# Supplementary rules to NMBU's Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae doctor (PhD) for the PhD programme in Society , Development and planning. 

These rules were adopted by the department board in case 41/14 on 22 October 2014 and are pursuant to NMBU's Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae doctor (PhD) adopted 15 May 2014.

The PhD programme in society, development and planning is developed and run by a research school at the Faculty of Landscape and Society.

## ADMISSION

Section 5(1). Conditions for admission

- The department normally admits an annual cohort of PdD candidates who attend the first mandatory introductory courses together as a group. On an exceptional basis, two cohorts may be admitted during the same year.


## Section 6(2). Contract period

- The nominal length of study of the PhD programme is three (3) years, but candidates may extend the period by performing tasks for the department, provided such work tasks are available. Such work is remunerated by the department and goes towards extension of the employment period. The work must be academically relevant to the candidate's PhD studies and must not lessen the candidate's focus on the PhD project.
- Some externally financed PhD students have a fixed four-year employment contract obligating them to perform academically relevant work, when needed and to a limited scope during the period, for the external funder.


## COMPLETION

## Section 9 Reporting

## Section 9.1. Reporting

- The research school arranges the mandatory introductory, midterm and final seminars for PhD students.


## Section 10 PhD thesis



- The doctoral thesis may be a monograph or a compendium of articles with a coordinating section (so-called «kappe», or summary/thesis synthesis.
- Guidance notes are available on what the thesis synthesis should contain in an articlecompendium thesis in this PhD programme.
- An article-compendium thesis normally comprises 3-5 articles.


## Section 8 Required coursework

Section 8(1). Objectives, content and scope

- The coursework shall comprise at least 30 credits including courses in research ethics and philosophy of science (SDP 415), 5 credits.
- The programme includes three mandatory courses:
o «Framing the PhD» (SDP405)
o «Academic Writing» (SDP 406)
o Philosophy of Science and Research Ethics (SDP 415)
- In addition, PhD students are encouraged to take the course PHI401, which is offered by The School of Economics and Business-NMBU.

