









## The Thesis Committee (Betreuungsausschuss)

<b>1</b>	<b>Membership</b>
	<p><b>a) Minimum number of members in a structured doctoral programme</b> (§ 6 I PromO*)</p> <p>  The authorised examiner and first academic advisor („doctoral supervisor“)   Another scientist holding a doctoral degree   Another scientist holding a doctoral degree            ??? Additional members (holding a doctoral degree) possible         </p>
	<p><b>b) Minimum number of members in an individual doctorate</b> (§ 6 I PromO)</p> <p>  The authorised examiner and first academic advisor („doctoral supervisor“)   Another scientist holding a doctoral degree            ??? Additional members (holding a doctoral degree) possible         </p>
	<p><b>c) Minimum number of members in the structured doctoral programme <i>Behavior and Cognition</i></b> (§ 6 I PromO, § 4 BeCog-ProgrammO**)</p> <p>  The authorised examiner and first academic advisor („doctoral supervisor“)            [must be an authorised examiner of the doctoral programme <i>Behavior and Cognition</i>]   Another scientist holding a doctoral degree            [must be an authorised examiner of the doctoral programme <i>Behavior and Cognition</i>]   Another scientist holding a doctoral degree            ??? Additional members (holding a doctoral degree) possible         </p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Appointment of the committee</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee is appointed by the management board at <b>GSGG</b> (Graduate School of Humanities Göttingen) after hearing the doctoral candidate once she/he has been accepted as a doctoral candidate. [§ 6 I 1 PromO]</li> <li>• The appointment of the thesis committee can take place up to 3 months later if the candidate has <b>not</b> previously been at the Göttingen University. [§ 6 I 1 PromO]</li> <li>• All members must hold a <b>doctoral degree</b>. [§ 6 I 2 PromO]</li> <li>• The members of the thesis committee who are authorised examiners <b>must not be in a dependent relationship to each other</b>. [§ 6 I 2 PromO]</li> <li>• If there is an important reason, the management board at GSGG may make <b>changes to the membership</b> of the thesis committee, subject to application by a member of the thesis committee or the doctoral candidate. [§ 6 IV PromO]</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The thesis committee <b>supervises and supports</b> the doctoral candidate. The candidate must regularly, at least once a year, report in detail to the thesis committee on the status of the doctoral project and, if applicable, the academic achievements to date (<b>annual report requirement</b>). [§ 6 II PromO]</li> <li>• The members of the thesis committee and the doctoral candidate conclude a <b>doctoral agreement (“Doktorandenvereinbarung“)</b> within three months of the appointment of the thesis committee. In this agreement, the members of the committee undertake to supervise the dissertation in an appropriate manner, i.e. to assist the doctoral candidate in choosing (and later modifying) the topic, in the regular joint review of the progress of the work and by providing timely feedback on submitted parts of the dissertation. Those members of the supervisory committee who are also reviewers also undertake to propose, accept, reject or return the thesis for revision within three months of submission and to prepare a full review of the thesis within six months. The date of the disputation shall be no later than six months after the submission of the dissertation. [§ 6 III + appendix III PromO]</li> </ul>

- The management board at GSGG is entitled to order **modification of the legal statutes applicable to the doctoral contract**; the doctoral committee shall rule in the event of any disagreement. The doctoral candidate must submit to the thesis committee a preliminary schedule for the doctoral project by no later than upon conclusion of the supervision agreement. [§ 6 III PromO]
- The thesis committee **makes the decision on a possible extension of the doctoral phase** beyond 6 years. Insofar as the thesis committee does not agree to the extension, the doctoral committee shall make its decision based on a statement by the thesis committee on the end of the doctoral studies as defined in § 7 section 7. A new thesis committee must be appointed if the doctoral studies are not ended. [§ 7 IV PromO]
- The thesis committee prepares a proposal for the doctoral committee regarding the **waiver of sole authorship** in the case of a cumulative dissertation in which the contributions used were written together with co-authors. [§ 11 VI 6 PromO]
- At least one member of the thesis committee, in most cases the first academic advisor, is appointed by the doctoral committee to **assess the dissertation**. [§ 12 I PromO]
- Besides the evaluators, the **examination board** shall consist of the members of the thesis committee who are authorised examiners and may include other members who are authorised examiners. [§ 12 II 1 PromO]
- **Special regulation** for doctoral candidates in the **doctoral programme Behavior and Cognition**: The research work should be completed within 3 years after admission to the doctoral programme with the submission of the dissertation. In justified exceptional cases, the completion time may be extended up to four times by half a year each time; the doctoral committee decides on this after receiving the **statement of the thesis committee** on the basis of an application by the doctoral candidate that must be justified at least in text form. (§ 3 II BeCog-ProgrammO)

For more information see „Doing a doctorate at the Faculty of Humanities” at

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/209402.html>

\* PromO = Promotionsordnung der Philosophischen Fakultät [Doctoral degree regulations of the Faculty of Humanities]

\*\* BeCog-ProgrammO = Behavior-and-Cognition-Programmordnung [Programme regulations of the doctoral programme Behavior and Cognition]