



**Special Additional Regulations<sup>1</sup> of the Department of History and Social Sciences to the General Doctoral Regulations of Technical University of Darmstadt, dated January 12, 1990, in the version of the 9th Amendment dated November 15, 2023**

**Re §1 The doctorate**

1. The Department of History and Social Sciences awards the academic degree *Doctor philosophiae* (Dr.phil.) and the degree *Doctor rerum politicarum* (Dr.rer.pol.).
2. A doctorate in the fields of Philosophy, Sociology, Political Science, History, Linguistics, and Literary Studies is possible.
3. If the dissertation (doctoral thesis) as to content is devoted to the field of political science or sociology managed by the Department of History and Social Sciences, the title *Doctor rerum politicarum* (Dr.rer.pol.) may be awarded.
4. The Doctoral Board decides, upon application by the doctoral candidate, which academic degree shall be awarded.

**Re §4(1)c Examination Board**

If the degree Dr. rer. pol. is being pursued, one of the additional professors must be from Department 1.

**Re §7(3) Acceptance as a doctoral candidate**

The highest academic degree in the subject of the intended doctorate should generally have been awarded with at least the grade “good”.

**Re §7a Aptitude assessment procedure**

Applicants must successfully attend at least two seminars or research seminars. In addition, applicants must submit to their supervisor a written presentation of approximately 20 pages on the topic of their dissertation, the methods used, the research design, the available literature and the main theses of their dissertation. The supervisor gives an opinion on the suitability of the candidate. The Doctoral Board decides on the admission of each candidate on the basis of the above-mentioned documents.

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<sup>1</sup> Die englische Übersetzung dient nur zu Informationszwecken. Rechtlich verbindlich ist der deutsche Text.  
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### Re §9 The dissertation

For dissertations in **Political Science**, a cumulative dissertation is permitted. In addition to the regulations of the General Doctoral Regulations, the following minimum requirements apply:

1. The synopsis must present the scientific framework of the dissertation and systematically place the individual components within that framework.
2. At least three publications in peer-reviewed academic publications must be submitted, of which at least two must be in peer-reviewed journals and a maximum of one in a peer-reviewed edited volume. An acceptance letter from the editor must be available for all three.
3. At least two of the three publications must be single-authored. If one publication was co-authored with the supervisor, an additional external reviewer must be appointed.

For dissertations in **Sociology**, a cumulative dissertation is permitted. In addition to the regulations of the General Doctoral Regulations, the following minimum requirements apply:

1. The cumulative dissertation must be equivalent to a monographic dissertation in terms of research output and original contribution to scholarly debate.
2. At least four published or accepted publications must be submitted. An acceptance letter must be available for all four publications.
  - a. All publications must be substantial scholarly articles (no research notes, interviews, commentaries, etc.), externally peer-reviewed before acceptance.
  - b. At least two of the publications must be published in social science journals with double-blind peer review.
  - c. The doctoral candidate must be the sole author of at least three of the publications.
  - d. One publication may be co-authored with the dissertation supervisor. In this case, a third, external reviewer must be appointed who is not subject to a conflict of interest with the co-authoring supervisor, according to DFG guidelines.
3. The synopsis must be at least 10,000 words long. It must place the individual publications from (2) into a thematic framework and highlight the knowledge gained, theoretical foundations, and the dissertation's contribution to the state of research.

For dissertations in **Linguistics or Literary Studies**, a cumulative dissertation is permitted. In addition to the regulations of the General Doctoral Regulations, the following minimum requirements apply:

1. The synopsis, with a minimum length of 10,000 words, must present the academic framework of the dissertation and systematically place the individual components within this framework, taking into account theoretical foundations, methodology, and the dissertation's contribution to current research.

2. At least three substantial scholarly articles in peer-reviewed journals must be submitted. Any conditions set during the peer review must be fulfilled. At least one acceptance letter from an editor must be available.

3. The candidate must be the lead author of all three publications. At least two of the three must be single-authored. If one publication was co-authored with the supervisor, an additional external reviewer must be appointed who does not have a conflict of interest with the co-authoring supervisor as defined by DFG guidelines.

### **Re §10 (1) Supervision of the dissertation**

When applying for admission as a doctoral candidate, the candidate, together with the main supervisor, shall propose a person to act as a dissertation advisor. This advisor provides additional guidance throughout the doctoral process and must meet the criteria set forth in §11 of the General Doctoral Regulations of TU Darmstadt.

### **Re §13 Decision on the acceptance of the dissertation**

(1) The decision of the Doctoral Board to appoint additional examiners, to request additional examiners or to request additional assessments must be made within 14 days of the deadline for submission. The additional evaluations must be available to the Board within 12 weeks of the request.

(2) The date and time of the oral examination will be arranged in consultation with the candidate and the members of the Examination Board.

### **Re §26 Transition and concluding provisions**

These Special Additional Regulations come into effect on the day of their publication in the TU Darmstadt's statute supplement. The Special Additional Regulations of the Department of History and Social Sciences dated May 5, 2011, in the version of January 26, 2023 (Statute Supplement (*Satzungsbeilage*) 2023-II), based on the General Doctoral Regulations of TU Darmstadt dated January 12, 1990, in the version of the 8th Amendment from December 21, 2017 (Statute Supplement (*Satzungsbeilage*) 2018-II p. 3) – PO/AT – shall cease to apply upon the entry into force of the present Special Provisions. Ongoing doctoral procedures may, upon request, be completed under the previous regulations, provided this is compatible with the General Doctoral Regulations of TU Darmstadt.

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