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Following the decision of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences on 26 June 2024, the Presidential Board of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen approved the examination and study regulations for the doctoral programme in Social Sciences on 16 October 2024 (Sections 44 para. 1 sentence 2, 9 para. 3 sentence 1 NHG in the version published on 26 February 2007 (Nds. GVBl. p. 69), last amended by Article 12 of the Act of 14 December 2023 (Nds. GVBl. p. 320); Section 37 para. 1 sentence 3 no. 5 letter b) NHG).

**Examination and study regulations
for the doctoral programme in Social Sciences
of the Georg-August-University Göttingen**

Part I

General regulations

§ 1 Scope of application; purpose of the doctoral examination

(1) ¹These regulations govern doctoral studies and the doctoral procedure, including the awarding and withdrawal of the doctoral degree, within the framework of the doctoral programme in Social Sciences at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. ²The doctoral programme consists of the doctoral studies and the doctoral examination. ³In addition, the subject-specific provisions of a programme (e.g. Research Training Group) apply, which are regulated in the annexes and, if applicable, in supplementary programme regulations or separately published module lists. ⁴Conflicting or deviating subject-specific provisions are invalid unless these regulations expressly permit deviations.

(2) ¹The doctoral programme enables students to develop a research project in a social science subject area and to work on it in a methodologically controlled manner within the framework of a dissertation, to present the results appropriately and to integrate the insights gained and further questions into a broader field of research. ²It thus qualifies students for independent, in-depth academic work in the social sciences.

(3) ¹The doctoral examination demonstrates that the candidate is capable of independently designing and carrying out significant research projects with scientific integrity, independently identifying

scientific issues, developing new and complex ideas based on their own critical analyses and contributing to scientific and/or cultural progress. ²He or she has a systematic understanding of his or her social science subject area and, where appropriate, related subject areas as well as comprehensive knowledge of the relevant literature. ³By submitting a scientific paper, he or she has made a contribution to research that extends the boundaries of knowledge and stands up to the scrutiny of the scientific community. ⁴He or she has demonstrated the ability to discuss findings from his or her area of specialisation with other researchers and to present and communicate them to an audience in an appropriate manner.

(4) These regulations also govern the awarding of the degree and dignity of an honorary doctor of social sciences (Doctor disciplinarum politicarum honoris causa).

(5) These regulations also govern the withdrawal of the doctoral degree as well as the degree and dignity of an honorary doctor of social sciences, insofar as these were acquired or awarded in a doctoral procedure at the Faculty of Social Sciences or a faculty in whose legal succession it stands, prior to the establishment of the doctoral programme in Social Sciences.

§ 2 University degree

(1) The Georg-August-Universität Göttingen awards the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences (Dr. disc. pol.) through the Faculty of Social Sciences.

(2) Upon application by the doctoral candidate, the degree "Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)" may be awarded instead of a degree in accordance with paragraph 1.

(3) The degree of Doctor of Social Sciences may be awarded on an honorary basis following an extraordinary doctorate.

§ 3 Graduate Committee; Office of the Dean of Studies

(1) ¹The Faculty of Social Sciences shall form a Graduate Committee for the organisation and quality assurance of examinations and for the performance of all tasks assigned by these regulations. ²In addition to the Dean of Studies, this committee consists of two members from the group of professors, one member of academic staff with a doctorate and one doctoral student from the doctoral programme. ³One of the professorial members or the Dean of Studies shall be a member of the Executive Board of the Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences (GGG). ⁴The Dean of Studies may be represented by a member of the group of professors. ⁵The other members are appointed by the respective group representatives in the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences, the doctoral candidate by the group representatives of the student group. ⁶At the same time, a deputy shall be appointed for each member. ⁷The term of office of the members is two years, that of the doctoral candidate one year. ⁸If a member or deputy member leaves prematurely, a replacement shall be

appointed for the remaining term of office. ⁹If no authorised examiner becomes a voting member of the Graduate Committee for one of the subject areas taught at the Faculty of Social Sciences and approved for a doctoral procedure due to the composition according to sentences 2 and 5, the Faculty Council shall appoint an additional member with an advisory vote for this subject area from the group of university lecturers or doctoral research assistants.

(2) ¹The Dean of Studies shall chair the Graduate Committee. ²The Graduate Committee elects a deputy chairperson from the group of university teachers.

(3) ¹The meetings of the Graduate Committee are not public. ²The members are subject to official secrecy. ³If they are not in public service, they must be sworn to secrecy by the chairperson.

(4) ¹The Graduate Committee shall decide by a simple majority of votes; in the event of a tie, no decision shall be reached. ²The Graduate Committee shall constitute a quorum if the majority of its members, including the majority of members of the group of university lecturers, are present; if the Dean of Studies belongs to the group of university lecturers, he or she shall also be included in this group with regard to this determination. ³Student members shall only have an advisory vote in the assessment and recognition of study and examination achievements.

(5) ¹The Graduate Committee may revocably delegate powers in matters of day-to-day management to the Dean of Studies; this does not apply to decisions on appeals. ²Minutes shall be kept of the meetings of the Graduate Committee; the main subjects of discussion and the resolutions of the Graduate Committee shall be recorded therein.

(6) ¹Decisions of the Graduate Committee shall be communicated to the person concerned without delay, at least in text form. ²Incriminating decisions shall be substantiated and accompanied by information on legal remedies.

(7) ¹The offices of the Dean of Studies shall organise the examination procedure in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate Committee and the Dean of Studies. ²Employees of the offices entrusted with matters in accordance with these Doctoral Degree Regulations may participate in the meetings of the Graduate Committee in an advisory capacity.

(8) The Graduate Committee may adopt rules of procedure.

§ 4 Examination authorisation

(1) ¹Authorisation to take examinations may be granted to all academics who hold a doctorate, who carry out research or research and teaching tasks at a university or non-university research institution and who are authorised to award doctorates in a social science or closely related subject area. ²The authorisation to do a doctorate is proven by a successful habilitation or appointment procedure or an equivalent procedure.

(2) ¹The Graduate Committee shall be responsible for appointing an authorised examiner in accordance with paragraph 1. ²The authorisation to examine may be granted for one or more subject areas or doctoral programmes.

(3) ¹By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2, the Graduate Committee may, in exceptional cases, grant an examination authorisation (individual examination authorisation) limited to a specific doctoral procedure to a person holding a doctorate, insofar as their participation in the doctoral examination is necessary or advantageous, e.g. in the case of interdisciplinary or cross-site research work. ²An individual examination authorisation is not associated with the right to grant supervision commitments to applicants, unless the Graduate Committee additionally grants this right in rare individual cases.

Part II

Supervision; doctoral studies

§ 5 Thesis Committee

(1) ¹Upon commencement of doctoral studies, but no later than three months after submission of the exposé, the Graduate Committee shall, after hearing the doctoral candidate, appoint a supervisory committee consisting of at least two further persons with a doctorate, including at least one further person authorised to conduct examinations, in addition to the supervisor authorised to conduct examinations on the basis of whose confirmation of supervision the admission was granted (first supervisor). ²The members of the supervisory committee who are authorised examiners should not be dependent on each other. ³At least one member of the supervisory committee must be a full-time member of the university teaching staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Göttingen; the Graduate Committee may grant exceptions to this rule upon request, particularly in the context of interdisciplinary doctoral programmes or interdisciplinary work.

(2) ¹The supervisory committee shall supervise and support the doctoral candidate. ²The doctoral candidate must report to the supervisory committee regularly, but at least once a year, in detail on the status of the doctoral project and the academic achievements to date. The content of the meetings must be documented.

(3) ¹The members of the supervisory committee and the doctoral candidate shall conclude a supervision agreement in accordance with the model in Annex 1 after the appointment of the supervisory committee, which shall be available no later than three months after submission of the exposé. ²The supervision agreement must contain at least the information listed therein; in addition, it should describe in particular which resources will be made available to the doctoral candidate for his or her project. ³The Graduate Committee may order the adaptation of supervision agreements within

the framework of the applicable legal provisions; it may also stipulate that supervision agreements are to be concluded via an online system provided by the University.

(4) ¹At the request of a member of the supervisory committee or the doctoral candidate, the Graduate Committee may change the composition of the supervisory committee. ²A change of the first supervisor is only possible if the supervision of the doctorate is no longer guaranteed for an important reason, in particular due to his or her permanent absence, or if the continuation of the supervision is unreasonable due to a breakdown of the relationship of trust. ³The doctoral candidate shall be heard before a decision is made in accordance with sentence 1; in the event of a change in the first supervisor, he or she shall have the right to make a proposal, which shall not constitute a legal claim. ⁴In the event of conflicts between the supervisors and the doctoral candidate, an attempt at mediation should first be made by a person of trust from the Graduate School or the Faculty.

§ 6 Duration, type and scope of the doctoral programme;

Deception; termination for special reasons

(1) ¹The standard period of study is three years. ²The doctoral candidate must enrol for the duration of the doctoral studies and the doctoral examination.

(2) ¹The standard period of study shall be extended by up to two semesters if there is an important reason. ²An important reason exists in particular if

- a) if the amount of empirical work or source work is considerably higher than average,
- b) the necessity of acquiring dissertation-related foreign language skills.

³The decision on the extension of the standard period of study shall be made by the Graduate Committee at the request of the doctoral candidate following a statement by the Supervisory Committee. ⁴In the event of approval, the period according to paragraph 1 sentence 2 shall be extended accordingly.

(3) ¹Part-time study is possible on application if there is an important reason. ²An important reason is, in particular, a full-time job that is not related to the doctoral project or caring for children or close relatives. ³A decision on the application shall be made by the Dean of Studies after consultation with the Supervision Committee. ⁴The provisions of the regulations on part-time study at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen apply accordingly; the deadline according to paragraph 1 sentence 2 is extended accordingly in the event of approval.

(4) ¹During the doctoral programme, doctoral candidates shall carry out their academic research work. ²The preliminary topic and work plan for the research work must be agreed between the first supervisor and the doctoral candidate before the start of the doctoral project and documented in the supervision agreement. ³Furthermore, doctoral candidates must successfully complete coursework

totalling at least 20 and no more than 30 credits (hereinafter referred to as C) in accordance with the subject-specific provisions of a programme or a separately published list of modules.

(5) Doctoral candidates are entitled to complete voluntary, freely selectable additional coursework in addition to the minimum coursework requirements, in particular from the Graduate School's programme.

(6) ¹Coursework completed on the basis of an agreement concluded between the University of Göttingen, the doctoral candidate and another university will be recognised without an equivalence assessment. ²Coursework completed at other universities or outside a university will be recognised if equivalence is established. ³The doctoral candidate must submit the documents required for recognition. ⁴Coursework shall not be recognised if it was completed in the degree programme or consecutive degree programmes which formed the basis for admission to the doctorate and was required for the completion of this degree programme or these degree programmes. ⁵The University shall be obliged to justify any non-recognition (reversal of the burden of proof within the meaning of the Lisbon Convention). ⁶The Graduate Committee shall decide on credit transfer.

(7) ¹If the doctoral candidate attempts to influence the result of coursework to his or her own or another's advantage by cheating or using unauthorised aids or by influencing an examiner, even retrospectively (hereinafter referred to collectively as "cheating"), the coursework in question shall be deemed to have been assessed as "failed". ²The consequences provided for in sentence 1 may also be recognised if the doctoral candidate carries unauthorised aids with him/her. ³A doctoral candidate who grossly violates the regulations may be excluded by the respective examiners or supervisors from continuing the coursework in question; in this case, the coursework in question shall be graded as "failed". ⁴In serious cases, the Graduate Committee may exclude the doctoral candidate from completing further examinations or coursework. ⁵In less serious cases, the imposition of a sanction may be waived. ⁶If it is suspected that unauthorised aids are being used, the doctoral candidate shall be obliged to cooperate in clarifying the matter and to hand over the aids; in the event of refusal, the coursework in question shall be deemed to have been assessed as "failed". ⁷The doctoral candidate shall be heard before a decision is made in accordance with sentence 4.

(8) ¹The doctoral programme ends with

- a) revocation or withdrawal of admission, acceptance as a doctoral candidate or admission to a programme or
- b) the termination or cancellation of the doctoral candidate relationship.

²Cancellation, withdrawal or termination may take place for good cause; the Graduate Committee is responsible. ³As a rule, good cause shall be deemed to exist if a doctoral candidate

- a) proves to be permanently unsuitable despite adequate supervision,

- b) has repeatedly or significantly failed to fulfil the duties incumbent upon him or her, in particular has violated his or her reporting obligations despite repeated requests to do so,
 - c) has violated the regulations for safeguarding good scientific practice,
 - d) has wrongfully obtained his or her admission, acceptance as a doctoral candidate or admission to a programme by deceiving himself or herself as to the existence of the admission requirements,
- or
- e) if the relationship of trust with the doctoral candidate is definitively broken and the doctoral candidate is responsible for this.

⁴The doctoral programme shall also end when the doctoral candidate's de-registration takes effect.

§ 7 Modules; proof of performance;

Courses with a limited number of places

(1) ¹Coursework in accordance with Section 6 (4) sentence 3 is generally completed in modules.

²Modules may consist of different types of courses.

(2) ¹Modules are completed through the successful completion of performance assessments, which are generally assessed as "passed" or "failed". ²If a grade is shown, this will be included in the certificate at the request of the doctoral candidate.

(3) Voluntary additional services are included in the certificate upon request.

(4) ¹Certain modules can be organised with a limited number of participants. ²The relevant module coordinators shall provide appropriate information about the planned number of participants. ³Priority for admission to modules with a limited number of participants shall be given to doctoral candidates who must attend this course in order to fulfil the admission requirements for the doctoral examination.

⁴Priority shall be given to those doctoral candidates who are in the highest semester and can prove that they have studied properly or are not responsible for a delay in their studies. ⁵The selection among those with equal rights shall be made by drawing lots. ⁶Deferral in accordance with sentence 2 is permitted a maximum of two times.

(6) Module descriptions and a programme-related module overview are published separately in an electronic version (module directory); they are part of these regulations or the applicable subject-specific provisions.

Part III

Doctoral examination; examination requirements, -requirements and procedure

§ 8 Doctoral examination

- (1) The degrees to be awarded in accordance with Section 2 (1) and (2) shall be awarded on the basis of a successful doctoral examination.
- (2) The doctoral examination consists of a scientific paper (dissertation) and an oral examination (defence).
- (3) The Graduate Committee shall suspend the doctoral procedure if it becomes aware that proceedings are pending against the doctoral candidate due to a violation of good scientific practice or an investigation or criminal proceedings in connection with the doctorate.
- (4) ¹If the doctoral candidate attempts to influence the result of the examination by cheating, in particular by unauthorised assistance in the preparation of the dissertation, or by exerting influence on an examiner, even retrospectively, the examination results in question shall be deemed to have been assessed as "failed". ²If a doctoral candidate grossly violates the regulations, the examination committee may decide to terminate the oral examination; in this case, the oral examination shall be graded as "failed". ³In serious cases, the Graduate Committee may exclude the doctoral candidate from taking further examinations; in particular, an offence under Section 9 (3) sentence 1 letter a) is considered a serious case. ⁴In less serious cases, the imposition of a sanction may be waived. ⁵The doctoral candidate shall be heard before a decision is made in accordance with sentence 3.

§ 9 Requirements for admission to the doctoral examination

- (1) ¹Admission to the doctoral examination requires that the doctoral candidate
- a) has been enrolled as a doctoral student at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen in accordance with the statutory provisions since acceptance as a doctoral student,
 - b) has duly completed the doctoral programme in accordance with § 6 (4),
 - c) has independently prepared a written scientific paper (dissertation) and provides written confirmation,
 - ca) that he or she has written it independently and has not used any sources and aids other than those specified, and
 - cb) that no corresponding doctorate has been applied for elsewhere and the submitted dissertation or parts thereof have been submitted.

(2) Admission to the doctoral examination shall be refused or cancelled at any time after admission if it has been simultaneously applied for at another faculty or university, unless this is permitted under Part VII.

(3) ¹In particular, the following persons shall not be admitted to the doctoral examination

- a) has not prepared parts of the dissertation himself/herself, but has used the help of third parties in a manner contrary to examination law and academic honesty; academic honesty includes strict compliance with the citation requirement, so that the adoption of third-party ideas in the dissertation is clearly labelled, as well as maintaining strict honesty with regard to contributions by other persons;
- b) has engaged intermediaries for a fee for the purpose of identifying promotion opportunities;
- c) pays fees or provides services equivalent to fees in connection with the doctoral procedure and its preparation, or makes use of services free of charge that contradict the purpose of an examination procedure;
- d) The doctoral candidate does not fulfil the requirements for which the doctoral examination could be declared invalid or the doctoral degree could be revoked.

²In these cases, a new application for admission to the doctoral examination is excluded. ³Admission to the doctoral examination may be withdrawn or revoked at any time in the cases referred to in sentence 1.

§ 10 Application for admission to the doctoral examination

(1) After completion of the dissertation, an application for admission to the doctoral examination and opening of the doctoral examination procedure must be submitted to the Graduate Committee in text form.

(2) The application must be accompanied or submitted in addition:

- a) at least four copies of the academic paper (dissertation) in written form, one copy in digital form on a standard data carrier or by uploading to a university server specified by the office of the Dean of Studies or by sending to an e-mail address specified by the office of the Dean of Studies in the format of a commonly used word processing programme or as an unprotected (text extraction-enabling) PDF document, as well as any additional published writings by the doctoral candidate in connection with the dissertation, in writing or in text form; the conformity of the digital form with the written scientific treatise must be bindingly confirmed by the doctoral candidate;
- b) a summary of the dissertation in German and English, presenting the research question, methodology, results and conclusions;
- c) the academic degree to be awarded in accordance with § 2;

- d) a proposal for the reviewers of the dissertation and for the other members of the examination committee;
- e) a curriculum vitae written in German or English, which also provides information on the doctoral candidate's academic development;
- f) proof of proper enrolment;
- g) Proof of successful completion of the coursework in accordance with § 6 para. 2 sentence 3;
- h) an insurance policy in accordance with § 9 para. 1 letter c).

(3) ¹After submission of the application and examination of the formal requirements, the Graduate Committee shall decide on admission to the doctoral examination. ²If all requirements are met, it shall initiate the doctoral examination procedure and appoint the examination committee and its chair. ³By being admitted to the doctoral examination, the doctoral candidate acquires the right to have his or her dissertation assessed.

(4) The applicant shall receive notification of admission or rejection in text form, in the event of rejection with information on legal remedies.

(5) ¹Withdrawal of a doctoral application is permissible as long as no decision has been made on the acceptance or rejection of the dissertation. ²In the event of a lawful withdrawal, the doctoral attempt shall be deemed not to have been undertaken.

§ 11 Dissertation, cumulative dissertation

(1) The topic of the dissertation must be chosen from a subject area represented at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

(2) ¹The dissertation must be an independent scientific achievement by the doctoral candidate and make a significant and innovative contribution to the advancement of scientific knowledge. ²It should demonstrate that the doctoral candidate has the ability to solve scientific problems in the chosen field independently and methodically and to present the findings clearly in a form that is customary for the field. ³If the topic of a dissertation arises from the research work of a group, the doctoral candidate must document his or her individual, clearly definable and assessable contribution in a separate submission for which he or she is solely responsible. ⁴In addition to the written presentation, the dissertation may also consist of a film or another audiovisual media format.

(3) ¹The dissertation may not have been or be used in any other doctoral procedure or comparable procedure at a university in Germany or abroad, unless otherwise stipulated in these regulations. ²Sentence 1 shall apply accordingly for use in the context of other own examinations, in particular in a Master's, Magister or Diplom thesis, unless otherwise authorised.

(4) ¹As a rule, the dissertation shall be written in German or English. ²It shall be accompanied by a declaration in accordance with the model in Annex 2 and a short curriculum vitae containing the

academic background.⁽³⁾In deviation from sentence 1, the dissertation may be written in another language; the Graduate Committee shall decide on such an exception at the request of the doctoral candidate; the request may be rejected without justification.⁽⁴⁾All members of the Examination Committee must have a sufficient command of the examination language.⁽⁵⁾Irrespective of the language chosen, a summary must be submitted in German and English.

(5)⁽¹⁾Results already published before acceptance as a doctoral candidate may be included as part of a dissertation, provided they do not together comprise more than 30 per cent of the total scope of the dissertation; they must be labelled in the usual academic manner.⁽²⁾Results of other own examinations may be used to the extent of no more than 30 per cent of the total scope of the dissertation; they must be labelled in the usual academic manner.

(6)⁽¹⁾The submission of at least three thematically independent, but publishable scientific contributions to the same field of research is also considered a dissertation if the doctoral candidate is the sole author or first author of at least one contribution and at least one contribution has been accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal following an external scientific review process (so-called cumulative dissertation); the reviewers decide on the eligibility for publication according to generally accepted scientific standards in the respective subject area.⁽²⁾In the case of a publication with several authors, the contributions of the doctoral candidate must be clearly distinguishable and assessable; to this end, a declaration of the doctoral candidate's own contribution to the work must be submitted.⁽³⁾The contributions must be supplemented by a meaningful introduction to the underlying scientific question as well as an overarching discussion with a summary in which the candidate's own results are placed in the disciplinary context, and a bibliography; the supplements must be included in the assessment.⁽⁴⁾The cumulative dissertation must be submitted in a bound form; Section 10 (2) (a) applies accordingly.⁽⁵⁾Insofar as individual contributions have not yet been published, the submission of a letter from the publisher stating that the contribution has been accepted for publication and will essentially correspond to the submitted version in terms of content shall also suffice to fulfil the publication obligation pursuant to § 21.⁽⁶⁾The possibility of publishing the cumulative dissertation as a whole in accordance with § 21 remains unaffected.

§ 12 Reviewers; Examination board

(1)⁽¹⁾The Graduate Committee shall appoint at least two reviewers for the assessment of the dissertation who are authorised examiners in the respective subject area, including at least one member of the supervisory committee, usually the first supervisor.⁽²⁾In exceptional cases, it shall appoint further authorised examiners, particularly in the case of interdisciplinary or cross-faculty theses.⁽³⁾At least one of the reviewers must be a full-time member of the group of professors of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the time of appointment; this may be waived if one of the reviewers was

a full-time member and resigned no more than one year before the appointment due to maternity leave, parental leave, leave of absence at their own request or retirement. ⁴The doctoral candidate has a right of nomination for the appointment of reviewers, which does not constitute a legal claim. ⁵Reviewers may not be dependent on one another. ⁶In the case of § 11 para. 6, it must be ensured that at least two reviewers were not involved in the creation of the submitted contributions, e.g. through co-authorship.

(2) ¹In addition to the reviewers in accordance with paragraph 1, the examination board consists of the members of the supervisory committee who are authorised to conduct examinations and, if applicable, other authorised examiners. ²It shall have at least three members. ³At least two members must be authorised to conduct examinations in the respective subject area; otherwise at least one member must be authorised to conduct examinations in a related subject area, provided that the expertise required for the examination procedure is available. ⁴The members, including the chairperson, shall be appointed by the Graduate Committee. ⁵The doctoral candidate has a right of nomination, which does not constitute a legal claim.

(3) ¹Professors who have retired or been relieved of their duties should not be involved in doctoral procedures as reviewers or examiners for more than three years after the end of their period of service. ²The Graduate Committee shall decide on exceptions upon application; exceptions shall be granted in particular if the professor continues to provide research or teaching services on an ongoing basis.

(4) ¹If additional assessors or examiners are appointed in the course of the examination procedure, they shall become members of the examination board in accordance with the provisions of these regulations. ²If the award of the grade "summa cum laude" appears possible, the supervisory committee may propose the appointment of an additional reviewer in advance of the examination procedure; this reviewer may not be a member of the University of Göttingen unless one of the reviewers already appointed is an external reviewer.

(5) Abstention from voting on examination decisions is not permitted.

§ 13 Acceptance and rejection of the dissertation

(1) Each reviewer shall prepare and propose a review of the dissertation within three months of receiving the dissertation:

- a) to accept the dissertation,
- b) to reject the dissertation or
- c) return the dissertation for revision if he or she would otherwise recommend rejection.

(2) At the request of at least one reviewer, the submitted dissertation may be checked using suitable software to determine whether it was prepared independently and without unauthorised assistance,

in particular using plagiarism detection software to check for any unidentified text passages or other sources.

(3) If acceptance of the dissertation is recommended, a grade in accordance with § 17 shall be awarded at the same time as the review in accordance with paragraph 1.

(4) If all reviewers agree on the acceptance or rejection of the dissertation, it is accepted or rejected, subject to an objection in accordance with Section 14 (2).

(5) ¹If the reviewers do not agree on acceptance or rejection, or if the assessments differ by more than one grade, the examination committee shall make a final decision on acceptance and grade, rejection or return of the dissertation for revision with the assistance of an additional reviewer. ²The additional reviewer becomes a member of the examination committee; the additional review is to be treated in the same way as the reviews already prepared. ³Otherwise, in particular in the event of an objection in accordance with § 14 (2), the Examination Board shall decide on the acceptance, grade, rejection or return of the dissertation for revision on the basis of the available reviews. ⁴The grade "summa cum laude" can only be awarded if it was awarded unanimously and by at least three reviewers, including at least one external reviewer. ⁵Objections in accordance with § 14 para. 2 shall be recognised in an appropriate manner.

(6) ¹The examination committee shall set a reasonable deadline for the revision. ²If a dissertation returned for revision is not submitted within this deadline, it shall be deemed to have been rejected. ³If the dissertation is submitted within the deadline, the further procedure shall be determined in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 5; however, the dissertation may not be returned for revision.

(7) ¹If the dissertation is rejected, a new application for admission to the doctoral examination is only possible once and not before one year has elapsed. ²A new or substantially improved dissertation must be submitted. ³The failed attempt must be reported. ⁴If this dissertation is also rejected, the doctoral examination is definitively failed.

(8) ¹The Dean of Studies shall inform the doctoral candidate of the decision to accept or reject the dissertation in text form. ²If the dissertation is accepted, admission to the oral examination shall be determined at the same time. ³In the case of a first rejection, the notification shall be made with reference to the provision in paragraph 7 on the possibility of a renewed application, in the case of a final rejection with information on legal remedies.

(9) The doctoral candidate shall be notified of the expert reports on which the procedure is based together with the notification pursuant to paragraph 8 sentence 1.

§ 14 Display

(1) After receipt of the reviews and assessments in accordance with § 13 (1) and (3), the members of the Faculty of Social Sciences who are authorised to examine shall receive notification of the reviews received and the Office of the Dean of Studies shall set a deadline of at least five working days during the lecture period or ten working days during the lecture-free period for confidential inspection of the reviews and the dissertation.

(2) ¹If an authorised examiner raises objections in writing against the proposed acceptance or rejection of the dissertation or the proposed grading within the period specified in paragraph 1, the Graduate Committee may appoint an additional reviewer for the dissertation. ² The additional reviewer shall become a member of the examination committee; the additional review shall be treated in the same way as the reviews already prepared.

§ 15 File copy

At least one submitted copy of the dissertation remains in the examination files together with all reviews.

§ 16 Oral examination (disputation)

(1) ¹The oral examination shall be conducted in the form of a defence (disputation) in German or English. ²On the doctoral candidate's reasoned proposal, the Graduate Committee may authorise a different language, provided that all members of the examination committee have the required command of the examination language; the proposal does not constitute a legal claim.

(2) ¹The date of the defence shall be set by the office of the Dean of Studies after the decision on the acceptance of the dissertation.²The defence should take place no later than four months after submission of the dissertation.

(3) ¹The defence shall be open to the public at the University and shall be announced in an appropriate manner. ²At the request of the doctoral candidate, the university public may be excluded if there is an important reason; the Examination Board shall decide on this. ³Notwithstanding sentence 1, guests of the doctoral candidate may also attend the defence.

(4) The duration of the defence shall be a minimum of 60 minutes and a maximum of 90 minutes.

(5) ¹The defence shall be conducted by the examination committee. ²At least three members of the examination committee must be present, including at least two reviewers of the dissertation. ³The Examination Board may also authorise questions from the public to be put to the doctoral candidate.

⁴The Examination Board may decide that the defence may be conducted in whole or in part with the support of a video and audio transmission system, in particular for the participation of external members of the Examination Board, provided that the doctoral candidate agrees to this procedure at least in text form. ⁵Members of the Examination Board who participate accordingly shall be deemed

to be present within the meaning of sentence 2. ⁶If more than one member of the Examination Board is to participate with the support of a video and audio transmission system, this shall require the consent of the Graduate Committee.

(6) ¹The defence consists of two parts. ²In the first part, the doctoral candidate shall explain the aims and results of his or her dissertation in a presentation lasting a maximum of 20 minutes. ³In the second part of the defence, the doctoral candidate should answer questions from the examiners which also relate to the wider scientific context in which the dissertation is situated, as well as to subject areas and methodological questions which concern the subject area as a whole and related subject areas.

(7) ¹Minutes shall be taken of the course of the defence, which shall be confirmed by the members of the examination committee present. ²The examination committee may call in an assessor with a doctorate to draw up the minutes.

(8) Following the oral examination, the examination board decides whether the oral examination has been passed.

Part IV

Passing, failing, appeal proceedings;

Completion of the doctorate; impairment of university operations

§ 17 Individual grades and overall assessment of the doctorate

(1) ¹Grades may be awarded for the individual assessments of the dissertation and the oral examination:

summa cum laude	(excellent)	(0)
magna cum laude	(very good)	(1)
cum laude	(good)	(2)
rite	(passed)	(3).

²The grade values may (with the exception of the grade summa cum laude) be reduced by 0.3 or (with the exception of the grade rite) increased.

(2) A grade calculated as the arithmetic mean of several assessments is as follows:

up to and including	0,30	summa cum laude,
up to and including	1,50	magna cum laude,
up to and including	2,50	cum laude,
up to and including	3,00	rite.

(3) ¹The grade of the dissertation shall be the arithmetic mean of the grades of the individual reviewers.

²In the case of Section 13 (5) sentences 1 and 3, the examination committee shall determine the grade on the basis of the available reviews, in deviation from sentence 1.

(4) If the oral examination is passed, the grade shall be the arithmetic mean of the grades of the individual assessments, whereby each member of the examination board shall assess the entire oral examination with a grade in accordance with paragraph 1.

(5) ¹Following the oral examination, the examination committee shall determine the overall grade for the doctorate. ²The overall grade is calculated as the weighted arithmetic mean of the grade of the dissertation and the grade of the oral examination. ³The dissertation is included in the calculation with a factor of 2, the oral examination with a factor of 1.

(6) Notwithstanding paragraphs 3 and 5, the grade of the dissertation and the overall grade shall be "magna cum laude" with a grade value of 0.31 if not all reviewers have assessed the dissertation as "summa cum laude" and the respective weighted arithmetic mean would result in a grade value up to and including 0.3 and the grade "summa cum laude".

(7) ¹The result of the doctoral examination shall be communicated to the doctoral candidate immediately after it has been determined. ²In the event of a pass, the Chair of the Examination Board shall inform the doctoral candidate that the doctoral degree may not be awarded until the doctorate has been completed. ³Upon completion of the doctoral examination, the doctoral candidate shall receive a certificate of the examination result; this must also state that the doctoral degree may not be awarded before the doctorate is completed.

§ Section 18 Failure, cancellation, repetition of the oral examination

(1) ¹In the event of unsatisfactory performance, the oral examination shall be assessed as "failed". ²If the person to be examined misses the examination date or cancels the examination, the examination shall be deemed "failed" unless there is an important reason. ³The important reason must be reported to the Graduate Committee immediately, at least in text form, and must be substantiated. ⁴In the event of withdrawal or absence due to illness, a medical certificate stating the expected duration of the illness leading to the inability to take the examination must be submitted immediately, unless the illness is obvious. ⁵If the reason is recognised, a new examination date will be scheduled.

(2) ¹A failed oral examination may be repeated within one year, but at the earliest after three months, at the request of the doctoral candidate. ²A second repetition is excluded; unsuccessful examinations in a comparable doctoral procedure at other universities shall be taken into account. ³If the oral examination is definitively failed, the doctoral examination is definitively failed.

(3) ¹A repeat attempt should be taken before the same examination board. ²If necessary, the Graduate Committee shall appoint new examiners.

§ 19 Protective provisions

(1) ¹If a doctoral candidate can credibly demonstrate that he or she is unable to take examinations in the intended form in whole or in part, e.g. due to prolonged or permanent physical disability or chronic illness, he or she should be able to complete the corresponding work in an extended processing time or equivalent work in another form. ²An original medical certificate must be submitted for this purpose. ³The submission of a copy is not sufficient. ⁴The decision is made by the Graduate Committee.

(2) ¹Insofar as compliance with deadlines for the initial registration for examinations, the repetition of examinations, the reasons for missing examinations and compliance with processing times for examination papers are affected, the illness of the candidate and the necessary sole care of a close relative shall be deemed equivalent to the illness of the candidate. ²Close relatives are own children, parents, grandparents as well as spouses and partners and their children.

(3) ¹Expectant mothers may not perform any examinations or academic work if, according to a medical certificate, this would jeopardise the life or health of the mother or child. ²Furthermore, the protective provisions according to §§ 3, 4, 6 and 8 of the Maternity Protection Act apply.

(4) ¹The doctoral candidate must not suffer any disadvantages as a result of compliance with the provisions of paragraph 3. ²The fulfilment of the requirements of paragraphs 1 to 3 must be proven by means of suitable documents, e.g. specialist medical certificates, birth certificates, certificates from the residents' registration office, etc.

§ 20 Decision, objection

(1) ¹Rejection decisions and other onerous administrative acts made in accordance with these regulations shall be substantiated, accompanied by information on legal remedies and notified to the doctoral candidate. ²An appeal may be lodged against these decisions within one month of notification of the decision, insofar as the decision relates to the assessment of an examination.

(2) The objection must be made in writing or for the record.

(3) The Graduate Committee shall decide on the objection in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 4, unless the objection is upheld.

(4) ¹If the objection is directed against an examiner's examination-specific assessment, the Graduate Committee shall forward the objection to this person for review. ²If the examiner amends the assessment as requested, the Graduate Committee shall resolve the objection. ³Otherwise, it shall review the decision on the basis of the examiner's statement, in particular as to whether

- a) the examination procedure has been conducted properly,
- b) generally applicable valuation principles have been observed,
- c) the examiner has not been guided by irrelevant considerations.

⁴The same applies if the objection is directed against the assessment by several examiners. ⁵If there is an offence according to sentence 3, a further expert opinion on the dissertation shall be obtained

accordingly or the oral examination shall be repeated with examiners who have not previously been involved. ⁶The reassessment must not lead to a worsening of the examination grade.

(5) ¹If the objection is not upheld, a notice of objection shall be issued. ²This shall be issued by the Dean of Studies. ³The notice of objection shall state the reasons for the objection, provide information on legal remedies and be delivered.

§ 21 Publication of the dissertation

(1) ¹The dissertation shall be published by the doctoral candidate at his/her own expense. ²The publication shall take the form of a printed dissertation, in a scientific journal, in a scientific publication series, as an independent publication in a publisher's bookshop in printed or electronic form or as an electronic publication via the document server of the Göttingen State and University Library or a comparable scientific information infrastructure. ³The Graduate Committee may authorise other forms of publication in individual cases.

(2) ¹The dissertation must be published in full no later than two years after the date of the passed oral examination. ²The Graduate Committee may grant an extension of the deadline upon reasoned request, but for no longer than a further year. ³If this deadline is missed, all rights acquired through the examination shall lapse.

(3) ¹At the request of the doctoral candidate, the examination committee may authorise the publication of an abridged version of the dissertation in a scientific journal. ²In this case, the version intended for publication requires the approval of the first supervisor.

(4) ¹When the thesis is published, the reviewers' requirements regarding changes to the content must be taken into account. ²In the event of differences, the Graduate Committee shall decide. ³The first supervisor must approve the final version for publication on a revision certificate (Annex 3) immediately after fulfilment of the conditions; if he or she was not the reviewer, the Examination Board shall appoint one of its members to issue the revision certificate.

(5) ¹Proof of publication is provided by the provision of deposit copies free of charge to the office of the Dean of Studies within the period specified in paragraph 2; the number of deposit copies to be submitted for each form of publication is determined by the Graduate Committee.

(6) ¹The deposit copies shall be provided with a title page, the front and back of which shall be designed in accordance with the specimen in Annex 4. ³A short curriculum vitae describing the doctoral candidate's academic career must be printed at the end of the dissertation, insofar as this has been specified by the Graduate Committee; this does not apply to copies of the dissertation published in bookshops and electronic publications.

(7) ¹If the dissertation is published cumulatively, the publications must reflect the content of the dissertation as a whole. ²This shall be confirmed in the revision certificate. ³The provisions of paragraph

6 shall apply accordingly. ⁴If the dissertation is published in parts in accordance with sentence 1, but without reproducing the content as a whole, the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 6 shall apply to the parts not yet published.

(8) ¹If there is good cause, the doctoral candidate and the first supervisor may, at the joint request of the doctoral candidate and the first supervisor, initially publish the thesis in such a way that only an abstract is made publicly accessible for a certain period of time, but not the complete dissertation. ²An important reason exists in particular if

- a) parts of the dissertation have been accepted for publication by a journal or publisher and prior publication of these parts is not permitted under the underlying contract,
- b) this is necessary to protect intellectual property, because otherwise the registration of intellectual property rights would be jeopardised, the publication depends on the consent of third parties or scientific data directly related to the dissertation is to be published in another way first.

³The period according to sentence 1 ends six months after the day on which the oral examination was passed; the period may be extended once by a further six months upon justified request. ⁴The examination board shall decide on this. ⁵The application should be submitted before the date of the oral examination. ⁶The deposit copies in accordance with paragraph 5 must be submitted by the end of the period specified in sentences 1 and 3 at the latest.

§ 22 Completion of the doctorate

(1) ¹If the doctoral candidate has fulfilled all the obligations incumbent on him or her under these regulations, in particular if he or she has submitted the mandatory copies, the Dean shall award the doctorate by issuing the examination certificate (Annex 5) and the doctoral degree certificate (Annex 6); the certificate and the degree certificate shall be issued in German or English, at the doctoral candidate's choice. ²If they are written in German, an "Official Translation" will also be issued in English.

³Those who request this shall receive the examination certificate and the doctoral degree certificate in adapted wording without gender-typifying forms of address and personal pronouns.

(2) At the same time as the examination certificate and the doctoral degree certificate pursuant to paragraph 1 sentence 1 and, if applicable, the "Official Translation" pursuant to paragraph 1 sentence 2, the doctoral candidate may be provided with digital images of these documents in text form; these shall each contain a password-protected link to retrieve a scan of the signed original document from the University's server.

(3) ¹The date of issue of the certificate is the date on which the deposit copies of the dissertation are received by the faculty. ²The date of the doctorate is the date on which the oral examination is passed.

(4) ¹Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2, the doctorate may be completed before the deposit copies are submitted in accordance with Section 21 (5) if

- a) a publishing contract with a recognised academic publisher is submitted in place of the deposit copies and the publisher also declares in writing that printing and delivery of the deposit copies are guaranteed within a maximum period of one year after the oral examination, and
- b) a publication is made in accordance with Section 21 (8).

²In this case, completion of the doctorate shall be subject to fulfilment of the obligation under Section 21 (5). ³In the event of breach of this obligation, all rights acquired through the examination shall lapse, in particular the right to use the doctoral degree. ⁴The doctoral certificate must be returned immediately.

(4) ¹The doctoral degree may not be used before the doctoral certificate has been issued. ²The title "Dr des." may not be used.

(5) The doctorate is completed with the award of the doctoral certificate.

§ 23 Inspection of the examination files

¹In the period between the conclusion of the oral examination and the completion of the doctorate or within four weeks after a rejection or rejection of the dissertation or after failing the oral examination, the doctoral candidate may inspect the examination records. ²Copies of these documents may also be handed over.

§ Section 24 Measures in the event of significant impairment of university operations

¹In the event of a significant disruption to university operations lasting more than four weeks or of indefinite duration, in particular in the event of an epidemic or pandemic, the Graduate Committee may decide the following to ensure teaching and examination operations, if necessary in deviation from the subject-specific provisions:

- a) for individual or several courses or modules, the suspension of attendance requirements or other coursework or preliminary examinations which require attendance on university premises; in this case, the module or programme coordinator may determine an appropriate substitute coursework;
- b) the possibility of conducting an oral course assignment or an oral assessment, in whole or in part, by means of a suitable system of video and audio transmission (e.g. video conferencing), insofar as this is organisationally possible and reasonable;
- c) the waiver of written form requirements in accordance with these regulations in favour of text form; instead of the dissertation, a digital version in the format of a commonly used word processing program or as an unprotected (text extraction-enabling) PDF document must be submitted and a declaration must be made that this digital version corresponds to the written scientific treatise;

- d) conducting oral examinations (disputations) by means of a suitable system using video and audio transmission (e.g. video conferencing) by decision of the examination board, provided that the candidate agrees to this procedure at least in text form; in this case, the university public should be involved in such a way that interested parties are able to participate, e.g. in a video conference, provided that this is technically reasonable and does not jeopardise the undisturbed conduct of the examination;
- e) the possibility for students on leave of absence to participate in coursework and examinations, insofar as the leave of absence is based on the same reason as the significant impairment of university operations;
- f) the possibility for former students to take examinations, provided they were enrolled in the doctoral degree programme before the start of the significant impairment of university operations and the right to take examinations has not lapsed for other reasons; the date of enrolment must not be more than one year ago.

²The Graduate Committee, programme and module coordinators must take into account that the purpose of the coursework to be replaced can also be achieved to the greatest possible extent by the type of coursework to be replaced. ³A decision in accordance with sentence 1 may be made for one or more subject areas; the doctoral candidates shall be informed of this in an appropriate manner. ⁴If a coursework assignment is carried out in a form other than that provided for in the regulations or module catalogue, the doctoral candidate must declare his or her consent in text form or, in the case of an oral examination, at the start of the examination, waiving any objections; if doctoral candidates do not participate in a coursework assignment carried out in a form other than that provided for in the regulations or module catalogue or, in the case of a disputation, do not declare their consent in accordance with sentence 1 letter d), any failure to meet the deadline due to this non-participation shall be deemed not to be the responsibility of the doctoral candidate."

Part V

Honorary doctorate

§ 25 Conferral of an honorary doctorate

(1) ¹The Faculty Council may award the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa (Doctor disciplinarum politicarum honoris causa, abbreviated to "Dr. disc. pol. h.c.") as a rare distinction for outstanding academic achievements or other outstanding services to the advancement of science. ²Only members and affiliates of the Faculty of Social Sciences are entitled to submit proposals for persons to be honoured. ³The honorary doctorate shall be awarded by resolution of the Faculty Council, which requires a majority of two thirds of the members entitled to vote, including a majority

of four fifths of the members of the group of university lecturers. ⁴The decision shall be prepared by a committee of the Faculty Council composed according to groups.

(2) ¹The honorary doctorate is awarded by the Dean presenting the certificate. ²The certificate shall recognise the academic or academic-promoting merits of the honorary doctorate holder.

Part VI

Double doctorate

§ Section 26 Requirements for a joint doctoral procedure

- (1) A doctoral procedure conducted jointly with a foreign university or faculty requires that
- a) an agreement has been concluded with the foreign university or faculty on the cross-border supervision of this doctorate or an individual cooperation agreement has been concluded with the foreign university or faculty for the realisation of a double doctorate and
 - b) admission to doctoral studies or acceptance as a doctoral candidate was granted both at the University of Göttingen and at the foreign university or faculty.
- (2) ¹The dissertation may be submitted to the University of Göttingen or to the foreign university or faculty in accordance with the detailed provisions of the agreement referred to in paragraph 1. ²A dissertation that has been submitted to the foreign university or faculty and accepted or rejected there prior to the conclusion of the agreement in accordance with paragraph 1 may not be resubmitted to the University of Göttingen. ³The agreement in accordance with paragraph 1 must ensure that a dissertation submitted to the University of Göttingen prior to the conclusion of the agreement and accepted or rejected there cannot be resubmitted to the foreign university or faculty.
- (3) If the dissertation is submitted at the University of Göttingen, Section 27 shall apply. If the dissertation is submitted at the foreign university or faculty, Section 28 shall apply.

§ 27 Submission to the University of Göttingen

- (1) ¹During the doctoral procedure, supervision is provided by at least one person authorised to conduct examinations at the University of Göttingen and one person authorised to conduct examinations at the foreign university or faculty. ²The organisation of the supervision is set out in the agreement pursuant to Section 26 (1).
- (2) ¹Notwithstanding § 12, the Graduate Committee shall appoint an examination committee in agreement with the foreign university or faculty, which should be composed of equal numbers of academics from both institutions; the details of the composition are regulated in the agreement pursuant to § 26 (1). ²Both supervisors of the dissertation shall be appointed as examiners.
- (3) ¹If the dissertation has been accepted at the University of Göttingen, it shall be forwarded to the foreign university or faculty for approval of the continuation of the procedure. ²If the foreign university

or faculty approves the continuation of the procedure, an oral examination shall take place at the University of Göttingen in accordance with the provisions of §§ 16-18; in justified exceptional cases, the provisions of §§ 16-18 may be deviated from in accordance with the agreement pursuant to § 27 (1).

(4) ¹If the dissertation has been accepted at the University of Göttingen, but the foreign university or faculty has refused to agree to the continuation of the procedure, the joint procedure is terminated. ²The doctoral procedure shall be continued in accordance with the general provisions of these regulations. ³A new examination board shall be appointed for the examination in accordance with § 12.

§ 28 Submission to the foreign university or faculty

(1) ¹If the dissertation is submitted to the foreign university or faculty, the foreign university or faculty shall decide on its acceptance or the continuation of the procedure after reviewing the dissertation. ²If the decision is positive, the University of Göttingen will decide on the acceptance of the dissertation in accordance with Section 13 after submission of all necessary reviews, including the review by the supervisor at the University of Göttingen. ³The Dean of Studies shall inform the foreign university or faculty of the result. ⁴He or she shall also provide the names of the examiners to be appointed. ⁵The oral examination shall take place at the foreign university or faculty.

(2) ¹If the dissertation is rejected at the University of Göttingen, the joint procedure is terminated. ²The rejected dissertation may not be resubmitted to the University of Göttingen. ³The provisions on the repetition of the doctorate remain unaffected.

(3) If the foreign university or faculty has rejected the dissertation, the joint procedure shall be terminated. ²The procedure shall be continued in accordance with the provisions of §§ 9-23.

§ 29 Joint doctoral certificate

¹Upon successful completion of the doctoral procedure under joint supervision with a foreign university or faculty, a joint doctoral certificate signed by both universities will be issued, stating that the doctoral degree was awarded jointly by the participating universities for academic achievement.

²If it is not possible to issue a joint doctoral degree certificate, the doctoral degree certificate of the University of Göttingen will be endorsed with the addition that the doctoral degree was awarded on the basis of a joint doctoral degree procedure with the foreign university or faculty.

Part VII

Invalidity of the doctoral examination;

Withdrawal of the doctoral degree

§ Section 30 Invalidity of the doctoral examination; withdrawal of the doctoral degree

- (1) The doctoral examination may be declared invalid and the doctoral degree may be revoked,
- a) if it transpires that the doctoral degree was obtained by deception or if the requirements for admission to the doctoral examination or the awarding of the doctoral degree were wrongly assumed to have been met,
 - b) if it subsequently transpires that the holder of the doctoral degree has been found guilty of grossly negligent or wilful breach of his or her duty to maintain academic integrity
 - ba) was unworthy of the award of the doctoral degree or
 - bb) has shown himself or herself to be unworthy of holding a doctoral degree through his or her subsequent behaviour.
- (2) In the event of a final conviction for a criminal offence relating to the doctorate, the doctoral examination shall be declared invalid and the doctoral degree withdrawn.
- (3) ¹The Faculty Council shall make decisions in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 by a majority of its members holding a doctorate; in cases of suspected academic misconduct, the decision shall be preceded by a procedure in accordance with the Georg-August University Regulations for Safeguarding Good Academic Practice, as amended. ²The decision shall be made by the Dean. ³The decision shall be served on the person concerned.

Part VIII

Final provisions

§ 31 Entry into force and transitional provisions

- (1) ¹These regulations shall enter into force retroactively as of 1 October 2024 following their publication in the Official Notices I of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. ²They shall expire at the same time:
- the examination regulations for the doctoral programme in Social Sciences in the version published on 17 July 2009 (Amtliche Mitteilungen 17/2009 p. 1735), last amended by resolution of the Presidential Board on 3 September 2013 (Amtliche Mitteilungen I 40/2013 p. 11473),
 - the study regulations for the doctoral programme in Social Sciences in the version published on 17 July 2009 (Amtliche Mitteilungen 17/2009, p. 1755).
- (2) ¹Notwithstanding paragraph 1, doctoral candidates who commenced their studies before these Examination and Study Regulations came into force and have been continuously enrolled since then

shall continue to be examined in accordance with the provisions of the regulations within the meaning of paragraph 1 sentence 2. ²An examination in accordance with the provisions of the regulations within the meaning of paragraph 1 sentence 2 must have been carried out, including the assessment procedure, by the summer semester 2027 at the latest; the provisions of these Examination and Study Regulations shall apply to the publication of the dissertation and completion of the doctorate after the summer semester 2027.

(3) Upon request, doctoral candidates within the meaning of paragraph 2 shall be examined in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

Appendix 1: Cover sheet of the dissertation

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