



Faculty of Law

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Doctoral Program Regulations

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Based on § 2 para. 3 of the Ordinance on Obtaining a Doctoral Degree in Law (Dr. iur.) at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich (Regulations for Obtaining the Doctoral Degree, PVO 09; RS 6.1.1)

§ 1 Subject

The Doctoral Program Regulations govern the specific details of gaining a doctorate at the University's Faculty of Law which are not governed by the Regulations for Obtaining the Doctoral Degree.

§ 2 Admission in the Event of Degrees in Different Subject Areas

¹ Admission to Doctoral studies with a degree in a different subject area from a Swiss or foreign university has the following minimum requirements:

- a) The degree must be at the same level of education and
- b) The degree must include a major in law or otherwise be directly related to law.

² A committee appointed by the dean will decide on the admission.

³ There is no general entitlement to be admitted to the program.

§ 3 Expanding a Master's Thesis into a Dissertation

¹ A master's thesis may form the basis of a dissertation if the following prerequisites are met:

- a) The primarily responsible supervisor has given his/her consent,
- b) The dissertation constitutes a new and separate piece of work, and
- c) The work on the dissertation significantly outweighs the work on the master's thesis.

² Compliance with these prerequisites must be outlined and justified in the initial review of the dissertation.

§ 4 Publication of the Dissertation

The dissertation may be published in a publication series and/or in electronic format in the database of the Zentralbibliothek Zürich (ZB) (Internet publication).



§ 5 Number of Deposit Copies

The number of deposit copies that must be submitted is as follows:

The number of deposit copies to be delivered is determined by the Study Dean's Office and announced in a suitable form.

§ 6 Printing

¹ The deposit copies must be printed within two years following acceptance of the dissertation.

² The format of the deposit copies must be at least A5 and no larger than A4. The binding must comply with the current requirements of the Zentralbibliothek Zürich.

³ The following information is mandatory in the published version:

- a) The dissertation must include a special note indicating that it is a copy of the dissertation approved by the Faculty of Law.
- b) The names of the supervisors must be stated on the inside title page, the approval of the Faculty of Law, as well as the year and place of publication must be stated on the back of the inside title page.
- c) The name of the author and the title of the work (possibly abbreviated) must be printed on the spine.
- d) If the dissertation is published online, the web address of the Zentralbibliothek Zürich must also be quoted on the inside.

⁴ Before printing, a proof of the cover, the inside title page, the back of the inside title page as well as the spine must be submitted to the Study Dean's Office for approval.

⁵ In the event of revisions or amendments to the text in accordance with § 34 para. 3 PVO, a declaration of consent from the supervisor must be submitted to the Study Dean's Office.

⁶ In the event of unapproved variations, Doctoral candidates may be obligated to restore the correct legally compliant state by a set deadline at their own expense.

⁷ Candidates who also publish their dissertation in a way that deviates from the form of the deposit copies are obligated to include a special note to identify it as a copy of the dissertation approved by the Faculty of Law.

§ 7 Internet Publication in the Database of the Zentralbibliothek Zürich (ZB)

¹ The guidelines of the Zentralbibliothek Zürich apply to Internet publication in its database.

² Electronic dissertations must be submitted at the same time as the Faculty of Law's required number of printed deposit copies are submitted to the Zentralbibliothek Zürich.

§ 8 Publication in Any Other Electronic Database

¹ Doctoral candidates may have their dissertations published in another electronic database (e.g. Swisslex). § 6 para. 7 applies analogously with regard to the formal preparation.

² Doctoral candidates must clarify the copyright and licensing conditions in connection with the publication of their dissertations. In addition, they must ensure that no rights of contractual partners or third parties prevent this.



³ Special indications with regard to the formal preparation and the publication procedure can be found in the corresponding pamphlets of the contractual partners.

⁴ Publication in an electronic database may not take place until the “Ready for print” confirmation is given.

§ 9 Entry into Force

These Regulations will enter into force on 1 April 2017 and will replace the Doctoral Program Regulations according to PVO 09 of 6 December 2010, which will be repealed on the same date.