

Guide to the doctoral complex examination

1. *The validity of the complex examination*

The complex examination may only be conducted if all three members of the committee (chairperson, internal and external members) are present.

2. *The evaluation of the performance of the doctoral student.*

Doctoral Regulations, Section 13

“(1)The complex examination is an examination to be completed in the course of the doctoral education, at the end of the fourth semester, as the conclusion of the coursework and research stage and as the condition of the commencement of the research and dissertation stage, or at the beginning of the individual preparation, and it assesses and evaluates the student's progress in the academic and research fields.

The complex examination consists of two parts. In the “theoretical part”, the doctoral student is required to account for his/her knowledge acquired in the primary and secondary subjects, while in the second part (the “dissertation part”) on his/her knowledge of the relevant literature, his/her research findings, his/her research plan pertaining to the second stage of the doctoral programme, as well as the proposed time schedule of the preparation of the dissertation and the publication of the results. The members of the committee shall evaluate the results of the complex doctoral examination by way of individual votes on each part of the examination, **with a “pass” or “fail” grade**. The result shall be announced immediately after the examination. A written record shall be drawn up of the complex examination. The decision of the committee shall be entered on the registry sheet of the doctoral student.

The evaluation of the complex examination shall not affect the subsequent overall evaluation of the doctoral degree (dissertation, academic achievements, public debate).

The evaluation of the complex examination

Both parts of the complex examination (theoretical part, dissertation part) shall be evaluated by the members of the committee separately. The complex examination shall be considered as successful if the majority of the members of the board of examination evaluated both parts of the examination as successful. In case of an unsuccessful examination part, the student may re-take the examination in the missing subject(s) once in the given examination period.