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Regulations of the PhD Program "Behavior and Cognition of the Georg-August-University Göttingen"

§ 1 Scope of Application

(1) The doctoral program "Behavior and Cognition" is a joint program of the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Biology and Psychology with the participation of the German Primate Center for the education of young scientists in the field of fundamentals and evolution of the behavior of non-human primates and humans. 2The doctoral program is aimed at graduates of relevant courses of study in the humanities. 3The Faculty of Biology and Psychology offers a doctoral program of the same name in which research projects with a focus on the natural sciences can be worked on. 4Both programs share an interdisciplinary modularized doctoral program under the auspices of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology.

(2) 1The doctoral regulations of the Faculty of Humanities (PromO-Phil), as amended from time to time, apply to doctoral projects within the framework of the "Behavior and Cognition" doctoral program. 2These regulations govern the supplementary subject-specific regulations for the completion of the doctoral studies in the doctoral program "Behavior and Cognition".

(3) Decisions according to these regulations are made by the doctoral committee formed according to § 3 para. 1 PromO-Phil after receiving the opinion of the program committee formed for the doctoral program "Behavior and Cognition".

§ 2 Admission requirements

(1) 1Applicants must have completed a previous course of study relevant to at least one of the following subject areas within the meaning of § 4 para. 1 p. 6,7 in conjunction with § 4 para. 1 p. 6,7 in conjunction with § 4 para. 1 p. 6,7 in conjunction with § 4 para. 1 p. 6,7. Annex I PromO-Phil:

General Linguistics, Didactics of Biology, Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, Philosophy, Psycholinguistics, Bioethics, English Philology (Modern English Language), German Philology (German Linguistics), German Philology (Modern German Literature), Romance Philology (French Linguistics), Romance Philology (Ibero-Romance Linguistics), Romance Philology (Italian Linguistics) or Slavic Philology (Linguistics).

2The doctoral committee may make admission conditional on the completion within two semesters of the work referred to in sentence 1 which has not yet been completed; in this case, admission is conditional until proof of the missing work is received by the university within two semesters of enrollment. 3If the proof of the still missing achievements is not submitted in due time, the notice of admission shall become invalid. 4A decision in accordance with sentence 2 is excluded if the scope of the achievements in accordance with sentence 1, which have not yet been provided, exceeds 15 credit points (ECTS credits).

(2) 1Applicants whose native language is not English must provide evidence of sufficient knowledge of the English language. 2Sufficient knowledge of English shall be demonstrated by minimum performance in an internationally recognized test or equivalent:

- (a) Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English with a minimum grade of "B";
- b) Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English with a minimum grade of "C";
- c) IELTS Academic ("International English Language Testing System"): at least band 6;
- d) internet-based test of the "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL iBT): at least 80 points;
- e) handwritten test of the "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL PBT): at least 550 points;

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f) CEF ("Common European Framework"): at least C1 certificate;

g) UNICert: at least level III;

h) successful completion of a course of study in English.

3The successful completion of a test in accordance with sentence 2 letters a) to g) may not, as a rule, be more than three years prior to the receipt of the application for access to the doctoral program.

4Exempt from the obligation to provide proof of a test are applicants who have spent at least two years studying or working in an English-speaking country within the last three years prior to receipt of the application for access to the doctoral program.

(3) German language skills do not have to be proven.

(4) In addition, only those who fulfill the requirements of § 4 Para. 1 to 3 PromO-Phil in the currently valid version are eligible for admission.

(5) 1Admission to the doctoral program may be withdrawn or revoked at any time for good cause.

2An important reason is generally given if a doctoral candidate

a) proves to be permanently unsuitable despite adequate supervision,

b) has repeatedly or to a considerable extent failed to fulfill the duties incumbent upon him or her, in particular has violated his or her reporting duties despite repeated requests to do so,

c) has violated the regulations for ensuring good scientific practice,

d) has wrongfully obtained acceptance as a doctoral candidate by deceiving the applicant as to the existence of the admission requirements,

or

e) if the relationship of trust with the doctoral candidate is definitively broken down and the doctoral candidate is responsible for this.

§ 3 Type and scope of doctoral studies

(1) The doctoral studies shall comprise successful participation in modules totaling at least 20 C in accordance with the Annex.

(2) 1Departing from § 7 para. 4 PromO-Phil, the research work should be completed within three years after admission to the doctoral program with the submission of the dissertation. 2In justified exceptional cases, the completion time may be extended up to four times by half a year each time; the doctoral committee shall decide on this after receiving the opinion of the supervisory committee on the basis of a request by the doctoral candidate to be justified at least in text form.

§ 4 Supervisory Committee (Thesis Committee)

In deviation from § 6 para. 1 sentence 1 PromO-Phil, the thesis committee consists of at least three members, at least two of whom are authorized examiners of this doctoral program or of the doctoral program "Behavior and Cognition", including the supervisor of the thesis.

§ 5 Examination language

1Dissertation and oral examination must be written or taken in English, notwithstanding §§ 11 para. 3 sentence 1, 17 para. 2 sentence 1 PromO-Phil. 2The oral examination may also be conducted in German upon request.

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§ 6 Dissertation

The cumulative dissertation according to § 11 para. 6 PromO-Phil is permissible.

§ 7 Doctoral Certificate

The doctoral certificate shall state that the doctoral degree obtained is awarded upon completion of the doctoral studies in the doctoral program "Behavior and Cognition".

§ 8 Entry into force

These regulations shall enter into force on the day following their publication in the Official Notices I of the Georg-August University of Göttingen.

ANNEX

P.BeCog.1 Reflecting Research (4 C, 6 SWS)

P.BeCog.2 Scientific Methods (4 C, 6-8 SWS)

P.BeCog.3 Teaching (4 C, 4 SWS)

P.BeCog.4 Science Communication (4 C)

P.BeCog.5 Key Qualification(4 C, 4-8 SWS)