

§ 16 Subject-specific requirements for dissertation projects in the Department of Linguistics:

Programme of study:

In addition to an original research project, culminating in a dissertation, the doctoral programme specifically requires that candidates gain in-depth exposure to topics outside their immediate field of research, as well as experience in teaching and presentation of research. Modularization allows the accumulation of internationally transferable ETCS credits.

The programme of study comprises four modules, each of which contains a number of study units. In addition, doctoral students are expected to participate in the departmental research colloquium, for which, however, no credits are awarded.

Module 1: Compulsory study units

Each of the four study units listed below must be completed to obtain the respective credits, yielding 21 ECTS credits for this module.

Course type / type of requirement	P/WP	StL	Cr
Doctoral seminar	P	Reading and discussion of relevant literature	9
Doctoral colloquium	P	Participation	3
Participation in a conference/workshop	P	Presentation or poster	6
Co-teaching of a course	P	Tutorial	3

Module 2: Elective study units

For this module 31 ECTS credits must be accumulated from the elective study units listed below. Where indicated, students can gain no more than the indicated maximum number of ECTS credits per study unit. In addition, students must complete at least three different types of assessments, as defined in the column StL.

Course type / type of requirement	P/WP	StL	Cr
Additional doctoral seminars	WP	Reading and discussion of relevant literature	9 cr per seminar
Additional doctoral colloquia	WP	Participation	3 cr per colloquium
Teaching of course(s)	WP	Design and teaching of a semester course (at least 2h per week)	9 cr (of these, 3 cr will be assigned once to module 1)
Courses on teaching certification (for higher	WP	Participation and assessment in	Up to 12 cr (credits per course

education) or achieving relevant qualifications, acquisition of key competencies or other relevant activities (e.g., participation in conference/workshop organisation)		courses in teaching methods in higher education, Key Skills or in other relevant activities	according to the offering department)
Participation in further conferences	WP	Reviewed presentations or posters	6 cr
Publication (Subject of the publication has to be different from the doctoral project) published in a relevant journal or edited volume	WP	Publication	2 - 8 cr (depending on the relevance of the publication), up to a total of 12 cr *

* Whether and how many ECTS credits a publication earns is defined by the thesis supervisor of a PhD candidate.

Module 3: Dissertation

This module consists in the completion of the dissertation. 120 ECTS-credits are granted in stages, as listed below.

Type of requirement	P/WP	StL	Cr
Exposé	P	Exposé	5
Worked out concept for dissertation topic	P	Worked out concept of the dissertation topic (about 10–20 pages)	10
Intermediate report	P	Intermediate report	5
Written dissertation	P	Written dissertation	100

Module 4: Oral Examination

According to the subject-specific requirements defined by the Department of Linguistics, the oral examination is a colloquium on the dissertation project. Upon successful completion the colloquium yields 8 ECTS credits.

Abbreviations:

P = Pflichtveranstaltung / Required study unit

WP = Wahlpflicht Veranstaltung / Elective study unit

Stl = Studienleistung / Study assessment

Cr = Credits = ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System)