



## International Cooperative Cross-Border Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in International Economic Relations and Management

### Joint Curriculum

The curriculum provides information on the qualification profile, the requirements for admission, the structure of the doctorate and the number of ECTS credits which PhD candidates have to earn during their doctoral studies. The curriculum for the doctoral/PhD programme includes the following **main features** and key elements:

- The doctoral degree programme duration is 3 years, with the possibility of extension up to six years
- Part-time study, held completely in English language
- First year: scientific modules and doctoral colloquia
- Public presentation of the intended doctoral research proposal within the first year of doctoral studies fixed
- Signing a doctoral thesis agreement subsequent to the public presentation
- Periodical, at least annual progress reports
- Regular publishing of research findings
- Passing Rigorosum and Public hearing prior to final defence of the doctoral thesis, demonstrating the candidate's ability to master his/her academic topic/ scientific field independently
- Final Public defence of the doctoral thesis

The first year is intended for attending and taking compulsory modules and doctoral colloquia, while in the second and third year students are allowed to more flexibly fulfilment of the obligations prescribed by the doctoral study programme, respecting their individual study dynamics (e.g. obtaining ECTS for the publication of scientific papers).

### Key stages of the doctoral study programme

Lasting at least 3 years, with the possibility of extension up to six years, this joint PhD doctoral programme is divided into four key stages:

**Stage 1: Educational phase**

**Stage 2: Research phase**

**Stage 3: Scientific phase**

**Stage 4: Final phase with Defensio**

The total academic requirement of this cooperative cross-border doctoral programme comes up to 180 ECTS, with estimated workload of approximately 4500 working hours. The 180 ECTS comprise

- ➔ modular lectures, teaching modules, f2f-sessions, online distance-learning sessions, hybrid sessions and doctoral colloquia (**educational credits**),
- ➔ presentation of students' research results and findings, monitorings of doctoral thesis, students' individual research work, consultations and work with supervisor (**research & scientific credits**) and
- ➔ presentations of students' work-in-progress at various scientific conferences with overall publication activity (**publication credits**).

| Subjects                             | Credits in  |     |    |    |    |    | Total         |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----|----|----|----|----|---------------|
|                                      | 1.  | 2.  | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. |               |
|                                      | semester  |     |    |    |    |    |               |
| I. Education credits                 |   |     |    |    |    |    |               |
| Basic subjects                       | 5+5   | 5+5 | -  | -  | -  | -  |               |
| Compulsory subjects of the programme | 5   | 5   | 5  | 5  | -  | -  |               |
| Optional subjects                    | -   | -   | -  | -  | 6  | -  |               |
| Total educational credits            | 15  | 15  | 5  | 5  | 6  | 10 | 56            |
| II. Research credits/Thesis work     | 10  | 10  | 10 | 10 | 17 | 17 | 74            |
| III. Publication credits             | Credit points according to publication activity at the end of the doctoral program (in total) |     |    |    |    |    | Compulsory 50 |
| IV. Supplementary credits            | If required for a 4 <sup>th</sup> year of study   |     |    |    |    |    | [60]          |
| Total<br>(obtainable credits)        | 30  | 30  | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 180           |

In detail, the JOINT curriculum is set in an agreement by all partner universities, offering prospective doctoral students **innovative, transdisciplinary teaching and learning formats** and is structured as follows:

### **Year I/Stage I: Educational phase ( semesters I and 2) at the UAS Burgenland inclusive all academic requirements**

The first academic year of the doctoral studies (semester I and 2) is carried out at the **University of Applied Sciences Burgenland, Eisenstadt, Austria**, under responsibility of Consortium and professors from partner universities.

#### **Year 1** (semesters 1+2 at UAS Burgenland) (with professors from partner universities)

| <b>Course</b>  | <b>Course Type</b> | <b>ECTS</b> |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Economic Philosophy (professors from Pula)                                     | Compulsory         | 5           |
| World Economy (professor from Bratislava)                                      | Compulsory         | 5           |
| Advanced Statistics and Multivariate Analysis I,II,III (professor from Sopron) | Compulsory         | 5           |
| Academic Research Methodology I,II,III (professor from Sopron)                 | Compulsory         | 5           |
| Economics of Innovation (professors from Pula)                                 | Compulsory         | 5           |
| Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy (professors from Pula)                       | Compulsory         | 5           |
| <b>Thesis work/Research credit</b>   |                    | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>Publication credits</b>   |                    | <b>10</b>   |

**Important:** At the latest within the second (summer) semester, PhD candidates are assigned their supervisors according to their research and scientific field. And are expected to start working with their supervisor(s) in order to **get their final RESEARCH PROPOSAL of the dissertation fixed (at least by the end of the third semester).**

The students are encouraged to make their presentations of RP within the second semester at the International Conference for Doctoral Students and Early-Stage Researchers, taking place in May each academic year in Eisenstadt.

## Semester 1

### Educational phase

- attend regularly f2f/online/hybrid modules, consultations & doctoral colloquia
- meet all academic requirements and obligations
- write assignments & essays (deadlines)
- work on the design of your final research proposal
- start working intensively on literature review for your thesis

## Semester 2

### Educational phase

- attend f2f/online/hybrid lectures , modules, consultations & doctoral colloquia
- meet all prescribed academic requirements
- write assignments & essays
- start working intensively with your supervisor
- participate in scientific conference in Eisenstadt (May): presentation of your work-in-progress

## Year 2/Stage 2: Research phase (semesters 3 and 4)

In order to enter the second year of joint doctorate studies, the doctoral students **are expected to complete** all the required ECTS from the first academic year.

Within **the second year** (winter and summer term), all research and publication credits (ECTS) have to be gained as follows:

### Year 2 (semesters 3+4)

| Course                                    | Course Type | ECTS |
|---|-------------|------|
| Seminar/Individual work with supervisor 1 | Compulsory  | 5    |
| Seminar/Individual work with supervisor 2 | Compulsory  | 5    |
| Thesis work/research credits              | (2x10)      | 20   |
| Publication credits                       | (2x15)      | 30   |

**Important:** within the third semester at the latest, the RP should be fixed and signed by the supervisor(s) and the doctoral student.

### Semester 3

- Focus on literature review for your PhD thesis, work intensively with supervisor(s)
- elaborate RP thoroughly, fix and defend it (if you have not done so already)
- attend conferences (esp. prepare for the conference in May) and publish your research findings

### Semester 4

- work on your doctoral thesis, think thoroughly about methodology
- focus on and intensify your research activity (collect and analyze data material)
- attend conferences regularly, present and publish your scientific findings and results

## Year 3/Stage 3: Scientific phase (semester 5 and 6)

After doctoral students have passed successfully all the academic requirements, they are eligible to start within

### Semester 5

- cooperate closely with his/hersupervisor(s)
- intensify writing on his/her thesis
- regularly publish his/her scientific results

### Semester 6

- make final research and (if 100% finished), make a request for PUBLIC HEARING --> pass it
- attend conferences and publish his/her scientific results

Within **the third year** (winter and summer term), the doctoral students are expected to meet all research and publication ECTS as follows:

### Year 3 (semesters 5+6 at the partner university of the supervisor)

| Course   | Course Type | ECTS |
|--|-------------|------|
| Individual work with supervisor(s) 3   | Optional    | 6    |
| Active participation in scientific conferences, research workshops, doctoral/scientific seminar(s) | Compulsory  | 10   |
| Thesis work/Research work with supervisor(s) 4   | Compulsory  | 17   |
| Thesis work/Research work with supervisor(s) 5   | Compulsory  | 17   |
| Publication credits  |             | 10   |

## Stage 4: Final phase with public defensio of the dissertation

## Workload of doctoral students and their academic requirements

The Consortium of all partner universities guarantees that the actual workload of prospective doctoral students in the PhD programme fully complies with the requirements of the joint curriculum:

| First study year (60 ECTS)   | The second study year (60 ECTS)   | The third study year (60 ECTS)   | Requirements for the acquisition of the academic degree PhD  |
|--|---|--|--|
| 30 ECTS by passing 6 mandatory exams (6x5)<br>20 ECTS thesis/research credits<br>10 ECTS publication credits | 10 ECTS seminar/individual work with supervisor(s)<br>20 ECTS thesis work/research credits<br>30 ECTS publication credits | 6 ECTS Individual work with supervisor(s)<br>10 ECTS active participation in scientific conferences<br>34 ECTS thesis/research work<br>10 ECTS publication credits | 56 ECTS educational credits<br>74 ECTS research credits/thesis work<br>50 ECTS publication credits |

The planned and prescribed student workload corresponds to the usual standards of all participating partner universities and the regulations in their countries of origin. Thus, the workload of all prospective doctoral students is comparable to the requirements of a comparable Austrian doctoral programme.