



## Supplementary provisions to NMBU's Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) for the School of Economics and Business (HH)

Adopted by the Dean 16.06.2020. Pursuant to NMBU's Regulations for the degree philosophiae doctor (PhD) adopted on 30.01.2020 (in force 01.07.2020)<sup>1</sup>.

The provisions apply to the PhD programme in economics and business. The numbers of the sections refer to NMBU's PhD Regulations.

### Section 3 Responsibility for the PhD programme

#### *(2) The faculty*

The Dean's daily responsibility for the PhD education is maintained by the Research Committee at the School of Economics and Business (HH-FU).

#### *(3) Programme council*

The Research Committee at the School of Economics and Business is the programme council responsible for the academic management and overall structure of the PhD programme at the School of Economics and Business.

### Section 5 Admission

#### *Section 5-1 General provisions*

#### *(3) Duty of residency*

Candidates with an external employer must spend one year in total at the School of Economics and Business.

#### *Section 5-2 Admission requirements – education and English language requirements*

#### *(1) Relevant academic education*

Relevant academic backgrounds will be a master's degree in economics, economics and business administration, entrepreneurship and innovation, or similar programmes relevant to the PhD project.

#### *(2) Strong academic background*

Admission to the PhD programme at the School of Economics and Business conditions the applicant to document:

- grade A or B on the master's thesis,
- average grade B or above on courses included in the master's degree (120 credits),
- average grade C or above on courses included in the bachelor's degree (180 credits),  
or
- equivalent grades from previous education with other grading systems/ grading scales.

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<sup>1</sup> Minor amendments to the PhD Regulations, adopted by the NMBU Board on 17 September 2020 (in force 1 October 2020), does not affect the HH supplementary provisions.



## **Section 8 The required coursework component**

### *Section 8-2 The scope and content of the required coursework*

(1) The required coursework must equal a minimum of 45 credits, of which at least 30 credits must be at PhD level. The candidate may in agreement with the main supervisor choose to include up to 60 credits.

### *Section 8-3 Approval of the required coursework*

(2) The average grade from all courses included in the required coursework must be B or above (applies to all courses assessed on a letter scale).

## **Section 9 Quality assurance measures**

### *Section 9-1 Measures to uncover and follow up deficiencies, progress reporting*

(2) The PhD candidate must submit a progress report before 15 January every year.

## **Section 10 The thesis**

### *Section 10-1 Thesis requirements*

(3) The thesis must normally include three or four scholarly articles, and an introductory chapter ('kappe') of 6000-9000 words. The PhD candidate must normally be the sole author of at least one article in the thesis. All articles must, as a minimum requirement, be at the level required for a first submission of a manuscript to a journal, and at least half of the articles should have been submitted to well-respected journals before submitting the thesis for evaluation.

(5) The PhD candidate's relative overall contribution should normally be about 250 % according to the co-authorship declarations. Theses that include published articles of a high quality can be accepted somewhat below this norm, but no less than 200 %.

## **Section 15-3 Application for a new evaluation**

(1) At least two articles should be accepted for publication before applying for a new evaluation.