

Doctoral Studies at the Faculties/Institutes

1. Faculty of Theology (Theologische Fakultät)

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Doctoral Degrees

- Dr. theol.
- Dr. phil.

General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to doctoral studies in theology leading to a doctorate in theology (Dr. theol.) must hold a Master of Theology from the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel.

Candidates seeking admission to doctoral studies in theology leading to a doctorate in philosophy (Dr. phil.) must hold either a Master of Arts from the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Basel, including theology as a major or minor extra-faculty subject, a Master of Theology from the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel, or a Master of Arts in Religion-Economics-Politics from the universities of Basel, Lucerne, and Zurich.

The Doctoral Examinations Committee of the Faculty of Theology reserves the right to partly or fully accept as equivalent degrees from universities formally recognized by the University of Basel. Candidates from such universities may be required to make up for missing course credits. Candidates holding further education qualifications on the level of a Master of Advanced Studies are not eligible for admission to doctoral studies.

Candidates seeking admission to either type of doctoral studies (Dr. theol. and Dr. phil.) at the Faculty of Theology must hold an academic degree awarded at least a grade average of 5.0 (in accordance with the Swiss grading system: 1.0-6.0, 6.0 = maximum / 4.0 = pass) or an academic qualification formally recognized as equivalent. The Doctoral Examinations Committee reserves the right to review applications for admission from candidates holding an academic degree not awarded a grade point average nor a qualification considered equivalent.

Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Theology, University of Basel, dated 4 March 2013. Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

2. Faculty of Law (Juristische Fakultät)

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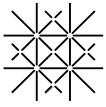
Doctorate available in

- 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 Examinations Committee. 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 Examinations Committee 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 Examinations Committee 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)

Dekanat, Klingelbergstr. 61, 4056 Basel; for questions concerning doctorates leading to the award of a Dr. med. and Dr. med. dent: Tel. +41 61 207 19 18, e-mail: diss-medizin@unibas.ch; for questions concerning doctorates leading to the award of a Dr. sc. med.: Tel. +41 61 207 57 04, e-mail: phd-med@unibas.ch; homepage <http://medizin.unibas.ch>

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 these two doctorates must hold either a Master's degree in Medicine (Master of Medicine) or in Dental Medicine (Master of Dental Medicine) from a Swiss University. Candidates holding an academic degree from a foreign university require the Faculty of Medicine to recognize the equivalent status of their qualification. Candidates holding an academic degree from a foreign university are eligible for admission to doctoral studies at the University of Basel solely on condition that the qualification received renders them eligible for admission to doctoral studies in the country where they received it. In case of any doubt, the University of Basel reserves the right to request candidates to furnish evidence of their eligibility for admission.

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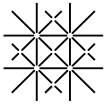
- Doctoral Studies Regulations (for the awarding of Dr. med., Dr. med. dent. and Dr. h.c. degrees) of the Faculty of Medicine, dated 19 November 2009.

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

Doctorates leading to the award of a Dr. sc. med.

Doctorates are available in the following subjects:

- Biomedical Engineering (Biomedizinische Technik)
- Biomedical Ethics (Bio- und Medizinethik)
- Clinical Research (Klinische Forschung)
- Medicines Development (Arzneimittelentwicklung)
- Nursing Science (Pflegerwissenschaft)
- Public Health/Epidemiology (Public Health/Epidemiologie)
- Sport Science (Sportwissenschaft)



General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to the listed doctoral studies programs must hold a degree from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel – as a rule a Master's degree from a university – in a program relevant to their chosen area of doctoral study. The Doctoral Examinations Committee may grant admission on condition that candidates make up missing course credits up to a maximum of 24 credit points.

Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations (for the awarding of Dr. sc. med. degrees) of the Faculty of Medicine, dated 25 September 2014.

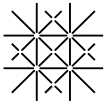
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4. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Philosophisch-Historische Fakultät)

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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 Examinations Committee 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 decimal place (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 Examinations Committee will review the equivalence to a degree with a grade average of 5.0 / rounded to one decimal place (Swiss grading system).

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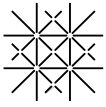
- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, dated 2 March 2017. Copies of these regulations are available as a download [here](#).

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)
- Epidemiology* (Epidemiologie)
- 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 considered entirely, partly or not equivalent by the Doctoral Examinations Committee.

Regulations

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

6. Faculty of Business and Economics (Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät)

Graduate School of Business and Economics, Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Peter Merian-Weg 6, Postfach, 4002 Basel, Tel. +41 61 207 33 73, e-mail: gsbe-wwz@unibas.ch, homepage <https://wwz.unibas.ch/de/graduateschool/>

Doctorate available in

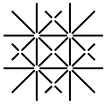
- Business and Economics (Wirtschaftswissenschaften)

General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to doctoral studies in Business and Economics must hold a Master's degree from the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Basel awarded with at least a grade average of 5/unrounded.

Academic qualifications from universities or higher education institutions recognized by the University of Basel may be recognized as entirely or partly equivalent by the Doctoral Examinations Committee. Candidates may be granted admission on condition that they make up missing course credits.

Possible requirements shall be determined upon consultation with the Doctoral Examinations Committee and stipulated by the Office of the Rector in conjunction with the granting of admission. Requirements shall be set out in writing in the individual candidate's doctoral studies agreement.



Candidates seeking admission must hold an academic degree awarded at least a grade average of 5/unrounded (in accordance with the Swiss grading system: 1-6, 6 = maximum / 4 = pass) or an equivalent academic qualification. The Doctoral Studies Committee reserves the right to review applications from candidates holding an academic degree not awarded a grade average. Candidates holding a Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) are not eligible for admission to doctoral studies at the University of Basel.

Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Faculty of Business and Economics, dated 16 December 2010. 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 partly equivalent by the Doctoral Examinations Committee. 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)

Institute for Educational Sciences (University of Basel), Prof. Dr. Susanne Metzger, FHNW Campus Muttentz, 9. Stock West, Hofackerstrasse 30, 4132 Muttentz, e-mail: susanne.metzger@unibas.ch, Tel. +41 61 207 53 02, homepage <http://bildungswissenschaften.unibas.ch/>

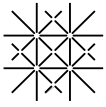
Doctorates available in

- Educational Sciences (Bildungswissenschaften)
- Teaching Methodology (Fachdidaktiken)

General Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to the doctoral studies program at the Institute for Educational Sciences must hold a Master's degree from the University of Basel or from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel in a program suitable for their chosen area of doctoral study.

Candidates seeking admission must hold an academic degree awarded at least a grade average of 5/unrounded (in accordance with the Swiss grading system: 1-6, 6 = maximum / 4 = pass) or an equivalent academic qualification. If they hold an academic degree without a grade average or if the grade average cannot be calculated, the Doctoral Examinations Committee of the Institute will review the equivalence to a degree with a grade average of at least 5/unrounded (Swiss grading system).



Regulations

- Doctoral Studies Regulations of the Institute for Educational Sciences of the University of Basel, dated 13 December 2016.

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.

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