



## Doctoral Studies at the Faculties/Institutes

### 1. Faculty of Theology (Theologische Fakultät)

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#### Doctoral Degrees

- Dr. theol.
- Dr. phil.

#### General Requirements

Admission to doctoral training with the degree of Dr. theol. requires a Master of Theology in Theology or a Master of Theology in Semitic Philology from the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel. Admission to doctoral training with the degree of Dr. phil. requires one of the following degrees:

- a) Master of Arts from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science of the University of Basel with one of the following master's degree subjects as a major or minor: Theology, Jewish Studies, or Religious Studies;
- b) Master of Theology from the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel;
- c) Master of Arts in Interreligious Studies from the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel;
- d) Master of Arts in Religion - Economics - Politics from the Universities of Basel, Lucerne and Zurich.

Other degrees from an institution of higher education recognized by the University of Basel are classified by the doctoral board as fully, partially or not equivalent.

All degrees must have a grade point average of at least 5 / rounded to one tenth (Swiss grading system 1-6, 6 = max / 4 = pass). If the degree does not have a grade point average and if this cannot be calculated, the equivalence of the degree will be reviewed by the doctoral board.

Applicants with a master's degree with a grade point average below 5.0 may be admitted to the doctorate by way of exception upon application to the doctoral board by the prospective first supervisor and upon submission of an outstanding scientific qualification thesis (e.g. Master's thesis), if necessary on condition that they make up missing course credits. Details are regulated in the guidelines.

#### Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Theology, University of Basel, dated 22 May 2023. Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

### 2. Faculty of Law (Juristische Fakultät)

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#### Doctorate available in

- Law (Rechtswissenschaft)

#### General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to doctoral studies at the Faculty of Law must hold a master's degree of the Faculty of Law of the University of Basel with a grade average of at least 5 (in accordance with the Swiss grading system: 1-6, 6 = maximum / 4 = pass).

Academic qualifications from other universities or higher education institutions recognized by the University of Basel may be recognized as entirely or partly equivalent by the doctoral board. Candidates may be granted admission on condition that they make up missing course credits. Candidates seeking admission must hold an academic degree awarded at least a grade average of 5 (in accordance with the Swiss grading



system: 1-6, 6 = maximum / 4 = pass). Possible requirements shall be determined upon consultation with the doctoral board and stipulated by the Office of the Rector in conjunction with the granting of admission. In exceptional cases, candidates holding a degree with a lower grade average may be recommended for admission to doctoral studies by the doctoral board based on § 9 of the Doctoral Studies Regulations upon consultation with the proposed main supervisor. They may be admitted on condition that they make up missing course credits.

### Regulations

- For details, please consult the Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Law, dated 5 January 2012.

Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

### 3. Faculty of Medicine (Medizinische Fakultät)

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#### Doctorates leading to the award of a Dr. med. and Dr. med. dent.

##### Doctorates

- Dr. med.
- Dr. med. dent.

##### General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to the doctorate with the degree Dr. med. must hold a master's degree in Medicine (Master of Medicine) from a Swiss University or an equivalent degree from a foreign university and in addition the federal diploma as physician or a medical degree recognized by the Medizinalberufekommission of the Federal Office of Public Health.

Candidates seeking admission to the doctorate with the degree Dr. med. dent. must hold a master's degree in Dental Medicine (Master of Dental Medicine) from a Swiss University or an equivalent degree from a foreign university and in addition the federal diploma as dentist or a dentistry degree recognized by the Medizinalberufekommission of the Federal Office of Public Health.

Candidates holding a master's degree in Medicine or Dental Medicine of a Swiss university who have not yet received their federal diploma may be admitted to the respective doctorate for a maximum of one semester on the condition that the diploma is submitted to the Student Administration Office during that semester (deadline: 15 November for the fall semester).

##### Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations (for the awarding of Dr. med., Dr. med. dent. and Dr. h.c. degrees) of the Faculty of Medicine, dated 25 April 2022.

Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

For the **PhD in Medical and Health Sciences** see 9. "Interfaculty doctorate in Medical and Health Sciences at the Faculties of Medicine and Science"

### 4. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Philosophisch-Historische Fakultät)

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#### Doctorates are available in the following subjects:

- African Studies (Afrika-Studien)
- Ancient History (Alte Geschichte)



- Anglophone Literary and Cultural Studies (Anglophone Literatur- und Kulturwissenschaft)
- Anthropology (Ethnologie)
- Art History (Kunstgeschichte)
- Classical Archaeology (Klassische Archäologie)
- Cultural Anthropology (Kulturanthropologie)
- Digital Humanities
- East European History (Osteuropäische Geschichte)
- Egyptology (Ägyptologie)
- English Linguistics (Sprachwissenschaft des Englischen)
- European Archaeology (Ur- und Frühgeschichtliche und Provinzialrömische Archäologie)
- European Global Studies
- French Linguistics (Französische Sprachwissenschaft)
- French Literature (Französische Literaturwissenschaft)
- Gender Studies (Geschlechterforschung)
- General Linguistics (Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft)
- Geography (Geographie)
- German Linguistics (Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft)
- German Literature (Deutsche Literaturwissenschaft)
- Greek Philology (Gräzistik)
- History (Geschichte)
- Ibero-Romance Linguistics (Iberoromanische Sprachwissenschaft)
- Ibero-Romance Literature (Iberoromanische Literaturwissenschaft)
- Italian Linguistics (Italienische Sprachwissenschaft)
- Italian Literature (Italienische Literaturwissenschaft)
- Jewish Studies (Jüdische Studien)
- Latin Philology (Latinistik)
- Literary Studies (Allgemeine Literaturwissenschaft)
- Media Studies (Medienwissenschaft)
- Musicology (Musikwissenschaft)
- Near & Middle Eastern Studies
- Philosophy (Philosophie)
- Political Science (Politikwissenschaft)
- Russian Studies (Russistik)
- Scandinavian Studies (Skandinavistik)
- Science of Religion (Religionswissenschaft)
- Semitic Philology (Semitische Philologie)
- Slavic Studies (Slavistik)
- Sociology (Soziologie)
- Sustainability Research (Nachhaltigkeitsforschung)
- Urban Studies

### **General Requirements**

Candidates seeking admission to the listed doctoral subjects at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences must hold a master's degree of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Basel in a subject/program related to their chosen doctoral subject.

Master's degrees from other Swiss universities and of the Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology Zürich and Lausanne are recognized as equivalent where candidates have obtained at least 35 credit points (ECTS) in a subject studied at postgraduate level that is related to their chosen doctoral subject.



Other degrees from a different faculty or from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel may be recognized as equivalent by the doctoral board upon consultation with the teaching committee responsible for a particular doctoral subject.

Candidates holding a master's degree must in all cases have been awarded a grade average of at least 5.0 / rounded to one tenth (in accordance with the Swiss grading system: 1-6, 6 = maximum / 4 = pass). If they hold an academic degree without a grade average or if the grade average cannot be calculated, the doctoral board will review the equivalence to a degree with a grade average of 5.0 / rounded to one tenth (Swiss grading system).

### Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, dated 2 March 2017. Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

## 5. Faculty of Science (Philosophisch-Naturwissenschaftliche Fakultät)

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### Doctorates are available in the following subjects:

- Actuarial Science (Versicherungswissenschaft)
- Biochemistry (Biochemie)
- Bioethics (Bioethik)
- Biophysics (Biophysik)
- Botany (Botanik)
- Cell Biology (Zellbiologie)
- Chemistry (Chemie)
- Computational Biology
- Computer Science (Informatik)
- Environmental Sciences (Umweltwissenschaften)
- Genetics (Genetik)
- Geography (Geographie)
- Geosciences (Geowissenschaften)
- History of Natural Sciences\* (Geschichte der Naturwissenschaften)
- Mathematics (Mathematik)
- Medical-Biological Research\* (Medizinisch-biologische Forschung)
- Meteorology (Meteorologie)
- Microbiology (Mikrobiologie)
- Molecular Biology (Molekularbiologie)
- Nanosciences (Nanowissenschaften)
- Neurobiology (Neurobiologie)
- Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmazeutische Wissenschaften)
- Pharmacology\* (Pharmakologie)
- Physics (Physik)
- Prehistory and Archaeological Science (Prähistorische und Naturwissenschaftliche Archäologie)
- Science Education (Didaktik der Naturwissenschaften)
- Structural Biology (Strukturbiologie)
- Toxicology (Toxikologie)
- Zoology (Zoologie)

\* Supervised jointly with the Faculties of Medicine and/or Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. For further information, please consult the respective Office of the Dean.



### General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to the listed subjects must hold a master's degree from the Faculty of Science of the University of Basel qualifying them for their chosen subject of doctoral study. Master's degrees from other Swiss Universities or from Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology ('Eidgenössische Technische Hochschulen') which qualify their holders for the chosen subject of doctoral study are recognized as equivalent.

Other degrees from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel or from a different faculty of the University of Basel may be classified as entirely, partially or not equivalent by the doctoral board.

### Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Science, dated 15 September 2015. Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

For the **PhD in Medical and Health Sciences** see 9. "Interfaculty doctorate in Medical and Health Sciences at the Faculties of Medicine and Science"

## 6. Faculty of Business and Economics (Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät)

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### Doctorate available in

- Business and Economics (Wirtschaftswissenschaften)

### General Requirements

A master's degree from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Basel with a grade point average of at least 5.0 / rounded to one tenth gives access to the doctorate in economics.

Interfaculty and other degrees of the University of Basel as well as degrees of a university recognized by the University of Basel can be recognized by the doctoral board as fully or partially equivalent, if necessary with the requirement to make up missing course credits. Any additional requirements will be determined by the doctoral board. These degrees must also have a grade point average of at least 5.0 / rounded to one tenth (Swiss grading system 1-6, 6 = highest grade / 4 = sufficient grade). If the degree does not have a grade point average and if this cannot be calculated, the equivalence of the degree to the grade point average of at least 5.0 / rounded to one tenth will be reviewed by the doctoral board.

Applicants with university degrees with a grade point average below 5.0 may be admitted to the doctorate by way of exception upon application to the doctoral board by the prospective first supervisor and upon submission of an outstanding scientific thesis, if necessary with the condition that they make up missing course credits. Details concerning the scientific thesis are regulated in the guidelines.

In exceptional cases, applicants with an excellent degree from a non-university higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel (e.g. a university of applied sciences) may be admitted to the doctorate upon application to the doctoral board by the prospective first supervisor, if necessary with the condition that they make up missing course credits. Details are regulated in the guidelines.

### Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Business and Economics, dated 12 June 2023. Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).



## 7. Faculty of Psychology (Fakultät für Psychologie)

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### Doctorate available in

- Psychology

### General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to doctoral studies in psychology must hold a Master of Science in Psychology from the University of Basel. Other degrees from the University of Basel or from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel may be recognized as entirely or partially equivalent by the doctoral board. If a degree is considered partly equivalent, admission is granted on condition that candidates make up a maximum of 24 missing course credits according to § 19, 4 of the Student Regulations. These requirements can either consist of individual courses from the master's program or the colloquium according to § 12 of the Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Psychology. Candidates holding further education qualifications on the level of a Master of Advanced Studies are not eligible for admission to doctoral studies.

### Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Psychology, dated 17 September 2014. Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

## 8. Institute for Educational Sciences (University of Basel)

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### Doctorates available in

- Educational Sciences
- Subject-Specific Education (Fachdidaktik)

### General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to doctoral training in educational sciences must hold a "Master of Arts (MA) in Educational Sciences" from the Institute for Educational Sciences of the University of Basel or another master's degree suitable for doctoral studies from the University of Basel or from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel. In the latter two cases, proof of a total of at least 35 credit points (ECTS, abbreviated to CP) must be provided at master's level in educational sciences, which should correspond to the master's program educational sciences at the Institute for Educational Sciences of the University of Basel.

Candidates seeking admission to doctoral training in subject-specific education (Fachdidaktik) must hold a master's degree suitable for this doctorate from the University of Basel or from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel. Proof must be provided of a total of at least 35 credit points (CP) in the corresponding subject-specific education, 35 CP in the scientific discipline corresponding to that subject-specific education, and 25 CP in educational science and educational research methods.

Candidates seeking admission must hold an academic degree awarded a grade average of at least 5.0 / rounded to one tenth (in accordance with the Swiss grading system: 1-6, 6 = maximum / 4 = pass). If they hold an academic degree without a grade average or if the grade average cannot be calculated, the doctoral board will review the equivalence to a degree with a grade average of 5.0 / rounded to one tenth (Swiss grading system).



### Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Institute for Educational Sciences of the University of Basel, dated 30 April 2024.

Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

## 9. Interfaculty doctorate in Medical and Health Sciences at the Faculties of Medicine and Science

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### Doctorates are available in the following subjects:

- Medicines Development
- Biomedical Engineering
- Epidemiology and Public Health
- Infection Biology
- Clinical Research
- Medical Ethics
- Nursing Science
- Sport Science

### General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to this doctorate must hold a master's degree from a Swiss university or a Swiss Federal Institute of Technology that qualifies for the chosen doctoral subject. Other degrees from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel may be classified as entirely, partially or not equivalent by the interfaculty doctoral board.

### Regulations

- Interfaculty Doctoral Studies Regulations in Medical and Health Sciences of the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Science of the University of Basel, dated 22 April 2024 and 30 April 2024

Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

### Information on “Co-tutelle”- Doctorates

‘Co-tutelle’ doctoral students are registered at two universities, but pay their semester fees only at one university. The ‘co-tutelle’ contract defines the university receiving the fees. If it has been agreed on the University of Basel not being the institute that receives the fees, a copy of the contract signed by all parties is to be presented to the student administration office at the immatriculation at the latest. Registrations free of fees without a valid ‘co-tutelle’ contract are not possible. At present the application fee amounts to CHF 100.-. This fee must be paid to the University of Basel in any case. The doctoral students have to hand in a copy of the contract to the student administration office of the University of Basel as soon as it has been signed by all parties.

For questions concerning 'co-tutelle' agreements, you can contact [cotutelle@unibas.ch](mailto:cotutelle@unibas.ch).

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