

Supplementary provisions to NMBU's regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) for the Faculty of Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Management (MINA)

Adopted by the Dean 29.06.2020, revised 01.05.2022. Pursuant to NMBU's Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) adopted on 30.01.2020 (in force 01.07.2020)¹.

There are two PhD programmes at MINA, Environmental Sciences and Ecology and Management of Natural Resources. The provisions apply to both programmes. The section numbers referred to below equal the numbering used in the NMBU PhD Regulations.

§ 3 Responsibility for the PhD programme

(2) The faculty

The Dean's daily responsibility for the PhD education is maintained by the research committee (MINA-FU) and has been delegated to MINA's PhD programme council.

(3) Programme council

MINA has one PhD programme council covering both PhD programmes at the faculty, with a [mandate](#) established by the Dean.

§ 5 Admission

§ 5-2 Admission requirements – education and English language requirements

(1) Strong academic background

Admission to a PhD programme at MINA conditions the applicant to document:

- average grade B or above on subjects included in the master's degree (120 credits). Deviation from this may be allowed if good arguments are provided.

§ 7 Academic supervision

§ 7-2 Appointment of supervisors

(1) The supervisory team consists of a main supervisor and usually 1-2 co-supervisors. The choice of co-supervisors must be reasoned, and more co-supervisors may be included if there are good reasons to do so.

Main supervisors for PhD candidates will be appointed among the faculty's permanent academic staff (Professors, Associate Professors, and researchers).

(2) Employees with Professor II-/ Associate Professor II positions may be appointed main supervisor, conditioning that an academic employee with permanent employment is a co-supervisor.

§ 8 The required coursework component

§ 8-2 The scope and content of the required coursework

(1) The required coursework must equal a minimum of 30 credits (ECTS).

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



(3) The candidate must as a main rule have completed a statistics course with a minimum of five credits, or another course involving quantitative analyses, at master level or above. A minimum of ten credits must be within the candidate's core subject area. Deviation from the requirements may be allowed on the basis of a written statement from the main supervisor.

In addition to what is indicated in NMBUs general PhD-regulations, the following elements can be part of the education part:

- Participation in an international conference (>30 participants) with a poster. The PhD candidate must be the first author of the poster. A poster corresponds to 1 study point.
- Participation in an international conference (>30 participants) with an oral presentation to an audience corresponds to 2 study points.
- A popular science contribution with the PhD candidate as first author correspond to 2 study points.
- Participation in a workshop or a research visit to a recognized research institute or university of at least one week corresponds with 1 study point.

A maximum of 5 study points can be attributed in this category.

§ 10 The thesis

(3) MINA has developed a guideline to support the design of the introductory chapter (the 'kappe') of the PhD thesis (<https://www.nmbu.no/en/faculty/mina/for-our-students/phd-students/synopsis>).