



Doctoral Committee according to regulations 2016

The Doctoral Committee consists of a First Supervisor, a Second Supervisor and an external expert.

First Supervisor

The First Supervisor directly supervises/guides the doctoral student – their role is that of a thesis advisor.

It is possible to appoint two First Supervisors.

Second Supervisor

The Second Supervisor assumes the role of an independent/neutral person and participates in the annual Doctoral Committee meetings. They are the first contact person in cases of conflict and ensure the institutional connection to the faculty – the Second Supervisor must therefore always be a member of the Faculty of Science.

External expert

The external expert prepares an independent report and must meet the following criteria:

- Not a member of the University of Basel (for the last 5 years) or the following institutes: Swiss TPH, FMI, IOB, PSI, D-BSSE ETH Zurich in Basel, FHNW or of the institution where the dissertation is carried out
- Qualified as a university lecturer (habilitiert) or equivalently qualified
- No obvious connection to the dissertation project
- No publications with the doctoral candidate
- No current or previous dependent relationship (expert - supervisor as well as expert - doctoral candidate)

Doctoral Committee meeting

A Doctoral Committee meeting takes place at least once a year.

Present are: First Supervisor, Second Supervisor and doctoral candidate.

The meeting serves to review the Doctoral Agreement, an assessment of the current status and the objectives of the thesis.

Part of the meeting should be used for one-to-one talks (Second Supervisor and doctoral candidate as well as Second Supervisor and First Supervisor).

The completed meeting sheets remain with the doctoral candidate and must only be submitted in the original to the Dean's Office when the Doctoral Degree Procedure is initiated.

Changes to the cover sheet of the Doctoral Agreement regarding the committee, the type of doctorate or the number of credit points to be obtained must be communicated to the Dean's Office immediately in the form of an updated Doctoral Agreement.



Reports

All three members of the committee write a report.

Only the Second Supervisor can waive this requirement if the First Supervisor is a member of Group I of the Faculty of Science

If there are two First Supervisors, their report would be prepared jointly by both together (one grade).

Doctoral exam

All members of the Doctoral Committee take part in the doctoral exam as examiners.