with the stipulations put forth in these regulations. It reports to the joint decision-making committee on a regular basis and may recommend amending the doctoral examinations if necessary. The member from the group of students is not permitted to vote on decisions concerning educational-scientific matters.
6. The examinations board may delegate the execution of its tasks related to all general matters to its chairperson. This does not apply to decisions concerning appeals and objections lodged or raised in accordance with § 9 (3) and § 5. Decisions to reject requests or applications must be accompanied by information on the candidate’s options of legal recourse.
7. Decisions by the examinations board are taken by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the chairperson’s vote decides the matter.
8. The members of the examinations board have the right to participate in oral examinations but are bound to maintain confidentiality.

**§ 5**

**Assessors and Examination Committee**

1. The examination board normally appoints two members from the group of professors who belong to the faculties indicated in § 1 (1) to assess the dissertation. One of the assessors may be a habilitated academic staff member, a professor who has either been relieved of his/her obligations or has retired, or a professor employed at another institution of higher education. Habilitated members of any of the faculties indicated in § 1 (1), who work at a research institute at or outside the University of Münster, may also serve as an assessor. In such cases as put forth in sentence three, the assessor must be chosen in consultation with the corresponding faculty. In exceptional, substantiated cases and upon the request of the candidate’s doctoral supervisor, a habilitated or officially certified professor from a university of applied sciences who holds equivalent academic/scientific qualification may be chosen as an assessor. The doctoral supervisor of the dissertation normally doubles as the first assessor, provided he/she is a member of the University of Münster.
2. The examinations board forms an examination committee to administer the oral examination. The first assessor of the dissertation should belong to this committee and serve as the committee’s chairperson. The candidate can propose examiners for the minor subjects, provided they agree in advance. Habilitated academic staff members may also serve on the examination committee.

**§ 6**

**Doctoral Programme**

1. To be eligible for admission to the doctoral programme, the candidate must hold
2. one of the following degrees:
   1. degree awarded upon completion of a subject-relevant course of study with a standard duration of at least eight semesters, for which the candidate received a degree other than a bachelor’s degree
   2. degree awarded upon completion of a subject-relevant master’s programme in accordance with the provisions of § 61 (2) of the NRW Higher Education Act (HG NRW)
   3. degree awarded upon completion of a subject-relevant course of study with a standard duration of at least six semesters and subsequent preparatory courses in the doctoral subjects
      * totalling 60 credits (for six-semester programmes),
      * totalling 30 credits (for seven-semester programmes). The examinations board decides on admission to the doctoral examination.

A degree programme is considered subject-relevant if it leads to teaching qualification at schools or has an educational-scientific, pedagogical or communication-scientific profile. The preparatory doctoral courses indicated in c) may be completed during the doctoral process. Their thematic orientation is determined prior to commencement at the recommendation of the first assessor and subsequent approval of the examinations board. Insufficient relevance of a prior degree programme can be compensated by completing preparatory doctoral courses totalling 30 credits in the subject areas of subject-related didactics, educational science, pedagogy or communication science. The preparatory doctoral courses do not replace the regular academic requirements of the doctoral programme.

1. confirmation of doctoral supervision by one of the assessors in accordance with § 5
2. The doctoral programme is worth a total of 20 credits. It enables the candidate to acquire academic qualification in the following areas:
   1. fundamentals of research (e.g. philosophy of science, research methods, project planning)
   2. content related to the subject of the dissertation
   3. overarching doctorate-related skills (e.g. scientific writing, foreign languages, holding courses)
   4. presentation of one’s work (e.g. posters, lectures)

The skills and qualifications are acquired with respect to the major subject and two minor subjects. The thematic orientation of the doctoral programme is tailored to the candidate’s individual subjects of study and research project by the first assessor in consultation with the doctoral candidate. The thematic orientation is explicitly stated in writing in a doctoral agreement at the beginning of the doctoral programme. The academic requirements must be substantiated in the application for admission to the doctoral examination.

**§ 7**

**Application for Admission to the Doctoral Examination**

1. The candidate must submit a written application for admission to the examinations board. The application must include:
   1. the topic of the dissertation and the name of the doctoral supervisor, if applicable.
   2. the major subject and minor subjects, as well as the recommended names of the minor-subject examiners.
2. The following documents must also be included:
   1. CV, including information on the doctoral programme and any prior professional experience
   2. certificates confirming that the candidate has fulfilled the requirements of the doctoral programme in accordance with § 6 (2), and, in the case of § 6 (1, c), a certificate confirming completion of doctoral preparatory studies
   3. three copies of the dissertation, which has not been submitted elsewhere for consideration as an examination paper, along with a brief summary of its content
   4. if applicable, a list of previously published academic papers
   5. a declaration stating:
      * that the candidate completed the submitted dissertation by himself/herself without impermissible aids, and that all sources and aids used in the dissertation are properly cited
      * whether the candidate had made any previous attempts to earn a doctoral degree
      * whether the dissertation in the current or a modified version has ever been submitted for consideration in connection to a state or academic examination
      * whether the candidate objects to allowing auditors to attend the oral examination
   6. The candidate must also submit a digital version of the dissertation for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. In consultation with the Examinations Office, the examinations board should inform the candidate about which forms of digital submission are suitable. The dissertation may be stored in a database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism and compared with other texts in order to search for identical passages. The candidate must include a written statement with his/her dissertation indicating that he/she is aware of this provision.
3. The candidate may withdraw his/her request for admission to the doctoral examination as long as none of the assessments have been returned. If so, the application is considered as having never been submitted.

**§ 8**

**Admission to the Doctoral Examination**

1. The examinations board makes its admission decision based on the candidate’s application and submitted documents.
2. Admission can only be denied if
   1. the required documents are incomplete, or
   2. the candidate has failed to meet the requirements for admission.
3. The candidate may reapply for admission to the doctoral examination after rectifying the reasons for rejection indicated in § 8 (2).
4. If admission is granted, the chairperson of the examinations board notifies the candidate of the decision in writing. The notification marks the commencement of the doctoral examination.

**§ 9**

**Review and Acceptance of the Dissertation**

1. The assessors review the dissertation and draw up their assessments which are then submitted to the examinations board. The assessments should be returned within three months. The assessors recommend either the acceptance or rejection of the dissertation with corresponding justification. They also recommend a grade for the dissertation, for which the following grading scale is used:

summa cum laude (*ausgezeichnet* / excellent = 0)

magna cum laude (*sehr gut* / very good = 1)

cum laude (*gut* / good = 2)

rite (*bestanden* / pass = 3)

non idoneum (*mangelhaft* / insufficient = 4)

To provide greater differentiation, the grades of 1, 2 and 3 can be raised or reduced by increments of 0.3. Moreover, a grade of magna cum laude (1) can be raised by 0.3.

1. After the assessments have been returned, the chairperson of the examinations board forwards the dissertation with its assessments for a three-week review to the faculty that represents the major subject. Those authorised to administer examinations are notified; the form of notification is determined by the examinations board. All faculty members authorised to administer examinations (*Prüfungsberechtigte*) are entitled to review the dissertation and corresponding assessments. Objections must be forwarded to the examinations board within two weeks after the conclusion of the review period.
2. The examinations board accepts the dissertation if both assessors recommend its acceptance, and if no faculty member authorised to administer examinations recommends its rejection.
3. The examinations board rejects the dissertation if both assessors recommend its rejection. If one of the assessors recommends its acceptance while the other recommends its rejection, or if a faculty member authorised to administer examinations recommends the dissertation be rejected or that it receive at least an entire grade point better than recommended, the examinations board must request a further assessment by a professor entitled to confer doctoral qualification by the WWU or another university, if applicable. The prior assessments are forwarded to the third assessor for his/her information. The examinations board decides on the selection of the third assessor. On the basis of all three assessments, the examinations board makes a final decision on the acceptance or rejection of the dissertation. The dissertation cannot be accepted if two of the three assessors recommend its rejection.
4. The grade of the dissertation is calculated by averaging the recommended grades provided by the assessors. The first decimal place is considered in the calculation of the grade, and all additional decimal places are dropped without rounding. If the recommended grades proposed by the two assessors deviate by more than one grade point, the examinations board requests a further assessment by a professor entitled to confer doctoral qualification by the WWU or another university, if applicable. The prior assessments are forwarded to the third assessor for his/her information. The chairperson of the examinations board notifies the candidate of the decision in writing.
5. The examinations board may ask the candidate (at the assessor’s recommendation, which should be attached in writing to his/her assessment) to make additions or changes to the dissertation as a condition for its acceptance. In this case, the candidate must be informed of the respective recommendations in writing and given a deadline for the resubmission of the dissertation. If the candidate fails to make the required additions or changes by the prescribed deadline, the dissertation is rejected.
6. An augmented or revised dissertation may only be resubmitted once to the examinations board.

**§ 10**

**Administering the Oral Examination**

1. If the dissertation is accepted, the chairperson of the examinations board notifies the candidate and the members of the examination committee of the time and location of the oral examination at least two weeks in advance. In addition to the notification, the candidate also receives a copy of both assessments.
2. The oral examination must take place within four months following acceptance of the dissertation. If the candidate fails to complete the oral examination within this period, the examination is marked as failed. If the examination must be delayed for reasons for which the candidate is not responsible (e.g. illness, confirmed by a medical certificate, or illness of an examiner), the examinations board must grant the candidate an extension upon request and schedule a new date for the examination.
3. The oral examination is conducted as a panel examination (*Kollegialprüfung*) in one sitting. The major subject is discussed for a duration of 60 minutes, and each minor subject, for 30 minutes.
4. The oral examination can – depending on the candidate’s preference – also be administered in the form of a defence. The place and time of the defence must be announced on the homepage of the Dr. paed. Examinations Office, as well as the homepage of the University Centre for Teacher Education (ZfL). The defence is open to all members of the University of Münster. The chairperson of the examination committee may also permit non-University affiliated persons to attend in agreement with the candidate. The examination committee is comprised of both assessors and two other professors as examiners of the minor subjects (one of the minor-subject examiners may be a habilitated academic staff member in accordance with § 5 (2)). Should the second assessor also represent one of the minor subjects, then only one other minor-subject examiner need sit on the examination committee. The chairperson of the committee is also the candidate’s doctoral supervisor. The candidate is required to hold a presentation lasting no longer than 30 minutes, in which he/she presents the central conclusions of the dissertation and responds to the points raised in the assessments. The presentation is followed by a discussion in which the candidate first answers questions posed by the assessors and the committee members. This question-and-answer period is then followed by an open discussion. The defence should take approximately 120 minutes.
5. The proceedings and results of the oral examination are to be recorded in the form of a written protocol. If the candidate chooses to hold a defence, a minute-taker is appointed from the group of academic staff members.
6. If the examination is held as a panel examination, the candidate’s academic achievement in the three subjects is evaluated orally by the examiners in accordance with § 9 (2). To provide greater differentiation, grades of 1, 2 and 3 can be raised or reduced by increments of 0.3. Moreover, a grade of magna cum laude (1) can be raised by 0.3. If the candidate holds a defence, the examination committee decides on the overall grade for the defence in closed session.

**§ 11**

**Grading the Doctoral Examinations**

1. Upon conclusion of the oral examination, the examination committee jointly determines the grade of the oral examination.
2. The oral examination is passed if the candidate’s achievement received a grade of at least “rite” (3.0) in all subjects.
3. The oral examination is failed if the candidate did not demonstrate sufficient achievement in any one of the subjects.
4. If the candidate misses the oral examination through fault of his/her own or withdraws for no good reason after the examination has already commenced, the oral examination is marked as failed. Before a decision is made by the chairperson of the examinations board, the candidate must provide his/her reasons for missing or withdrawing from the examination in writing as soon as possible.
5. The grade of the oral examination is calculated based on the grades awarded for the major subject and the two minor subjects, weighted by a factor of 2 : 1 : 1.
6. The overall grade for the doctoral examination is then calculated based on the grades awarded for the dissertation and the oral examination, weighted by a factor of 2 : 1.
7. Should the calculation of the overall grade for the dissertation, the oral examination and the final overall grade result in an intermediate value, then the final grade should be denoted for the following values:

up to 0.2: summa cum laude  
up to 1.3: magna cum laude  
up to 2.3: cum laudeup to 3.0: rite

Grades are calculated to one place after the decimal point. All additional decimal places are dropped without rounding.

1. The chairperson of the examination committee immediately informs the candidate of the final grade.
2. If the candidate passes the oral examination, the examinations board issues a certificate confirming that his/her dissertation has been accepted and the oral examination successfully concluded.
3. Should the candidate fail the oral examination, he/she may only retake it once and no earlier than six months and no later than 18 months after the first attempt; the combination of subjects remains the same. Should the candidate fail the retake examination, the entire doctoral examination is permanently marked as failed.

**§ 12**

**Invalidity of Doctoral Examinations**

1. If it becomes known prior to presenting the doctoral degree certificate that the candidate gained admission to the doctoral programme through deception, or manipulated the result of an examination, or if significant requirements for admission to the doctoral process were erroneously assumed to be fulfilled, the doctoral examination may be declared null and void upon resolution of the examinations board. Before a final decision is made, the candidate is given the opportunity to state his/her case.
2. Justification for the decision must be provided to the candidate together with his/her options of legal recourse.

**§ 13**

**Conclusion of the Doctoral Process**

1. After passing the oral examination, the candidate is required to print the dissertation in the version approved by his/her first assessor and deliver the prescribed number of statutory copies within one year: 80 non-commercially produced book and photo-print copies, six commercially produced copies published by a publishing company. The dissertation can also be delivered in electronic form and must be identical to the version approved for publication by the examinations board. The data format, data carrier and usage rights must meet the requirements stipulated by the University Library (ULB). In this case, the candidate must deliver the dissertation in electronic form along with six printed statutory copies in the version approved by the first assessor within one year. If the candidate can substantiate the dissertation’s imminent publication, the examinations board may extend the deadline for delivering the statutory copies. If the candidate fails to meet the deadline through his/her own fault, all rights granted by the doctoral examination are rendered null and void.
2. After delivery of the statutory copies and, if applicable, an electronic version to the ULB with written confirmation by the ULB of its receipt, the chairperson of the joint decision-making committee confers the doctoral qualification by issuing and presenting the doctoral degree certificate to the candidate. The certificate indicates the title of the dissertation, the subjects of the oral examination and the overall grade of the doctoral examination. The individual grades are listed separately.
3. With the presentation of the doctoral degree certificate, the candidate is entitled to bear the doctoral title (Dr. paed.).

**§ 14**

**Honorary Doctorates**

1. Conferral of an honorary doctorate is considered upon the written request of three professors who belong to the joint decision-making committee. The requests must substantiate the case for recognising the individual’s outstanding achievements or extraordinary merits. The petition must include a statement by the corresponding faculty board, endorsing the motion.
2. The honorary doctorate is awarded following approval by the joint decision-making committee. If a secret vote is conducted, conferral requires the approval of at least three-quarters of the committee members authorised to administer examinations as provided in these regulations.
3. The chairperson of the joint decision-making committee confers the honorary doctoral qualification by issuing and presenting a certificate which honours the achievements and merits of the holder.

**§ 15**

**Revocation of the Doctoral Degree**

1. The doctoral degree can be revoked upon resolution of the joint decision-making committee if it becomes known that the candidate gained his/her doctoral title through deception or if significant requirements for its conferral were erroneously assumed.
2. The joint decision-making committee can also revoke a doctoral degree if the candidate
   1. was sentenced to at least one year in prison for an intentionally committed crime, or
   2. was found guilty of intentionally misusing his/her doctoral qualification for the preparation or commission of a criminal offence.
3. Before a final decision is made, the doctorate holder is given the opportunity to state his/her case. Justification for the decision must be provided to the candidate together with his/her options of legal recourse.

**§ 16**

**Transitional Provisions**

1. These regulations (in their original German version) apply to all doctoral candidates currently pursuing their doctoral degree in Educational Science (Dr. paed.), as well as doctoral candidates who commence the doctoral process after these regulations come into force.
2. Examination retakes are to be administered according to the doctoral regulations which were in force at the time of their first attempt.

**§ 17**

**Coming into Force**

These regulations (in their original German version) come into force on the day following their publication in the Official Announcements (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen) of the University of Münster.

Issued upon the resolution of the joint decision-making committee, comprised of representatives of the Faculty of Protestant Theology, Faculty of Catholic Theology, School of Business and Economics, Faculty of Educational and Social Sciences, Faculty of Psychology/Sport and Exercise Sciences, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Faculty of Philology, Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Physics, Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Faculty of Biology and the Faculty of Geosciences of the University of Münster (WWU) on 9 June 2021. These regulations (in the original German version) are hereby announced.

Please note that in accordance with § 12 (5) of the Higher Education Act of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (HG NRW) violations of procedural regulation as put forth by regulatory laws or other legal provisions pertaining to university autonomy may no longer be claimed after one year following this announcement, unless

* 1. the regulations were not properly announced,
  2. the Rectorate previously raised an objection to the resolution passed by the deciding committee,
  3. the University received a previous reprimand for the formal or procedural defect, and was informed of the violated legal provision and the fact that resulted in the defect,
  4. The legal consequence of exclusion resulting from such reprimand was not included in the public announcement of the regulations.

Münster, 20 December 2021 The Rector

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**Appendix: English-German glossary**

**Glossary**

admission to the doctoral examination *Zulassung zum Promotionsverfahren*

assessor *Gutachter*

members authorised to administer examinations *Prüfungsberechtigte*

defence *Disputation*

doctoral examination *Promotionsleistung*

doctoral programme *Promotionsstudium*

examination committee *Prüfungskommission, Promotionskommission*

examinations board *Promotionsausschuss*

faculty board *Fachbereichsrat*

honorary doctorate *Ehrenpromotion*

joint decision-making committee *Gemeinsamer beschließender Ausschuss*

major (subject) *Hauptfach*

minor (subject) *Nebenfach*

panel examination *Kollegialprüfung*

supervisor *Betreuer*

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