**Supplementary rules to NMBU’s Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae doctor (PhD) at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine**

# These rules were adopted in July 2015 and are pursuant to NMBU’s Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae doctor (PhD), adopted May 15th 2014.

Revisions of the rules were approved by the Faculty board December 1st 2017 and January 26th 2018, the last one with entry into force April 1st 2018.

I. IMPLEMENTATION

*Section 8 Required coursework*

*Section 8(1). Objectives, content and scope*

* The required coursework shall comprise at least 30 credits (ECTS) including a course in research ethics and philosophy of science of a minimum of 5 credits.
* The following courses are mandatory:
  + VET400 – Introduction to ethical and philosophical perspectives in biomedical research (5 credits)
  + VET420 –Writing the PhD thesis (2 credits)
  + VET421 – Midterm evaluation (3 credits)

Revised December 1st 2017. The grade requirement of B or better for master’s level courses has been removed. The revision also applies to candidates who were admitted before April 1st 2018.

* In additions to the provisions in the PhD regulations, the following can be included in the required coursework:
  + A study residency of at least 2 weeks duration in a foreign country gives 3 credits. A maximum of 6 credits can be awarded in this category.
  + A presentation (oral or poster) at a national or international conference gives 1 credit[[1]](#footnote-1). A maximum of 4 credits can be awarded in this category.

Revised January 26th 2018. Entry into force April 1st 2018. For candidates who were admitted before April 1st 2018 the former rule applies. The change is not retroactive.

*Section 9 Quality assurance measures*

*Section 9(1). Measures to detect and follow up missing, progress reporting*

* The PhD candidate must submit annual progress reports using a [prescribed form](https://www.nmbu.no/forskning/forskerutdanning/gjennomf-ring) no later than January 15th each year.

*Section 10 PhD thesis*

* The doctoral thesis must normally comprise three scientific articles that are published in or prepared for publication in scientific journals with a peer review system.
* The articles should preferably be published or accepted for publication before the doctoral thesis is submitted. If they are not published or accepted, the articles should be of the same quality as a submitted manuscript.
* The PhD candidate should be first author of at least two articles.

1. The candidate must be the first author. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)