

Addendum to UGent-OER 2021-2022

PhD enrolment and registration at DS

The Faculty of Bioscience Engineering distinguishes between two types of candidate PhD students:

- Type 1: holder of a relevant MSc degree or Bachelor of Honours degree.

For these students no mandatory curriculum is defined in order to be accepted to the doctoral examination, unless required by the promotor.

- Type 2: holder of a non-relevant MSc or Bachelor of Honours degree or relevant Bachelor degree of minimal four years

For these students, a mandatory study program, consisting of 30 ECTS points should be finished during the first year (or equivalent period which allows two full examination possibilities) after the first enrolment for the doctorate and the doctoral training, in order to be allowed to the doctoral examination. The Faculty Student Administration will check whether the compulsory program has been successfully finished by timely contacting the promotor and PhD student.

The mandatory programme of 30 ECTS points is proposed by the Faculty Board through the promotor and following advice from the Faculty Doctoral Commission. For type 2 PhD students, performing a joint PhD, the mandatory program should be defined in the contract between both institutions involved in the PhD.

The programme of 30 ECTS points should consist of regular course units (excluding MSc thesis) listed in the Course Catalogue of Ghent University or courses considered as equivalent if followed at other institutes.

If the PhD candidate wishes to finish the doctoral training and receive the doctoral training certificate s/he should fulfil besides the imposed programme also all other requirements as stipulated by the regulation of the doctoral training programme of Ghent University.

Submission of PHD manuscript.

- Publicatiecriteria: 1 publicatie or patent or breeder's rights

Internal defense

- This internal defence, including the deliberation may not exceed 3 hours.
- Decision 1: admission to the second part of the examination (public defence of the doctoral dissertation), possibly with the requirement of minor changes to the dissertation;
- Decision 2: admission to the second part, after the doctoral student has revised the dissertation. The Examination Board will see to it that this revision is feasible within a reasonable time span determined by the Board. At the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, this time span is at least 1 month and may not exceed 6 months. The chair of the Examination Board and the supervisor(s) of the dissertation together will make sure that the required corrections are made. The PhD candidate submits, together with an adapted version of the dissertation, a reply to the comments of the members of the Examination Board. Based on the comments and the adapted

dissertation, a new (electronic) deliberation by the Examination Board leads in principle to a Decision 1 or a Decision 3. If this is not the case, or if the corrections do not meet the required standards, the Examination Board may yet decide to deny the student access to the second part of the doctoral examination;

- Decision 3: no admission to the second part of the examination. In this case, the PhD candidate may only resubmit a new (improved) dissertation at the earliest one year after the date of the decision of the Examination Board not to admit the candidate to the second part of the examination. In this case, the full procedure of the doctoral exam needs to be followed. This decision is in principle only taken if the candidate was given a Decision 2 (major revision) in a previous examination committee meeting.