



## Supplementary rules to NMBU's Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae doctor (PhD) at the Faculty of Biosciences (BIOVIT).

These rules were adopted by the dean in case 16/ 2017 and are pursuant to the NMBU regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) adopted 1 March 2017.

### *§ 5.1. Conditions for admission*

- *The marks from higher-degree examinations (120 credits) must normally be in the upper 50-percentile of the student population.*
- *This must be documented by distribution of marks, number of ranking among the master students or statement from a higher education institution.*
- *Applicants with grade A or B on a master's thesis from a relevant master's degree at a Norwegian university or college are usually eligible for doctoral studies.*

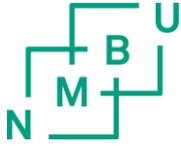
### *§ 7 Supervision*

- *Main supervisors for PhD candidates will be appointed among the faculty's Associate Professors and Professors (including II positions). Research employees in permanent positions at Associate Professor level may also be appointed.*
- *Main supervisor must have experience from supervision of PhD candidates or have completed a supervisor training.*
- *The PhD candidate may claim approximately 100 hours of supervision each year, meaning in total 300 hours are distributed on the whole supervisor group.*
- *Main supervisor and PhD candidate have both responsibility that the competences of the supervisor group will be utilized in the best possible manner.*

### *§ 8 Required coursework*

#### *§ 8.1. Objectives, content and scope*

- *The coursework must comprise at least 35 credits including courses in research ethics of a minimum of 5 credits.*
- *As a main rule a statistics course is required in the coursework, or strong, documented skills in statistics at admission seen in relation to the PhD candidate's area of expertise.*
- *Within the scope of 35 credits the coursework may contain 3 credits from project management, research communication or pedagogy. Academic writing course is not in the scope.*



- *Courses at a doctoral level are approved if passed.*
  - *Courses at masters' level with letter grading are approved if the grade is C or higher.*
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1. *New supplementary rules may be initiated immediately after the dean's approval. They may be retroactive for current PhD candidates should the new regulations be in favour.*
  2. *The programme descriptions for the two PhD programmes will be adjusted accordingly, in Norwegian and in English.*