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**Examination Regulations
for the PhD programme
Biodiversity and Society
at the Georg-August-University Göttingen**

**§ 1
Scope**

- (1) The rules of the regulations for the Göttingen Graduate School of Social Science (GGG), in the version announced on 17.10.2005 (official communication no. 12, p. 928) in the current edition, are valid for the PhD programme in Biodiversity and Society at the Georg-August-University Göttingen.
- (2) The course Biodiversity and Society under guidance of the executive board of the Faculty of Agricultural Science of the Georg-August-University Göttingen offers a faculty spanning study programme, parallel to the drawing up of the dissertation.
- (3) This regulation for the PhD programme Biodiversity and Society settles all additional provisions for the graduation of the PhD programme Biodiversity and Society in accordance of with the following regulations.
- (4) The “competent faculty” is the faculty in which the doctorate graduation is aspired and in which the first supervisor is member. The enrollment is ensued for the competent faculty.
- (5) The doctorate examination (decision about the acceptance of the dissertation, the assessment of the dissertation and the oral examination) takes place at the competent faculty. For the doctorate examination only the regulations for a doctoral degree and the examination regulations are valid.
The regulations for a doctoral degree and examination regulations to be used are defined in Section 6.
- (6) If the doctorate examination is focused on Agriculture, the regulations for a doctoral

¹ Niedersächsisches Hochschulgesetz (Lower Saxony University Law)

² Niedersächsisches Gesetz und Verordnungsblatt (Lower Saxony Law and Official Journal)

degree of the faculty of Agricultural Science of the Georg-August- University Göttingen are valid for the PhD programme “Promotionsstudiengang für Agrarwissenschaften Göttingen”(PAG) in the version announced on 05.10.2006 (official communication no. 28 p. 2835) in the current edition.

If the doctorate examination is focused on Economic Science, the regulations for a doctoral degree of the faculty of Economic Science of the Georg-August-University Göttingen are valid in the version announced on 08.10.2002 (official communication no.13 p.499) in the current edition.

If the doctorate examination is focused on Social Science, the regulations for a doctoral degree of the faculty of Social Science of the Georg-August-University Göttingen are valid in the version announced 04.09.2006 (official communication no. 15 p.1200) in the current edition.

If the doctorate examination is focused on Law, the regulations for a doctoral degree of the faculty of Law of the Georg-August-University Göttingen are valid in the version announced on 02.08.1999 (official communication no. 8) in the current edition.

If the doctorate examination is focused on Biology, the regulations for a doctoral degree of the faculty of Biology of the Georg-August- University Göttingen are valid in the version announced on 13.09.2006 (official communication no. 17 p.1466) in the current edition.

If the doctorate examination is focused on Philosophy, the regulations for a doctoral degree of the faculty of Philosophy of the Georg-August- University Göttingen are valid in the version announced on 07.08.2002 (official communication no. 11 p.323) in the current edition.

§2

Aim of the course

(1) The PhD programme qualifies the student to interdisciplinary cooperation in the issue-area of social aspects of Biodiversity. The student of the Georg-August-University is involved in a wide progressed research field as well as in the existing network of excellence in furtherance of structured PhD processes.

In the context of this structured PhD programme the student receives a professionally, sound and interdisciplinary orientated study programme and also the comprehensive supervision of the doctorate in the supervision committee. The study programme makes it possible, in the field of Biodiversity, to work methodically and professionally on sociological research themes. In this way the student achieves sound and further leading.

The students are induced to deepened scientific work, autonomous scientific acting and critical scientific reasoning in the interdisciplinary context. This qualifies the student to critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas. Moreover the students develop skills in using autonomously the methods of a specific questioning, to transfer gained findings in the relevant scope and research area and to take part sustainably in the national and international scientific discourse with presentations and publications.

§3

Certificate, Academic degree

(1) After passing the doctorate examination the Göttingen Graduate School of Social Science (GGG) issues a certificate about all the heretofore results within the scope of the PhD programme and the successful graduation of the PhD programme.(Annex 2)

(2) After passing the doctorate examination and publishing the doctoral thesis the competent faculty bestows in accordance with the valid regulations for a doctoral degree and the examination regulations the determined university degree and issues a certificate about this.

§4

Length and Structure of the study programme

(1) The standard course length lasts for 6 semesters. At the request of the supervision committee to the competent faculty in reasoned rare occasions the period can be extended twice for one term at a time.

(2) On request it is possible to study part time in reasonable occasions provided that there are no superordinate regulations especially the examination regulations of the competent faculty. The rules for the regulation of a part time study at the Georg-August-University Göttingen are valid.

§5

Method of the study and examination results

(1) The study programme is finished when the following results are rendered:

(a) As course assessment the necessary modules are to be provided in the required scale by passing the module examinations. Further details are regulated by the module schedule (Annex 1a) and the module catalog (Annex 1c).

(b) One has to verify the passing of the doctorate examination. As far as it is necessary further assessments are to be provided which exceed the examination regulations if they arise from the regulations for a doctoral degree and the examination regulations of the competent faculty.

(2) The managing faculty is responsible for the planning and realization of the course of study as well as the planning and acceptance of the study assessments.

In co-ordination with the involved faculties they ensure that the study- and examination requirements of the course of study are in agreement with the study- and examination regulations of the involved faculties; the right of the competent faculty to determine their regulations of a doctoral degree and the examination regulations, the duty of the performance of exceeded assessments will remain unaffected.

(3) The competent faculty has to nominate the members of the supervision committee (§10) for each doctoral candidate on suggestion of the managing faculty, not later than 3 months after starting the PhD programme. If one of the faculties involved in the course of

study, expresses reasonable doubts against the suggested persons, the managing faculty will propose a different constitution of the supervision committee.

§6

Realization of the PhD programme

(1) The managing faculty in connection with the involved faculties of the PhD programme Biodiversity and Society are responsible for the proper realization of the study programme. In particular the managing faculty ensures that one can pass within the scope of the range of modules necessary for the graduation and the accompanying module examinations in the provided scale and within the period of time.

(2) The quality management of the PhD programme takes place by the Göttingen Graduate School of Social Science (GGG). This applies in particular for the internal evaluation of the study programme, sifting through the progress report from the supervision committee and the consultation of the student and the supervisor in terms of good scientific practice and good supervision within the scope of a well-structured doctorate.

(3) The involved faculties ensure that one can pass the doctorate examination within the provided scale and period of time.

(4) The lecturers of the participating institution actively involved in the education of the PhD programme are authorized to accept and mark the assessment of the module examination.

§7

Study programme

(1) The study programme is modularized. All lectures and subject areas are combined to examinable teaching and learning units (modules) which are thematically and temporally balanced, in seclusion and provided with credit points.

(2) Out of the modularized offer compulsory module and elective module have to be successfully passed in a total amount of 26 credit points according to annex 1.

(3) The compulsory module has to be done by every doctoral candidate of the study programme.

Elective modules for the acquisition of core skills, soft skills or methodical competence (module outline in annex 1a) can be compiled by oneself and vary temporally, provided that this goes for the PhD process and the vocational preparation, the choice needs the approval of the supervision committee.

(4) The lecturer of the module has to certify the successful passing of the module.

(5) Study or examination assessments can only be made by a matriculated person.

(6) Additional voluntary modules can be admitted into the certificate on request.

§8 Form study assessments

(1) Study assessments are composed of marked and unmarked module examinations. If a module examination is unmarked it will be graded as “passed” or “failed”. The module examination has to be graded as long as there is nothing arising from the module catalog.

(2) Module examinations are accompanying studies/continuous assessments. A module examination can consist of partial verifications. If module examinations consist of several partial verifications or partial module verifications then only those partial verifications and partial module verifications that were graded with insufficient or failed, can be retaken. The module examination is passed when every partial verifications or partial module verification of the module is passed. It is not possible to retake a passed examination in order to improve the grades.

(3) Module examinations can be organized as:

- a) Oral exam (Section 7),
- b) Written exam (Section 8),
- c) Assignment or Exposé (Section 9),
- d) Presentation and paper (Section 10)
- e) Moderation (Section 11)
- f) Project report (Section 12)
- g) Progress report (Section 13)
- h) Attendance at a conference (Section 14)
- l) Organizing a conference (Section 14)
- j) Production of a publication (Section 15)
- k) Participation in science (Section 16)

4) Examination assessments can be done jointly by two or more students as long as the contribution is perceptible, distinguished objectively and can be graded independently.

5) Form and Scope of the module examination is determined in the module catalog. Any examination assessment requires a consistent attendance at any partial module. Consistent attendance means that the student is obliged to attend principally at all acknowledged courses. If the course takes place once a week during the semester it is permissible to miss two courses without giving reasons; for other offer forms this share is to be determined by the lecturer.

If there is a bigger extent of missed courses the student has to do the course as a whole again. After that the student is entitled to get the permission for the module examination for absence due to illness, which has been attested by a doctor, the person in charge for the module has to determine a alternative course assessment taking into account the times absent departing from Sentence 3. ³ Departing from Sentence 4 the granting of alternative study assessment is impossible provided that there is no participation in a specified course a course attending study or examination assessment can't be performed (e.g. laboratory practice); in this case the course has to be done as a whole again.

6) Module examinations are marked by one examiner as long as this regulation determines nothing else. The deadline for the written exams has to be set, so that the grading can be done two weeks before the beginning of the registration period for the next examination at the latest.

7) In the oral examination assessment in an examination talk the students have to demonstrate that they have mastered the methods of the examination field to see connections and to integrate specialized questioning in this connection. Oral exams are taken by at least two examiners or just one examiner and in presence of a well-informed observer as a collective achievement examination or a single examination. If there is more than one examiner they allocate a mark together. The observer has to be consulted before the mark determination. Subsequent to the examination the student has to be informed about the mark and the rating has to be substantiated. The length of the oral exam takes at least 15 minutes and 45 minutes at the longest for each student. The fundamental items and the marking of the examination have to be written in a report. University staff and students can attend the oral exam as visitors in accordance with the room capacity as long as they expound a legitimate interest and that the examined student does not disapprove. A legitimate interest is on hand particularly when the student wants to take the same examination shortly.

8) The students verify in a written exam under supervision that they can solve tasks and work out problems in the prevailing field with current methods and in a limited time. The length of the written exam takes at least 45 minutes and 240 minutes at the longest. The appraisal procedure should not exceed 4 weeks.

9) The students have to show in an assignment or a Exposé that they can autonomously work on a subject in current methods in the prevailing field and to depict the results in a proportionately written form. The questioning should be compiled in a manner that the processing time should be not more than 4 weeks.

10) The students have to demonstrate in a presentation or a paper that they can familiarize with a new and restricted topic in a limited time or solve a problem and be able to present the work in an understandable and correct way as well as the answering of questions concerning the topic.

In addition it can be demanded to write an individual argument about the presentation of a problem and a topic within the paper. Both, the scientific work as well as the style of the presentation are to be graded.

11) In a moderation the students have to show that they have the ability to lead a subject-specific discussion.

12) The students have to verify in a project report that they attended the project regularly and are in a position to describe the sequence of the project, to reflect the project and to evaluate the own training success.

13) In a progress report the students have to prove that they can reflect the work stages which took place, weigh up the task and target definition and show the reached level of the working process and if necessary demonstrate further methods. This is particularly valid in the explanation of the common meetings in the supervision committee. One has to draw up a progress report about the agreements made. The progress report has to be discussed with the members of the supervision committee and must be sent to the GGG

without having been asked for.

From the 2nd semester in the course to the end of every semester one has to hand in a written progress report to the GGG. This period can be extended to one semester at the most per report.

If this period is exceeded throughout the course with more than two reports the partial module is failed.

14) In a project report the students verify that they have the ability to give a scientific talk in a conference, to convey target group oriented obtained knowledge as well as the independent organization of conferences. In this report the students express the active contribution and the achieved training success. An active attendance has to be fulfilled with a speech, an official comment or a moderation. The recognition occurs through the supervision committee.

15) The publication of scientific results has to be proved by releasable writing of it. A publication is a passed examination assessment when the supervision committee certifies its fundamental release ability or the publication was accepted in a review process or the publication was released in the scientific bounds after beginning of the PhD programme. The recognition occurs through the supervision committee.

16) The practicing of teaching through the students will be supported by the supervision committee and the finding of university teaching method courses. The realization of the teaching commitments is not urgent in the scope of the study programme unless otherwise scheduled in the examination regulations of the competent faculty.

17) Enacted regulations based on the rules of federal or state law about study and examination for individual study programmes will remain unaffected.

18) Examinations can take place in other languages than German or English on reasonable request of the student. The request substantiates a legal right.

§ 9

Examination Management System

1) The students use online access for the electronic administrative examination system on their own responsibility. This system administers examination dates, the sign in and out for module examinations as well as the announcement of marks for examination decisions electronically. The current examination commission can determine further regulations for the carrying out of the procedure.

2) The students are obliged to check the correctness of the online account regularly; transmission errors should be censured immediately.

3) The examiners are involved in the electronical recording of the examination results. Additionally they need to have a record of their own grading registers as a control and documentation and keep them at least for 8 years.

§ 10 Supervision committee

- 1) The members of the supervision committee are nominated for the prevailing doctoral degree procedure on suggestion of the managing faculty through the competent faculty with attention to the doctoral degree regulations and the examination regulations of the competent faculty.
- 2) It is recommended within the framework of the PhD study programme that at least two persons, one of them must have graduated, belong to the supervision committee besides the supervisor. It is recommended that one extern specialist admits the supervision committee for the field of the dissertation.
- 3) The supervision committee has the purpose to advise individually and supervise the students in their research. This involves the planning of the doctoral degree process together with the student, the working out of solutions for problems and obstacles and also the grading of the progress of the doctoral studies. The supervision committee works on the basis of an agreement about the supervision and co-operation which was made in the first semester, on the basis of an Exposé of the student with the subject research questions, with expected methods and a time schedule as well as a progress report which has to be made every semester starting in the second semester.
- 4) The supervision committee dialogically proceeds with the student. The ultimate ambition of the co-operation is to agree to and secure an optimal implementation of the doctoral studies.

§11 Grading

- 1) The prevailing examiner determines the grades for each examination results. For the assessment of the examination results one should be use the following grades:

1 = very good = outstanding performance
2 = good = a performance which is considerably above the ordinary requirements
3= satisfactory = a performance which is corresponding to the ordinary requirements
4 = sufficient = a performance which is despite shortcomings still sufficient
5= insufficient = a performance which is insufficient because of great shortcomings
- 2) Differential grading of the examination results can be made by an intermediate value which can decrease or increase the mark up to 0.3; excluded marks are 0.7, 4.3,4.7,5.3.
- 3) If the examination comprises more than one examination result then the mark is calculated from the arithmetic mean of the single examinations unless the single examination results are allot credits or weighing. The mark is calculated from the appropriate weighing of the arithmetic mean of the single marked examination results. The marks named

for M up to 1.5:	very good
for M over 1.5 to 2.5:	good
for M over 2.5 to 3.0:	satisfactory
for M over 3.5 to 4.0:	sufficient
for M over 4.0	insufficient

For the computation of the mark just one decimal place is considered; all other places will be canceled without rounding up.

4) The marks of the passed module examination of the regarding course of study will be calculated in each case as after credits weigh arithmetic mean of all the accompanying modules. On request of the student the marks of each module can be acknowledged on the reference they flow in the computation of the overall grade.

§12 Result of doctoral studies, end of studying

1) With the graduation of the course of studies and the acceptance of the dissertation through the competent faculty the student receives a certificate in German and English of the Göttingen Graduate School of Social Science. (according to annex 2)

§13 Failing

1) Failed Examination results within the scope of the course of study can be retaken twice at the most. The retake exam has to be made in the next regular examination period at the latest. The right of admission to an examination expires when the examination deadline is missed twice unless the student is not responsible for the absence.

2) If the retake exams are failed or they are marked as failed the result is finally unperformed and the continuation of the PhD programme is not accomplished.

3) With the refusal of the dissertation on the competent faculty the PhD programme is considered as finally failed.

§14 Withdrawal, absence, deception, breach of the regulations

1) When the student cheats in an examination to one's own or to someone else's advantage and if this fact comes to be known after the surrendering of the certificate the examination board can afterwards correct and declare the examination as a whole or partly failed for those examinations the student was cheating in.

2) The doctorate can be denied on the basis of legal requirements.

§15 Decision, objection

1) A negative decision and other onerous administrative acts which were made by the examination regulations should be handed in written provided with an explanation of legal remedy and announced to the student.

Within a month after announcement of the information an objection can be made against the decision.

2) The spokesperson of the PhD programme decides about the objection with respect to the proceedings after Section 3 provided it is not dealt with the objection.

3) As far as the objection turns on an assessment of one examiner, the managing faculty forwards the objection to the person for a verification.

If the examiner amends the assessment according to the request, the managing faculty resolves the objection. Otherwise the decision is verified owing to the statement of the examiner especially if

a) the examination process was carried out according to the regulations,

b) the validity assessment principles have been followed,

c) the assessment was made by the assumption of correct assertions of facts without exceptions,

d) all justifiable and with significant arguments logically explained solutions were marked as correct,

e) the examiner has not been led by irrelevant considerations.

It is valid if the objection turns on an assessment of more than one examiner. As far as there are concrete and substantiate objections against an examination-specific assessment and technical grading, examination components will be made by others, the acceptance of this examination and the repeated marking or the retaking of this examination will be done by examiners which have not been involved in the examination until now, provided there are indications for the concern of inhibition of the examiner.

The remarking of the examination assessment ought not to lead to a worsening.

About the objection ought to be decided as soon as possible.

4) The objection in written form or as report should be entered at the place where the decision had been made. Time limit is kept by lodging at the course advisor of the managing faculty.

5) An objection reply is endured if the objection remains unanswered. This is remitted to the managing faculty by the course advisor. The objection reply has to be explained with an instruction on rights of redress and has to be delivered.

§16 Coming into effect

1) This regulation comes into effect the day after announcement in the official communication of the Georg-August University Göttingen.

Annex 1a : Module catalog

The student has to absolve 26 credits successfully from which 23 are of the compulsory part and 3 of the elective part of the programme

Compulsory Part:

P.BGD.01 Basic knowledge biodiversity and society and methodical competence (4C⁴/ 4 SWS⁵)

P.BGD.02 To reflect and optimize scientific research (8 C/ 2 SWS)

P.BGD.03 To connect scientific research (6C/ 5 SWS)

P.BGD.04 To publish scientific work (5C / 1SWS)

Elective Part:

The module offers of the faculties, graduate schools, Center of Methods, ZESS⁶ etc. are suitable as an elective module for the purchase of core skills and soft-skill competence or specific interdisciplinary methods.

In addition the current faculty can demand that the student has to absolve further modules according to the doctoral degree regulations

Annex 1b: Course timetable: Recommendation for the distribution partial module as the course

⁴ Credits

⁵ Hours per week per semester

⁶ Central organization for language and core skills

progresses

	1. Semester	2. Semester	3. Semester	4. Semester	5. Semester	6. Semester
P.BDG.01 Basic knowledge biodiversity and society, methodical competence	TM 1 (2C/ 2 SWS) TM 2 (2C/2 SWS)					
P.BDG.02 To reflect and optimize scientific research	TM 1 (3C/2 SWS)	TM 2 (5 C)				
		1C	1C	1C	1C	
P.BDG.03 To connect scientific research			TM 1 (1C)	TM 2 (2C)	TM 3 (3C)	
					2C	1C
P.BDG.04 To publish scientific work			TM 1 (2C/2 SWS)	TM2 (4C)		
				1C	1C	1C
Elective Module		Soft-skills, methods or core skills (3C/2SWS)				
Semester performance	7C/ 6 SWS	4C/2 SWS	3C/2 SWS	4C/0 SWS	4C/1SWS	4C/1SWS

Abbreviation: TM= partial module, C= credits, SWS= hours per week per semester

Annex 1c: Module catalog for the PhD programme Biodiversity and Society

Title of the Module	Required knowledge	Conditions for permission of the examination	Method of the examination performance	Module workload (Credits, SWS)
P.BDG.01 Basic knowledge biodiversity and society, methodical competence	The students provide evidence that they have good command in basic knowledge of the interdisciplinary approach of the subject "Biodiversity and Society" with thorough knowledge of different technical access of the involved subject area. Furthermore they have gained a good overview about existing research methods and are able to use methodical competences together with required Soft Skills for planning an interdisciplinary attempt within the project for the doctoral studies.			4C 2 SWS
TM1 P.BDG.01.1 Interdisciplinary Introduction: Protection and use of biological Diversity		Academic assignments about the usage of different technical attempts (approx. 12 pages)		TM1: 2 C 2 SWS
TM2 P.BDG.01.2 Specific research method		Regular attendance at the seminar	Presentation in the seminar (approx. 20 min.)	TM2: 2 C 2 SWS
P.BDG.02 To reflect and optimize scientific research	The students provide evidence that they possess the disciplinary and interdisciplinary basis to develop their own doctoral project. They have to discuss the regularly progress critically with the supervisor and students. They can convincingly present their project to students of other subject areas in written form or in a dialog and they have in appropriate discussions assess to sound, professionally and interdisciplinary knowledge. The student can arrange a target-aimed process in their doctoral studies and their scientific investigations.			8 C 2 SWS
TM1 P.BDG.02.1 Basic seminar about the idea and discussion of the doctoral project		Regular attendance at the seminar	Presentation (approx. 20 min.) and Expose (at least 10 pages) not marked	TM1: 3 C 2 SWS
TM2 P.BDG.02.2 Continuous supervision committee (1 credit for each semester (5 in ...))		Regular meetings with the supervision committee	Presentation (5 x at least 15 min.) and progress report (5 x at least 4 pages) not marked	TM2: 5C 0SWS
P.BDG.03 To connect	The students provide evidence that they are able to exploit scientific events for			6 C 2 SWS

scientific research	<p>their own further development and to get to know academic colleagues outside their own university.</p> <p>To present their own scientific work on a conference as well as to conduct and to make a concept for an international conference.</p>	Attendance at a study trip or workshop	Project report (approx. 6 pages)	1 C 0 SWS
TM1 P.BDG.03.1 Attendance at a study trip or a workshop		Give a lecture at a conference	Project report (approx. 5 pages)	2 C 0 SWS
TM2 P.BDG.03.2 Active attendance at a specialist conference		Contribution on a concept (approx. 6 pages) active participation in conference preparation and carrying out	Project report (approx. 12 pages)	3 C 2 SWS
TM3 P.BDG.03.3 Technical and organizational carrying out of a conference				
P.BDG.04 To publish scientific work	<p>The students provide evidence that they know relevant specialist journals in their subject area and they know the rules of publication and be able to publish an own article within the bounds of an internal team-oriented peer review process.</p>			5 C 2 SWS
TM1 P.BDG.04.1 Basic knowledge of scientific writing and publishing		Attendance at the joint working process	Presentation (at least 15 min.)	1 C 2 SWS
TM2 P.BDG.04.2 Production of a publication and carrying out of internal reviews		At least one publication script, the constructive collaboration on writings of the others		4 C

Georg August University Göttingen PhD programme Biodiversity and Society P.BDG.01 Basic knowledge biodiversity and society, methodical competence			
Competences and required knowledge for an examination The students know the basic knowledge of the interdisciplinary approach to the subject "Biodiversity and Society" due to the ability of using different technical accesses of the faculties involved. Furthermore the students have a good view exciting research methods and are able to insert methodical competences for the planning of an interdisciplinary attempt within their doctoral projects.	C/SWS In total 5C/ 8SWS		
Partial modules: Courses and examinations 1. Partial module P.BDG.01.1 Interdisciplinary introduction: Protection and use of biological diversity <table border="1" data-bbox="156 712 1145 929"> <tr> <td>Lecture series</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Partial Module examination for 1 : Academic assignment about the usage of different technical attempts (approx. 12 pages); proofed by: all lecturers of the study programme (Prof. Dr. Kilian Bizer, Prof. Dr. Susanne Bögeholz, Prof. Dr. Magarete Boos, PD Dr. Micha Starck, Prof. Dr. Jutta Geldermann, PD Dr. Ines Härtel, Prof. Dr. Johannes Isselstein, Prof. Dr. Rainer Marggraf, Prof. Dr. Oliver Mußhoff, Prof. Dr. Holmer Steinfath, Prof. Dr. Peter-Tobias Stoll, Prof. Dr. Teja Tschardtke)</td> </tr> </table> 2. Partial Module P.BDG.02.2 Specific research method Seminar Partial module examination for 2 : Presentation in the seminar (at least 20 min), proofed by: all lecturers of the study programme Requirements for permission to the examination: Regular attendance at the seminar	Lecture series	Partial Module examination for 1 : Academic assignment about the usage of different technical attempts (approx. 12 pages); proofed by: all lecturers of the study programme (Prof. Dr. Kilian Bizer, Prof. Dr. Susanne Bögeholz, Prof. Dr. Magarete Boos, PD Dr. Micha Starck, Prof. Dr. Jutta Geldermann, PD Dr. Ines Härtel, Prof. Dr. Johannes Isselstein, Prof. Dr. Rainer Marggraf, Prof. Dr. Oliver Mußhoff, Prof. Dr. Holmer Steinfath, Prof. Dr. Peter-Tobias Stoll, Prof. Dr. Teja Tschardtke)	C/SWS Separate 2 C/ 2 SWS for partial module 1 2 C/ 2 SWS for partial module 2
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Options compulsory module	Entrance requirements -		
Repeatability twice	Application PhD programme Biodiversity and Society		
Offer and semester situation each winter semester	Duration The module can be finished in 1 semester		
Language German	Maximal number of students 20		
Person responsible for the Module Prof. Dr. R. Marggraf			

Georg-August University Göttingen PhD programme Biodiversity and Society P.BDG.02 To reflect and optimize scientific research
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Competences and required knowledge for an examination The students can develop their own doctoral project with disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge and are able to discuss the progress with supervisor and fellow students critically with regularity and adjust it. They can present their projects convincingly to fellow students of other subject areas textual or in a dialog and have access to technically substantiate and interdisciplinary knowledge in corresponding discussions. The students can arrange their scientific investigations for the doctoral process target-aimed .		C/SWS In total 8 C / 2 SWS
Partial module: Courses and examinations 1. Partial module P.BDG.02.1: Basic seminar about the idea and discussion of the doctoral project Seminar, lecturer of the study programme Partial module examination for 1: Presentation in the seminar (approx. 20 min), proofed by : lecturer of the study programme Requirements for permission to the examination: Regular attendance at the seminar 2. Partial module P.BDG.02.2 Continuous supervision committee (1 credit for each semester (5 in total)) Meeting with the supervision committee (members of the individual supervision committee) Partial module examination: Presentation (5x at least. 15min), discussion and progress report (5x at least 4 pages) proofed by: a member of the supervision committee, unmarked Requirements for permission to the examination: regular carrying out and attendance at the supervision committee		C/SWS Separate
Options compulsory module	Entrance requirements -	
Repeatability twice	Application PhD programme Biodiversity and Society	
Offer and semester situation each semester	Duration The module can be finished in 5 semesters	
Language German, English	Maximal number of students 20	
Person responsible for the Module Chairperson of the supervision committee		

Competence and required knowledge for an examination The students are able to exploit scientific events for their own technically and thematically development and to get to know academic colleagues outside their own university. To present their own scientific work on a conference as well as to conduct and to make a concept for an international conference.		C/SWS in total 6 C / 0 SWS
Partial Module: Courses and examinations 1. Partial Module P.BDG.03.1: Attendance at a study trip or a workshop Attendance at a study trip or workshop. Choose an event in co-ordination with the supervision committee Partial module examination for 1: Project report (approx. 6 pages), proofed by: members of the supervision committee Requirements for permission to the examination: Attendance at a study trip or a workshop 2. Partial module P.BDG.03.2: Active attendance at a specialist conference Attendance at a specialist conference with ones own lecture Partial module examination for 2: Project report (approx. 5 pages) proofed by: members of the supervision committee Requirements for permission to the examination: Attendance at a conference with ones own lecture. 3. Partial module P.BDG.03.3: Technical and organizational carrying out of a conference Conceptional and organizational contribution to carrying out of a conference Partial module examination for 3: Project report (approx. 12 pages), proofed by: lecturer of the study programme Requirements for permission to the examination: Contribution on a concept (approx. 6 pages) active participation in conference preparation and carrying out		C/SWS separate 1 C / 0 SWS for partial module 1 2 C / 0 SWS for partial module 2 3C / 0 SWS for partial module 3
Options compulsory module	Entrance requirements -	
Repeatability twice	Application PhD programme Biodiversity and Society	
Offer and semester situation starts each summer semester	Duration The module can be finished in 4 semesters	
Language German, English	Maximal number of students 20	
Person responsible for the Module Prof. Dr. Marggraf		

Georg-August University Göttingen PhD programme Biodiversity and Society P.BDG.04.: Publication of scientific work	
Competence and required knowledge for an examination	C/ SWS

<p>They know relevant specialist journals in their subject area and they know the rules of publication and are able to publish an own article within the bounds of an internal team-oriented peer review process.</p>	<p>in total</p>
<p>Partial module: Courses and examinations</p> <p>1. Partial module P.BDG.04.1: Basic knowledge of scientific writing and publishing Seminar, lecturer of the study programme Partial module examination for 1: presentation (approx. 15 min) proofed by: lecturer of the study programme Requirements for the permission to the examination: regular attendance at the seminar</p> <p>2. Partial module P.BDG.04.2: Production of a publication and carrying out of internal reviews Seminar Partial module examination for 2: At least one publication script proofed by: lecturer of the study programme (unmarked) Requirements for the permission to the examination: At least one publication script, the constructive collaboration on writings of the others</p>	<p>C / SWS separate</p> <p>1 C / 2 SWS for partial module 1</p> <p>4 C / 0 SWS for partial module 2</p>
<p>Options compulsory module</p>	<p>Entrance requirements -</p>
<p>Repeatability twice</p>	<p>Application PhD programme Biodiversity and Society</p>
<p>Offer and semester situation starts each summer semester</p>	<p>Duration The module can be finished in 4 semesters</p>
<p>Language German, English</p>	<p>Maximal number of students 20</p>
<p>Person responsible for the Module Prof. Dr. Marggraf</p>	

Annex 2

Certificate for examination components for the doctoral programme Biodiversity and Society

The certificate from the Göttingen Graduate School for Social Science will be written in German and English as soon as the defined examination components are passed and the competent faculty accepted the dissertation. It provides some indications of the completed examination components and the embedding of this performance in the doctoral programme Biodiversity and Society.

Details will be certified according to the examination regulations of the study programme individual for every student so that the occurred performances are conveyed as convincing and comparable. Each Certificate follows the structure according to Annex 2 a (German) or 2 b (English).

Anlage 2 b Zertifikat über Prüfungsleistungen im Promotionsstudiengang Biodiversität und Gesellschaft (english version)

Doctoral / PhD - Supplement

1. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE HOLDER OF THE QUALIFICATION

1.1 Family name(s):

1.2 First name(s):

1.3 Date of birth (day/month/year) /Country of Birth:

1.4 Student identification number or code (if available):

2. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE PhD / Doctorate

2.1 Name of qualification and title conferred: Dr. (grade of own faculty) or PhD

2.2 Main field(s) of study for the qualification: Research Topic as studied

2.3 Name of PhD- programme:

PhD- programme "Biodiversity and Society. Social Dimension of protection and use of biological variety"

2.4 Name and status of awarding institution:

Georg-August-University Göttingen

2.4 Name and status of institution administering studies:

Interdisciplinary programme of the faculties of Social Sciences, Philosophy, Biology and Psychology; led by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

2.5 Languages of instruction/examination: German and English

3. INFORMATION ON THE LEVEL OF THE QUALIFICATION

3.1 Level of qualification: Doctoral Grade

3.2 Official length of programme: 6 Semesters

3.3 Access requirements: Access as PhD-Student in one of the faculties within the programme, special interests and experiences in the topic of Biodiversity, Knowledge of German or English Language

4. INFORMATION ON THE CONTENTS AND RESULTS GAINED

4.1 Mode of study:

Scientific courses, thesis committee meetings, lecture at conference, organization of min. one conference, min. one publication, soft skill courses

4.2 programme requirements: 24 Credits (30 h workload for each credit), Time

4.3 programme details

(Topic, Place, Date, Level and Length of qualification / class – Description as can be seen in Prüfungsordnung; shown in detail at the individual Report)

4.3.1 Scientific Qualification: Basics and Methods

P.BDG.01.1

4.3.2 Scientific Qualification: Specialization

P.BDG.01.2

4.3.3 Key qualifications and Soft Skills

P.BDG.01.3

P.BDG.01.4

P.BDG.04.1

4.3.4 Reflecting and Optimizing Research Processes

P.BDG.02.1

P.BDG.02.2

4.3.5 Scientific Community: Lectureships, Speeches and Publications

P.BDG.03.1

P.BDG.03.2

P.BDG.03.3

P.BDG.04.2

5. FUNCTION OF THE QUALIFICATION

5.1 Access to further studies

5.2 professional status

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.1 Additional information: extra-qualifications which are not part of the programme but nevertheless part of the qualification

7. CERTIFICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT

7.1 Date:

7.2 Signature: (Speaker of the GGG-Board)

Official stamp or seal:

8. INFORMATION ON THE GERMAN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

(as can be seen in the Diploma Supplement Agreement, plus:)

Georg-August-University Göttingen is a traditional and excellent German University providing a large range of international and interdisciplinary co-operation projects in research and teaching. The university organizes their graduate programmes in three Graduate Schools of Social Sciences, Humanities and Natural Sciences. Each Graduate School has developed well structured graduate programmes with the aim of improving levels of education, supporting graduate entry into the scientific community and encouraging PhD students to exchange ideas and discover intersections and synergies in their various disciplines and fields.

The *Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences* provides excellent support for PhD students by combining the PhD programmes of five faculties (Social Sciences, Economic Sciences, Law, Agricultural Sciences and Forest Ecology). The Graduate School promotes interdisciplinary research groups, PhD programmes, and offers various classes for training, methods and specialization.