

Application

The applicants have to submit a research plan by the admission period, which structure should be the following:

- a) short description of the research topic, research problem, basic notions,
- b) the literature review made by the applicant at this moment of time, and short research results,
- c) research questions, hypothesis, expected results,
- d) schedule of research (Gantt diagram),
- e) signature of planned supervisor.

The first year students should participate at an opening discussion, held by the head of the Doctoral School, where they get a detailed review of their objectives. There is also an English language guide for foreign students.

Program

The course program has two main parts of the 4 years PhD studies: the study requirements should be fulfilled through the first two years (study and research phase), while the second two years contains publication requirements and dissertation writing (research and dissertation phase). Main goal is to give such subjects to the students which can help them to write good and high-quality dissertation. In the Doctoral School every teacher makes a guide from their subjects, which are available for the student 2 weeks before the semester start. The compulsory subjects are ending with exams, and the subjects for complex exam can be chosen from these compulsory ones. Every elective subjects end with report.

Beside the study requirements the PhD Student has to fulfil in every semester education, and also research activity. The educational activity is signed by the Institute leader of the research topic, while the research activity is verified by the supervisor. The research activity is also controlled by the Doctoral School's Committee. They evaluate it with a formula at the end of the second and at the beginning of the fourth semester (study and research phase), in the complex exam, in every second semester ending of the research and dissertation phase. The requirement of publication can be fulfilled in the last four semesters of the PhD training.

The evaluation is based on credits, which has the following structure:

- a) To get the pre-degree certificate stating that all course-units have been completed the PhD Students has to collect as a sum of 240 credits, which can be through study, educational, research and publication requirements. In the first four semesters the students have to collect at least 90 credits, from which every study credits to apply for complex exam.
- b) With study requirements should be collected at least 54, and maximum 72 credits;
 - the minimal requirements is 9 compulsory and 4 elective subjects, which count as a sum of 54 credits;
 - the students can collect further 18 credits with study, which are accepted also by the pre-degree certificate stating that all course-units have been completed.
- c) The student can get lessons (in his/her educational activity) at a maximum of 20% of the weekly working hours. The educational activity counts 3 credits per semester.
- d) With research activity the student can get 9 credits per semester. The results are controlled by written reports submitted to the Doctoral School, and also in research seminars.
- e) With publications the students should collect at least 36 credits;

In the PhD training there are 2 contact hours weekly, and there is a 6 week long examination period at the end of each semester.

By the elective courses there is an opportunity to count some subjects fulfilled abroad or in other universities. These are evaluated by the Doctoral School's Committee.

Complex exam

At the end of the study and research phase and at the beginning of the research and dissertation phase the students have to fulfil a complex exam, which evaluates the study and research results of the students.

The requirements of the complex exam are:

- the collection of at least 90 credits, from which every study credits,
- the language requirements.

The steps of the complex exam:

- It is a public, exam, before an official committee. The committee has at least 3 members, from which one is a so called external member.
- The leader of the committee is a teacher of the University of Miskolc, or a researcher with MTA doctoral degree. Every member of the Committee has PhD degree.
- The supervisor of the student cannot be member of the committee, but has to evaluate the results also written and oral.
- The student presents his/her research report oral before the committee and before the exam also written.
- The time period of the complex exam is the given examination period.

Parts of the complex exam:

- Theoretical phase, which measures the theoretical background of the students. There is an oral exam from two compulsory subjects (or narrower research topic). The exam can have also written part.
- The decision of complex exam's subjects is made by the head of the Doctoral School. The notification is send by the administrator of the Doctoral School, at least one month before the examination period.
- Dissertation phase, which measures the research results of the students. The dissertation draft has to be submitted to the administrator of the Doctoral School at least two weeks before the complex exam. The formatting requirements are similar to the dissertation; the length of the dissertation draft should be between 40 and 80 pages.

The content requirements are the following:

- literature review,
- methodological background behind the empirical work,
- exact description of the research sample,
- methods applied for data collection and analysis,
- time schedule and costs of the research,
- expected results,
- research plan for the second two semesters,
- schedule of the publications.

Evaluation of the complex exam

- The examination committee evaluates the theoretical and dissertation part of the exam with 0-1-2-3 points. The grading can be the following:
 - 90-100% summa cum laude
 - 80-89,9% cum laude
 - 60-79,9% rite
- The results of the complex exam are given on the day of the exam. The complex exam is successful if both parts are successful, so in both part there is a requirement of rite grading. After successful complex exam the student can continue studies.
- If the theoretical part is unsuccessful the student can repeat it one time in the examination period. If the dissertation part is unsuccessful than the student can apply for individual study program, but this has got fees.
- The complex exam results are not counted to the PhD degree.
- In the complex exam there is also written a protocol.
- After the complex exam the PhD student has three years to finish and submit the dissertation, which is only extendable in special cases.