

Curriculum for the Doctoral Programme „Quantitative Economics“

Based on § 22 (2) of the Doctoral Degree Regulations (Statutes) of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, passed on July 2nd 2004, the doctoral thesis committee and the faculty convent have determined the following curriculum on July 4th 2012:

1. Credits: During doctoral studies the candidates have to obtain eleven credits corresponding to a course load of 22 weekly semester hours (Semesterwochenstunden/SWS).

2. Course Credits: Based on § 23 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations, six credits have to be obtained in the following courses of the doctoral programme:

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| 2.1. Advanced Macroeconomics I | 2 SWS | 1 credit |
| 2.2. Advanced Macroeconomics II | 2 SWS | 1 credit |
| 2.3. Advanced Microeconomics I or II | 2 SWS | 1 credit |
| 2.4. Applied Empirical Methods (specialization courses) | 2 SWS | 1 credit |
| 2.5. Two specialization courses from among those offered in the doctoral programme | 4 SWS | 2 credits |

3. Research Credits: Based on § 23 in conjunction with § 24 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations five credits have to be obtained by presentations and/or regular participation in research seminars:

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| 3.1. Participation and own presentation in the “Brown Bag-Seminar” of the doctoral programme | 2 SWS | 1 credit |
| 3.2. At least two credits for regular participation in the Erich Schneider-Research Seminar of the Department of Economics | 4 SWS | 2 credits |
| 3.3. At least 1 credit for participation and own presentation in the candidate’s relevant Research Area-Seminar | 2 SWS | 1 credit |
| 3.4. One credit which can optionally be achieved by either another presentation and participation in the relevant Research Area-Seminar or regular participation in the Erich Schneider-Research Seminar | 2 SWS | 1 credit |

4. Time Schedule: The courses listed as 2.1. to 2.3. are regularly offered during the winter term. Courses listed as 2.4. and 2.5. are offered both in winter and summer terms. The Course Credits should be obtained during the first year of the doctoral programme. The credit for the presentation listed as 3.1. should be obtained within the second year, the one listed as 3.3. should be obtained during the third year, at the latest.

5. Erich Schneider-Research Seminar: Credits for the Erich Schneider-Research Seminar can be obtained during the whole period of doctoral studies. A credit will be assigned for each accumulated 10 sessions of participation in the seminar, which do not necessarily need to have taken place in one semester.
6. Additional Courses: Doctoral candidates are free to participate in further courses of the doctoral programme and can obtain additional credits.
7. Mentoring: The head of the doctoral programme assigns for each doctoral candidate at the beginning of his or her studies a mentor. For doctoral candidates who are employed at a chair, the mentor will be the employing professor. The mentor is advised the doctoral candidate concerning the planning of their doctoral studies, especially in their selection of courses. The mentoring relationship ends once the supervisor for the doctoral candidate is determined.
8. Supervision: A supervisor has to be determined by the end of the first year of acceptance as a doctoral candidate. By the end of the second year after acceptance additional supervisors can be determined from faculty staff entitled to supervise doctoral candidates according to § 5 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations.
9. Reporting: By the end of the first year after acceptance as doctoral candidate, the candidate has to provide a research proposal for his or her dissertation. The research proposal should include the content and methodological outlines of the thesis, as well as a detailed time schedule for the research project. Two years after acceptance, the candidate has to provide a short report about the progress of his or her thesis.
10. Transfer of Credits: Doctoral candidates have to obtain 6 credits for the courses listed in section 2. Following exceptions apply:
 - 10.1. Candidates who successfully completed courses in other doctoral programmes may transfer credits, if those courses were explicitly for doctoral candidates.
 - 10.2. Candidates who have completed master studies in the area of economics at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences at Kiel University and who have already passed the courses listed in sections 2.1 to 2.3 have to replace these credits, after consultation with their mentor, with other courses from those offered by the doctoral programme.
11. Repetition of and Failing at Exams: The *Prüfungsverfahrensordnung* of the Kiel University applies to repetition and failing at exams for the courses listed in section 2. According to these, failed exams can be repeated twice. In cases of hardship, doctoral candidates can file a petition to the doctoral thesis committee which decides about another repetition. Passed exams cannot be repeated.
12. Coming into effect: This curriculum becomes effective on the day of passing and is valid for those candidates being admitted to doctoral studies from winter term 2012/13 on.

13. Transitional Rules: For candidates being admitted to doctoral studies before winter term 2012/13, the curriculum dated June 8th, 2005, is valid, unless differently determined in sections 13.1 and 13.2. Candidates can submit a petition for application of the curriculum dated July 4th, 2012. The petition has to be received by the head of the doctoral programme by September 30th, 2012, at the latest.

13.1. Section 10 of the curriculum "Transfer of Credits" applies for all doctoral candidates who were admitted to the doctoral studies from winter term 2009/10 on.

13.2. Section 11 of the curriculum "Repetition and failing at exams" applies for all doctoral candidates, regardless of admission date.

NB: In cases of dispute, the curriculum (Studienplan) shall be applicable as set out in the original German text and not this translation.