

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences:

Following the resolution passed by the faculty council of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences dated 13.12.2012 and the statement by the Senate dated 06.03.2013, the presidential board of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen approved the examination and study regulations on 12.03.2013 for the doctoral degree programme in Agricultural Sciences (§§ 44 section 1, 9, section 3 sentence 1 sentence 2 NHG in the version of the announcement dated 26.02.2007 (Nds. GVBl. S. 69), amended by Article 7 of the Act dated 12.12.2012 (Nds. GVBl. p. 591); § 41 section 2 sentence 2 NHG; §§ 37 section 1 sentence 3 no. 5 b), 44 section 1 sentence 3 NHG).

Examination and study regulations

for the doctoral degree programme in agricultural sciences in Göttingen

at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

§ 1 Scope

(1) This regulation governs the implementation of the structured doctoral process in the doctoral degree programme in agricultural sciences in Göttingen, including the Ph.D. programmes:

- a) Ph.D. programme in agricultural sciences in Göttingen (PAG)
 - b) Ph.D. programme "International Ph.D. Program for Agricultural Sciences in Göttingen (IPAG)",
 - c) Research training group 1666 GlobalFood
 - d) Ph.D. research training group Agricultural Economics
 - e) Research training group 1644 Scaling Problems in Statistics and
 - f) Ph.D. research training group Upgrading Qualification in SME,
- and also the withdrawal of the doctoral degree.

(2) Furthermore, this regulation provides for the award of the academic title as honorary doctor of agricultural sciences (Dr. scientiarum agrariarum honoris causa) at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.

§ 2 Aim of the qualification

(1) The doctoral degree programme qualifies the students for independent, advanced scientific work at universities and non-university scientific and research institutions in the area of agricultural sciences.

(2) Over the course of the doctoral studies, the doctoral graduates have proven their systematic understanding of their research area and their command of the skills and methods applied in the area of agricultural sciences.

(3) ¹They possess profound knowledge of the relevant literature in their research area and, by submitting their scientific work, have made an independent contribution to their research area that advances the cause of knowledge and that has withstood national and international review by scientists in the chosen field. ²In doing so they have proven that they have the capacity to independently identify scientific questions, to conduct critical analysis on the development and synthesis of new and complex ideas, and can independently design and conduct substantial research projects with scientific integrity.

(4) The doctoral graduates in the academic programme of agricultural sciences in Göttingen have the capacity to advance the cause of social, scientific and cultural progress within a knowledge society, contributing to scientific and non-scientific professional fields, and to discuss with expert colleagues, to present to an academic audience and elucidate to laypersons the insight gained in their specialist areas.

(5) ¹The institutions involved at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences are concerned with the fundamentals of natural sciences, production technology and the economic and social structures within agriculture, also with current and future conditions within agricultural production and their repercussions on society, the business sector and the environment. ²They provide the scientific bases for the analysis of developments in the agricultural sector and hence make a decisive contribution to securing nutrition and developing the rural regions on the basis of sustainable production systems.

(6) The graduates of the doctoral degree programme work predominantly in the areas of science and management and fulfil managerial functions:

- at colleges and universities and in research institutions,

- in international organisations,
- in public service, e.g. with chambers of agriculture and ministries.
- in providing specific consulting in business administration and production technology,
- in up and downstream areas such as feed, crop protection, fertiliser and the agricultural machinery industries,
- in the nutrition industry, e.g. in the food industry,
- in other service industries, for example as expert consultants or expert certifiers.

§ 3 University degree

(1) Georg-August-Universität Göttingen awards the title of Doctor of Agricultural Sciences ('Doctor scientiarum agrariarum', abbreviated 'Dr. sc. agr.').

(2) Upon application by the doctoral candidate, the title of 'Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)' may be awarded in place of the Doctor of Agricultural Sciences.

(3) The titles as defined under sections 1 and 2 may only be acquired by completing doctoral studies in accordance with the terms of this regulation.

(4) ¹Unlike in sections 1 to 3, the doctoral process may be completed with the aim of acquiring the title of Doctor of Natural Sciences (Dr. rer. nat.), subject to application by the doctoral candidate and submission of said application to the examination committee, in the event that the first academic adviser is an authorised examiner and member of the mathematical-natural sciences graduate school at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen - Georg-August-University School of Science (GAUSS) - and in the event that the doctoral studies relate to a field of mathematics and natural sciences. ²In these cases the process must be conducted according to the provisions of the doctoral degree regulations in the mathematical-natural sciences graduate school at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen - Georg-August-University School of Science (GAUSS) - in their most recent version; but in this case also, the examination prerequisites that candidates must complete successfully are also defined in the module overview of this regulation.

§ 4 Examination committee

(1) ¹The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences shall convene an examination committee in order to organise and assure the quality of all tasks assigned in this regulation. ²The examination committee consists of five members, these being three members from the professoral group, one member of the faculty group who must hold a doctorate, and one member of the group of doctoral candidates (student members). ³The respective group representatives in the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences shall appoint the members of the examination committee; a deputy must also be appointed for each member. ⁴The tenure of the members is two years, while that of the student union member is one year. ⁵In the event that a member shall depart prematurely, a successor shall be appointed for the remaining period off office.

(2) The members of the the professoral group elect the chairperson and his/her deputy.

(3) The examination committee supports the Dean in doctoral matters and reports to the faculty council regularly on the finished and ongoing processes.

(4) ¹The meetings of the examination committee are not public. ²The members are bound to professional non-disclosure. ³Unless they are in public service, they are to be obligated to discretion by the chairperson.

(5) ¹The examination committee shall pass resolutions by simple majority of votes cast; the Chairperson shall hold the casting vote in the event of a tie. ²The examination committee shall have a quorum insofar as the majority of its members, including the majority of members from the professoral group, are in attendance. ³The member of the group of doctoral candidates shall have act in an advisory capacity only in the assessment and crediting of examination prerequisites.

(6) ¹The examination committee may, until further notice, transfer powers as concerns matters of ongoing management to the Chairperson; this shall not apply to rulings on objections. ²Minutes are kept on the meetings of the examination committee. ³The main topics of the discussion and the resolutions by the examination committee are to be specified therein.

(7) ¹Decisions by the examination committee must be communicated to the person affected without delay and in writing. ²Negative decisions should be communicated in writing with reasons and instruction on legal recourse.

(8) ¹Without prejudice to the responsibility of the examination committee, the Examination Office shall be responsible for organising the examination process. ²One member of the

Examination Office is entitled to attend the meetings of the examination committee, acting in an advisory capacity.

(9) The internal regulations of the examination committee may contain exact provisions.

§ 5 Authorisation to take the examination

¹Scientists holding a doctorate may be appointed authorised examiners, provided they engage in research or teaching and can prove their suitability for the office of examiner. ²The proof of suitability for the office of examiner shall require in particular that

- a) a habilitation or appointments procedure for professorship was successfully completed, or
- b) a procedure equivalent to a habilitation or appointments procedure for professorship was completed or
- c) at least two finished doctoral studies have been supervised independently and third-party funding has been acquired;

³The examination committee is responsible for appointing authorised examiners.

§ 6 Advising the doctoral candidate, support in the dissertation, Thesis Committee

(1) ¹The doctoral candidates shall be inducted in the academic and degree programmes within the framework of an information event. ²Ongoing study advice shall be offered in addition to this information event. ³The study advisory service shall offer this provision for the degree programme.

(2) The tasks of the study advisory service are:

- a) consultation and support in enrolment, other administrative questions,
- b) receipt of suggestions for improving the organisation and teaching,
- c) university marketing, information for prospective students,
- d) consultation in questions relating to admission and other administrative procedures.

(3) Upon admission, the examination committee shall appoint the first academic advisor after consultation with the doctoral candidate.

(4) ¹Upon admission, but no later than 12 months after the doctoral degree programme begins and no later than submission of the annual progress report, the examination committee shall appoint a Thesis Committee following consultation with the doctoral candidate; this committee shall include at least three members, including the first academic advisor, who shall be an authorised examiner, upon whose agreement to provide supervision the admission was granted (first academic advisor), and at least two other authorised examiners. ²All members of the Thesis Committee must hold a doctorate; the members of the Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners must not be in a mutually dependent relationship. ³The first academic advisor shall hold the chair unless the Thesis Committee elects a different member.

(5) ¹The Thesis Committee provides support and assistance to the doctoral candidate. ²He or she must provide the Thesis Committee with a comprehensive, regular, at least annual report on the progress in the doctoral project and must also report on examination prerequisites completed to date. ³Detailed provisions are contained in the corresponding module descriptions. ⁴The study advice must be designed to assist the doctoral candidate structure the academic programme in a targeted manner to acquire the academic degree and to complete the requirements within the standard course length.

(6) ¹The examination committee may make changes to the membership of the Thesis Committee, subject to application by a member of the Thesis Committee or the doctoral candidate. ²Change of the first academic advisor is possible only if the assistance for the doctoral studies is no longer guaranteed due to his or her prolonged absence or continuation of support is unreasonable in the event of important reason, especially due to breakage of mutual trust.

§ 7 Registration by the doctoral candidate

¹The examination committee shall create an examination folder for the doctoral candidate at the start of the academic programme. ²For this purpose, the doctoral candidate must report to the faculty's Examination Office and present all proof of enrolment.

§ 8 Scope and nature of the doctoral studies; deception; termination for an important reason

(1) ¹The doctoral studies last for 6 semesters as a rule. ²The doctoral candidate must enrol from the moment of acceptance and for the duration of the doctoral studies and the doctoral examination.

(2) ¹The doctoral candidates are required to complete their research over the course of their doctoral studies. ²The preliminary topic and work schedule for the research must be agreed between the first academic advisor and the doctoral candidate before the start of the doctoral project. ³Furthermore, examination prerequisites must be completed successfully in a scope of at least 20 credits (hereinafter referred to as C), but no more than 30 C, as defined in a module overview. ⁴In addition to the examination prerequisites the doctoral students must complete, the doctoral students may also complete other electable components. ⁵A recommendation on the appropriate academic programme structure is contained in sample curricula in appendix 4.

(3) In the event that performances according to section 2 sentence 3 are not provided due to reasons for which the doctoral student must bear no responsibility, or if the provision of said performances shall be associated with undue severity, the examination committee may forego the demand to provide proof of individual performances by no later than admission to the doctoral examination, subject to application by the doctoral student.

(4) ¹Examination prerequisites completed on the basis of an agreement between the University of Göttingen, the doctoral candidate and a different university shall be credited without any assessment of equivalence. ²Any examination prerequisites completed within or outside of a university shall otherwise be credited, provided that equivalence is ascertained. ³The doctoral candidate is responsible for submission of the documents required for these credits. ⁴Examination prerequisites shall not be recognised in the event that they were completed in the degree course or in the consecutive degree courses whose completion provided the basis for entry into the doctoral degree programme and which were necessary in order to complete said degree programme or degree programmes. ⁵As defined in the Lisbon Convention, the university is required to provide reasoning for any decision not to

credit examination prerequisites. ⁶The examination committee decides on the transfer of credits.

(5) ¹Should the doctoral candidate undertake by means of deception or the use of unauthorised aids or by subsequent exertion of influence on a person involved in the examination to distort the results of an examination to his or her own benefit or to the benefit of a third party (hereafter in general: deception), the examination prerequisites in question shall be assessed as 'failed'. ²From the consequences mentioned in line 1 it can also be recognised whether the doctoral candidate carries any prohibited aids with himself or herself. ³The examiner or adjudicator in question can exclude any doctoral candidate who grossly violates this regulation from a continuation of the examination prerequisites; in this case, the examination prerequisites in question shall be assessed as 'failed'. ⁴In the event of severe cases, the examination committee is entitled to exclude the doctoral candidate from the completion of any further examination or degree prerequisites. ⁵A decision may be made to refrain from imposing sanctions in less serious cases. ⁶If there is suspicion of the use of prohibited aids, the doctoral candidate is obligated to assist in the clarification and return the aids; should this be refusal, the relevant study or examination prerequisites are assessed as 'failed'. ⁷Before a decision under line 4, the doctoral candidate should be heard.

(6) ¹The doctoral studies end with

- a) withdrawal or revocation of the admission or
- b) termination of the doctoral candidate relationship.

²Withdrawal, revocation or termination may take place for an important reason. ³In general, an important reason is deemed prevalent if the doctoral candidate

- a) proves consistently unsuitable despite sufficient supervision,
- b) fails repeatedly or to a significant extent in fulfilling the tasks with which he or she has been charged, in particular if he or she repeatedly and despite caution violates his or her reporting duties,
- c) has breached the regulations to ensure good scientific practice,
- d) his or her acceptance as doctoral candidate was acquired wrongfully by means of deception as concerns provision of the qualifications for entry,

or

- e) if the relationship of trust with the doctoral candidate is irretrievably breached for reasons for which the he or she must carry responsibility,

§ 9 Modules; examination prerequisites; courses with limited numbers of places

(1) ¹Examination prerequisites according to § 8 section 2 sentence 3 are completed in modules. ²Modules may consist of several types of course: lectures, seminar courses, excursions, exercises, colloquia and project work, also combinations of these kinds of event.

(2) ¹Modules are completed by successfully finishing performance assessments, which most commonly are graded as 'passed' or 'failed'. ²In the event that a grade is awarded, this shall be included in the certificate on application by the doctoral candidate.

(3) ¹Courses that enlarge on the subject matters may be offered in addition to the required courses. ²Doctoral candidates attend the courses that enlarge on the subject matter on a voluntary basis. ³Up to four voluntary additional modules can be included in the certificate upon application.

(4) ¹Certain modules are offered with limited number of participants. ²These include:

- a) workshops,
- b) exercises, internships, excursions and courses.

³The persons responsible for the modules shall take suitable measures to provide information on the scheduled number of participants.

(5) ¹Participation in modules with limited number of participants shall be granted with preferential treatment to such doctoral candidates who must attend this course as an examination prerequisite for the doctoral examination. ²In the process, those doctoral candidates in the highest semester and prove that they possess appropriate entry requirements or are not responsible for a delay of the course, have priority. ³Selection of students with equal entitlement to admission is done through the draw. ⁴A deferment under sentence 2 is permitted no more than twice.

(6) Module descriptions and the module overview shall be published separately in an electronic version (digital module index); they are integral elements of this regulation.

§ 10 Doctoral examination

(1) The degrees to be awarded under § 3 sections 1 and 2 are awarded on the basis of a successful doctoral examination.

(2) The doctoral examination includes an independent scientific treatise (dissertation) and an oral examination (oral defense).

(3) The examination committee shall suspend the doctoral process in the event that it becomes aware that proceedings are pending against the doctoral candidate concerning a breach of good scientific practice or that a judicial inquiry or criminal proceedings are pending in connection with the doctoral studies.

(4) ¹Should the doctoral candidate undertake to influence the results of the examination by means of deceit, in particular through the use of unauthorised aids in producing the dissertation or by retroactive exertion of influence on a person involved in the examination, the examination components in question shall be assessed as 'failed'. ²Should the doctoral candidate grossly violate the regulations, the Thesis Committee may decide on termination of the oral examination; in this case the oral examination shall be assessed as 'failed'. ³In serious cases the examination committee shall be entitled to exclude the doctoral candidate from the completion of additional examination prerequisites; in particular, serious cases shall be considered the completion of the dissertation with the assistance of third parties or assistance that was used in a manner that contravenes the principles of scientific honesty. ⁴A decision may be made to refrain from imposing sanctions in less serious cases. ⁵Before a decision under sentence 3, the doctoral candidate should be heard.

§ 11 Prerequisites for admission to sit the doctoral examination

(1) ¹Admission to the doctoral examination shall be refused in the event the doctoral candidate

a) has concurrently applied to sit said examination with a different faculty or university or has made an application for admission in this respect;

b) has not prepared parts of the dissertation by himself or herself, but has sought the help of a third person in a manner violating examination regulations or scientific honesty respectively, which includes strict compliance with the quotation requirement, so that inclusion of external ideas in the dissertation is clearly identified;

c) uses the services of a paid agent for the purpose of obtaining information on doctoral opportunities;

d) pays fees or delivers services against a fee or uses services free-of-charge that contradict the sense and purpose of an examination procedure; in these cases any renewed application for admission to the doctoral examination is excluded; or

e) the doctoral candidate is unworthy that an academic title be awarded.

²Admission to the doctoral examination can at any time be withdrawn or revoked in the event of cases covered under sentence 1 letters a) and c) to e).

(2) Admission to the doctoral examination has the prerequisite that the doctoral candidate

a) is enrolled as doctoral student at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen in accordance with the specifications defined in the statutory provisions,

b) has properly completed the doctoral studies, and

c) has independently completed a written, scientific treatise (dissertation) and ensures in writing in accordance with appendix 5 that

ca) he or she has completed the dissertation independently and without unauthorised aids and

cb) no equivalent doctoral studies have been applied for elsewhere and that therein the dissertation entered or any part thereof has not been submitted.

§ 12 Application for admission to the doctoral examination

(1) No later than eight weeks before planned submission of the dissertation, a written application must be filed with the responsible examination committee for admission to the doctoral examination.

(2) The following should be enclosed with the application:

- a) the topic and selected language, also the title page and written summary of the dissertation;
- b) the written assurance according to § 11 section 2 letter c);
- c) specification of the academic title to be awarded in accordance with § 3;
- d) a resumé, which is written in German or English and also furnishes information on the scientific progress of the doctoral candidate, additionally a current passport photograph;
- e) proof of successful completion of the doctoral studies;
- f) the names of the Thesis Committee members;
- g) proof of proper enrolment.

(3) ¹After submission of the application and review of the formal prerequisites, the examination committee decides on the permission to take the doctoral examination. ²It shall initiate the examination process once all requirements have been satisfied. ³In the admission to the doctoral examination, the doctoral candidate acquires the rightful claim to a review of his or her dissertation.

(4) The doctoral candidate shall, in the event of admission, receive a letter of admission in text form that shall contain a date by which the dissertation must be submitted; rejection shall be issued in writing with instruction on rights of legal recourse.

a) By no later than the date specified in the letter of admission, at least two copies of the scientific treatise (dissertation) must be submitted in a written form, one copy in a digital form in the format of a word processing programme generally deemed standard or as a PDF document and any published manuscripts by the applicant connected to the dissertation; the doctoral candidate must bindingly confirm that the contents of the digital version are identical with the written scientific treatise.

(6) ¹Withdrawal of a doctoral examination application shall be permitted, unless

- a) a letter of rejection has been issued for the dissertation and it has been received by the doctoral candidate in at least the text form, or
- b) the oral examination has commenced.

²If withdrawn according to sentence 1, the doctoral examination attempt shall be considered not undertaken.

§13 Dissertation, cumulative dissertation

(1) ¹The dissertation is intended to prove that the examination candidate is able to independently process and represent a problem within a defined period through the application of scientific methods. ²It must be scientifically remarkable and should demonstrate furthermore that the doctoral candidate is able to make an independent and substantial contribution to solving advanced scientific questions in their chosen specialist area.

(2) The dissertation may not have been or be used for any other doctoral or comparable process at a university in Germany or abroad, unless otherwise specified in these regulations.

(3) The topic of the dissertation must be defined in such a way that the dissertation can be completed within a period of 6 semesters.

(4) The dissertation can be drafted in German, or English or both languages. ²A different official language in the EU may be approved, subject to reasoned application to the examination committee. ³All members of the Thesis Committee must have a sufficient command of the examination language.

(5) ¹In place of a written dissertation, a collection of several scientific publications may be accepted in which the doctoral candidate is the author and which have been accepted in an academic journal with a peer-review system, provided that one member of the Thesis Committee confirms that these publications shall account for the substantial part of the scientific work (cumulative dissertation). ²In cumulative dissertations, a summarised presentation of the topic dealt with, connected with a discussion part, must be submitted. ³Furthermore, a declaration on the proportion of own work performed should also be enclosed.

§ 14 Acceptance or rejection and assessment of the dissertation

(1) ¹The examination committee appoints the first academic advisor and at least one other authorised examiner, most commonly from the Thesis Committee, as evaluators. ²Evaluators who are not already members, automatically become members of the Thesis Committee.

(2) ¹The evaluators shall within no more than six weeks complete a written assessment of the dissertation submitted, in which they shall propose:

- a) To accept the dissertation,
- b) To reject the dissertation or
- c) To return the dissertation for revision, if the evaluator would recommend a rejection otherwise.

²If acceptance of the dissertation is recommended, one of the following ratings must be proposed at the same time.

- a) (excellent)
- b) very good (1)
- c) good (2) or
- d) rite (3).

³The grades in letters a) to d) can be improved (with exception of the grade summa cum laude) respectively by the value 0.3 or devalued (with exception of the grade rite) by the value 0.3. ⁴Reviews on dissertations written in English must most commonly also be written in English; exceptions are permitted if the native language of the doctoral candidate is German.

(3) ¹In the event that the reviews according to section 2 differ by at least 1.0 or if the rating "excellent" has been proposed in at least one of the reviews, or if not all of the reviewers agree on rejection or acceptance, the examination committee shall appoint an external scientist to draft an additional review, which should be submitted after no later than 6 weeks.

²The additional external evaluator shall be qualified in the subject area of the dissertation.

(4) ¹The dissertation and the review shall be made available for the period of at least one week for inspection by the authorised examiners at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

²During this period, objections that are reasoned in writing may be submitted as concerns the acceptance or the recommended rating of the dissertation. ³Objections must be addressed to the examination committee. ⁴In the event that this body shall consider the objection justified, it may appoint a different or additional evaluator, who may be internal or external. ⁵Upon

appointment, this person shall become member of the Thesis Committee, provided they hold the required qualification to be granted authorisation to examine. ⁶In these cases, the members of the Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners shall meet with the Dean and shall, with consideration of all reviews, reach a final decision on accepting and rating or rejection of the dissertation and failure of the doctoral examination or return of the dissertation for revision. (7) Abstentions are not permitted. ⁸The decision must be made within four weeks.

(5) ¹The dissertation shall be deemed accepted once all evaluators have recommended acceptance of the dissertation and there are no objections pending as specified under section 4. ²The dissertation shall be deemed rejected and the doctoral examination failed in the event that all evaluators recommend rejection of the dissertation.

(6) ¹If the dissertation has been accepted and all evaluators agree on the proposed rating, this shall be the rating for the dissertation. ²If the dissertation has been accepted and the proposed ratings differ by less than 1.0, the rating of the dissertation shall be the arithmetic average (A) of the proposed ratings:

for A up to 1.5 very good,

for A over 1.5 to 2.5 good,

for A over 2.5 rite.

(7) ¹In the event that the reviewers cannot agree on the acceptance or rejection, they shall agree on proposing revision; in the event that the ratings differ by at least 1.0 or if the rating "excellent" has been proposed without there being agreement among the reviews, and insofar as an objection under section 5 has not been received, the members of Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners shall reach a ruling with consideration of all reviews. (2) Abstentions are not permitted.

(8) The members of the Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners must agree on an appropriate period allowed for the revision. If a dissertation returned for revision is not submitted within this deadline, it is regarded as rejected.

(9) Upon request, an academic adviser and one reviewer who rejected the dissertation shall not be mentioned as referee in the dissertation.

(10) ¹In the case of rejection of dissertation, reapplication for permission to take the doctoral examination is possible only once and not before the end of a year. ²In this case, a new or considerably improved dissertation should be submitted. ³In doing this, the unsuccessful attempt should be notified. ⁴If this dissertation is also rejected, then the doctoral examination is definitively failed.

(11) ¹ At least one copy of the rejected dissertation remains with all expert opinions in the records at the Dean's Office. ²All faculties with close subject relevance are notified about the rejection within the scope of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Germany.

(12) ¹Notification is issued in writing by the chairperson of the Thesis Committee. ²Acceptance of the dissertation shall also be considered equivalent with admission to the oral defence. ³In the event that the dissertation should be rejected on the first occasion, reference is made to the regulations concerning repetitions contained in section 10; notification shall be provided with instructions on the rights of legal recourse in the event of a rejection.

§ 15 Oral examination (oral defence)

(1) ¹The oral examination is designed as a public defence of the dissertation (oral defence); the date will be posted as a public announcement. ²Upon application of the doctoral candidate, the university public may be excluded, provided there is an important reason. ³The authorised examiners on the Thesis Committee shall rule in this case.

(2) ¹The oral defence shall consist of a specialist presentation lasting no more than 45 minutes, in which the results of the dissertation shall be put forward, followed by a discussion that may refer to a wider scientific context relating to the dissertation. ²The duration of the oral defence is at least 60, at the most 90 minutes.

(3) ¹The examination is held by the present members of the Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners. ²A majority, but at least three members, of the Thesis Committee must be in attendance for the entire duration of the examination. ³The members of the Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners may permit attending members of public to address questions to the candidate. (4) Written minutes on the course of the oral defense shall be prepared.

(4) ¹The specialist presentation and the discussion are most commonly held in German or in English. ²A different official language in the EU may be approved, subject to reasoned application to the examination committee, provided that all members of the Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners have a sufficient command of the examination language.

(5) The oral defence should be held within eight weeks following submission of the dissertation.

(6) ¹Following the oral examination, the members of the Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners shall decide on successful completion or failure in the oral examination; they shall also decide on the grade or rating in the event of a pass. ²The following grades or ratings are possible:

1 = very good,

2 = good,

3 = rite.

³The grades can be improved (with exception of the grade summa cum laude) respectively by the value 0.3 or devalued (with exception of the grade rite) by the value 0.3.

§ 16 Overall assessment

(1) ¹The doctoral examination is passed if the dissertation was accepted and the oral examination passed. ²The members of the Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners shall ascertain successful completion or failure, and the result of the doctoral examination, immediately after the oral defence.

(2) ¹The total grade is the product of the weighted arithmetic average of the dissertation rating (70 %) and the grade of the oral defence (30 %), whereby only the first digit after the decimal point shall be considered:

1.0 up to and including	1.5	= magna cum laude,
above 1.5 up to and including	2.5	= cum laude,
above 2.5 up to and including	3,0	= rite.

²Insofar as the dissertation was rated "excellent", the grade value "1" shall also be awarded.

(3) Unlike in section 1, if the dissertation was graded "excellent" and the oral defence "very good" (1.0), then the overall grade "summa cum laude" is to be awarded.

(4) ¹The result of the doctoral examination is notified to the doctoral candidate immediately after the assessment. ²Upon application, the doctoral candidate receives a certificate on the examination result; this must also show that the doctoral degree may not be held before award of the doctoral studies.

(5) Along with the certificate, the doctoral candidate receives an examination certificate (appendixes 2a and 2b) and a "Diploma supplement" to the certificate in English, as defined in the template published by the German Rector's Conference (HRK).

§ 17 Failure, discontinuance, retake of the oral examination

(1) ¹Insufficient knowledge shown in the oral examination is assessed as failed. ²If the examinee fails to attend the examination or withdraws from the examination, then the examination is considered failed, unless an important reason occurs. ³The important reason must be notified immediately in writing to the Thesis Committee and must be made plausible. ⁴In case of withdrawal or failure to attend due to illness, a medical certificate specifying the expected duration of the disease causing the inability to take the examination should be produced immediately, unless the illness is obvious. ⁵A new examination date shall be scheduled in the event that the members of the Thesis Committee who are authorised examiners recognise the reasons.

(2) ¹A failed oral examination may be repeated on one occasion, subject to application by the doctoral candidate that must be placed within three months following the failed examination attempt. ²Any further repetition shall not be permitted; failed examinations in a comparable doctoral degree programme at other universities shall be added. ³If the oral examination has been irrevocably failed, the doctoral examination shall also be deemed irrevocably unsuccessful.

(3) ¹Any right to examination shall lapse with finality if the dissertation has not been submitted by the start of the lecture period of the 15th subject semester. ²The doctoral

examination shall be considered unequivocally failed in this case. ⁴The period specified in sentence 1 may be exceeded if the failure to adhere thereto is not within the responsibility of the doctoral candidate; the examination committee shall rule on this, subject to application by the doctoral candidate.

§ 18 Decision, objection

(1) ¹Rejections and other negative acts of administration that are ruled according to these regulations or other programme regulations must be reasoned in writing and provided with information on legal remedies and communicated to the doctoral candidate. ²These decisions can be objected within a month after publication of the notice, as far as this notice concerns the review of an examination result.

(2) The objection must be lodged in writing or in transcript.

(3) The responsible examination committee decides on the appeal in consideration of the procedure under section 4, unless the appeal is sustained.

(4) ¹Insofar as the appeal refers to a specific examination assessment by a certain examiner, the responsible examination committee shall forward the appeal to this person for review. ²If the examiner changes the assessment according to the appeal, the examination committee sustains the appeal. ³Otherwise, it reviews the decision based on the statement by the examiner, especially based on whether

- a) The examination procedure has been properly carried out,
- b) The generally valid assessment principles have been followed,
- c) the examiner has not been influenced by irrelevant considerations.

⁴The same applies if the appeal is against an assessment by several examiners. ⁵In the event that there should be a violation in accordance with sentence 3, a further review on the dissertation shall be obtained accordingly or the oral examination will be repeated with an examiner as yet uninvolved in the procedure. ⁶Reassessment must not lead to deterioration in the examination assessment.

(5) ¹If the objection is not sustained, a notice of rejection is issued. ²This shall be issued by the chairman of the examination committee. ³The notice of rejection should be reasoned, issued with instructions on rights of legal remedy and delivered.

§ 19 Publication of the dissertation

(1) ¹The dissertation must be published at the latest a year from the day of the passing the oral defense. ²The thesis committee can, on two occasions, grant an extension by a year in each case, upon application. ³If this deadline is not met, all rights acquired through the test become void. ⁴The costs of publication shall be borne by the doctoral candidate.

(2) Publication shall be proven by submission of compulsory copies to the Examination Office as defined in the following terms:

a) in the event of a cumulative dissertation by provision of two copies respectively of the publications and also two copies of the publication with substantial summary connected with a discussion section, or

b) in the event of a non-cumulative dissertation

ba) through provision of 5 copies of a book-trade edition with seal D 7 and ISBN to the academic advisor, if a commercial publisher takes over the distribution via the book-trade and a minimum circulation of 150 copies is proven to the Examination Office, or

bb) through provision of two copies of the completely approved version and duplication in the form of an electronic publication according to the terms of the guideline of the Senate of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen concerning the electronic publication of dissertations.

(3) ¹Authorised examiners on the Thesis Committee may also impose conditions on the publication as concerns material corrections; the doctoral candidate must abide by these conditions. ²The publication is possible only after submission of a revision paper (appendix 3), on which the fulfilment of the conditions stipulated by the first academic advisor is confirmed by the signature of the first academic advisor.

(4) ¹Should there be an important reason and upon joint application of the doctoral candidate and his or her first academic advisor, publication may be managed initially in the manner that only an abstract is published for a certain period and not the complete dissertation manuscript. ²An important reason is present especially when

a) parts of the dissertation were accepted for publication in a journal or a publishing house and prior publication of these parts is inadmissible according to the underlying contract, or

b) this is required for the protection of intellectual property.

³The period under line 1 ends six months after the date of the passed oral examination; once the application is accepted, the period can be extended once by additional six months. The authorised examiners on the Thesis Committee shall rule in this case. ⁵The application should be placed before the scheduled oral defence. ⁶The compulsory copies under section 2 must have been received by no later than the end of the period defined in sentences 1 and 3.

§ 20 Award of the doctorate

(1) Once the doctoral candidate has satisfied all obligations as defined under these regulations, in particular submission of the compulsory copies, the Dean shall conclude the doctoral programme by awarding the Ph.D. certificate (appendixes 1a and 1b); an official English translation shall be completed for all certificates and documents submitted in the German language. ²The day of the passed oral defence is considered the date of Ph.D. graduation.

⁽²⁾ Contrary to section 1 line 1, the doctorate can be awarded before the mandatory copies under § 19 section 2 are submitted, if

a) instead of the mandatory copies, a publishing house contract with an accredited scientific publishing house is submitted and moreover declares in writing that the printing and submission of the obligatory copies are guaranteed within a maximum period of a year following the oral examination, and

b) publication takes place in accordance with § 19 section 4.

²The doctorate is awarded in this case under reservation of the fulfilment of obligations according to § 19 section 2. ³If this obligation is violated, all rights acquired through the examination, especially the right to carry the doctoral degree, become void. ⁴The Ph.D. certificate should be returned immediately.

(3) Before handing over the Ph.D. certificate, the doctorate degree may not be carried.

(4) Doctoral studies are complete upon award of the doctoral certificate.

§ 21 Invalidity of the doctoral degree examination; withdrawal of the doctorate

(1) The doctoral examination can be declared void and the doctorate can be withdrawn,

- a) if it is subsequently ascertained that the doctorate was acquired through fraudulence, or if essential prerequisites for the admission to the doctoral examination were wrongly presumed to be fulfilled,
- b) if it is subsequently ascertained that the holder of the doctorate is unworthy of an academic degree,
- c) if the holder of the doctorate has proven himself or herself unworthy of holding an academic degree due to their subsequent behaviour or conduct.

(2) Unlike section 1, the doctoral examination shall be declared void and the doctorate shall be withdrawn in the event that there is a lawful conviction for a criminal offence in connection with the doctoral studies.

(3) ¹The faculty council shall rule in cases governed by sections 1 and 2; in cases in which there is a suspicion of scientific misconduct, the ruling shall be preceded by an arbitration procedure as defined in the regulations of Georg-August-Universität intended to safeguard good scientific practice. ²Notification is issued by the dean.

§ 22 Inspection of the Examination Records

¹The examinee is permitted upon application to review his or her minutes of the examination after conclusion of the dissertation and the oral defense. ²The application is to be placed to the examination committee at the latest within a year after issue of the examination certificate or the notice on the failed exam. ³The examination committee specifies the place and time to access the records. ⁴Access to the records includes the right to obtain comprehensive knowledge of the records and to make handwritten notes. ⁵Copies of the record content can also be issued against payment of an administration fee.

§ 23 Safeguarding provisions

(1) ¹If the examinee makes it plausible that he or she is not in a position (e.g. due to long-lasting or permanent physical impairment) to complete the examination components entirely or partly in the intended form, then he or she should be able to complete the examination components in an extended processing time or equivalent examination components in another form. ²A medical certificate must be produced in original. ³Submission of a copy is not sufficient. ⁴The examination committee rules in this effect.

(2) ¹Insofar as compliance with the deadlines for the initial registration for examinations, -retake, reasons for not attending the examinations and the free attempt and compliance with processing times for examination work are affected, the illness of the candidate and the necessary sole care by of one of a close relative are deemed equivalent. ²Close relatives are children, parents, grandparents, married partner and life partner.

(3) ¹Study or examination components may not be fulfilled by pregnant women, if life or health of the mother or child is endangered according to the medical certificate. ²Furthermore, the safeguarding provisions according to §§ 3, 4, 6 and 8 of the Maternity Protection Act as well as the deadlines and provisions under § 1 sections 1 or 3 no. 3 or in special cases of hardship, section 5 as well as §§ 15 and 16 of the Federal Parental Allowance and Parental Leave Act shall apply in their relevant versions.

(4) ¹No disadvantages may be experienced by the Ph.D. student through compliance with these provisions. ²Fulfilment of the prerequisites under sections 1 to 3 should be evidenced through suitable documents, e.g. medical certificates, birth certificates, certifications of the local residents' registration office.

§ 24 Prerequisites for a joint doctoral process

(1) A doctoral process carried out jointly with a foreign university or faculty sets the prerequisites that

a) an agreement on the cross-border supervision of this doctoral studies has been made with the foreign university or faculty or an individual cooperation contract for completion of a double doctoral degree has been concluded with the foreign university or faculty, and

b) admission to the doctoral degree has been granted both at the University of Göttingen and the foreign university or faculty.

(2) ¹The dissertation can be submitted at the University of Göttingen or the foreign university or faculty according to more detailed regulation in the agreement under section 1 no. 1. ²A dissertation that has been submitted at the foreign university or faculty before conclusion of the agreement in accordance with section 1 no. 1 and has been accepted or rejected there cannot be resubmitted at the University of Göttingen. ³The agreement under section 1 no. 1 must ensure that a dissertation submitted at the University of Göttingen and accepted or rejected there before conclusion of the agreement under section 1 no. 1 cannot be resubmitted at the foreign university or faculty.

(3) If the dissertation is submitted at the University of Göttingen, then § 25 should be applied. If the dissertation is submitted at the foreign university or faculty, then § 26 should be applied.

§ 25 Submission at the University of Göttingen in the case of joint doctoral process

(1) ¹During the execution of the doctoral process, the supervision is provided by at least one authorised advisor of the University of Göttingen and at least one authorised advisor of the foreign university or faculty. ²The execution of supervision is specified in the agreement under § 24 section 1 no. 1.

(2) ¹Notwithstanding § 6, the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences appoints in agreement with the foreign university or faculty a Thesis Committee, which is to be equally constituted by scientists and scholars of both institutions; further information is regulated in the agreement under § 24 section 1 no. 1. ²Both academic advisers to the dissertation should be appointed as examiners.

(3) If the dissertation was accepted at the University of Göttingen, then it is transferred to the foreign university or faculty for approval on the continuation of the process. If the foreign university or faculty issues the approval on continuation of the process, then an oral examination takes place at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Göttingen according to the provisions of §§ 15 to 17; this may differ from the provisions of §§ 15 to 17 in established exceptional cases in accordance with the agreement under § 24 section 1 no. 1.

(4) ¹If the dissertation is accepted by the University of Göttingen, but the approval for continuing the process is rejected by the foreign university or faculty, the joint procedure is terminated. ²The doctoral process is continued according to the general provisions of these regulations. ³A new Thesis Committee is to be appointed for the examination in accordance with § 6.

§ 26 Submission at the foreign university or faculty in the case of joint doctoral process

(1) ¹If the dissertation is submitted at the foreign university or faculty, then the foreign university or faculty decides on its acceptance or continuation of the process respectively, after reviewing the dissertation. ²If the result of the decision is positive, the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Göttingen decides in accordance with § 14 on the acceptance of the dissertation after submission of all of the necessary expert opinions by the advisers at the University of Göttingen. ³The dean announces the result to the foreign university or faculty. ⁴Furthermore, he or she notifies the names of the reviewers to be appointed. ⁵The oral examination takes place at the foreign university or faculty.

(2) ¹If the dissertation is rejected at the University of Göttingen, then the joint procedure is concluded. ²The rejected dissertation may not be resubmitted at the University of Göttingen. ³The decisions on the reassessment of the doctoral degree remain unaffected.

(3) ¹If the dissertation is rejected at the foreign university or faculty, then the joint procedure is concluded. ²The process shall be continued in accordance with the terms of §§ 12 to 20.

§ 27 Joint Ph.D. certificate

Successful completion of the doctoral process in co-supervision with a foreign university or faculty is followed by the award of a joint PhD certificate, which is signed by both universities and from which it is clear that it is a doctoral degree for scientific achievement awarded jointly by the concerned universities.

§ 28 Honorary doctorate

(1) ¹In recognition of outstanding scientific achievements or particular merits in advancing the cause of science, the faculty shall be entitled to award the academic title and honour of Honorary Doctor of Agricultural Sciences - Doctor scientiarum agrariarum honoris causa, abbreviated Dr. sc. agr. h. c. – as a rare distinction. ²This shall require a resolution by the faculty council, passed by a three quarter majority of all attending members who are eligible to vote.

(2) ¹The honorary doctorate is awarded by the Dean of Studies in the form of a degree certificate. ²This degree certificate shall list the scientific merits or achievements in advancing the cause of science that led to the award of the honorary doctorate.

§16 Entry into force; provisional regulations

(1) This regulation enters into force following its promulgation in the Official Announcements I of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen as per 01.04.2013.

(2) It replaces

- a) the examination regulations for the 'doctoral degree programme in Agricultural Sciences in Göttingen (PAG)' in the version of the Official Announcements dated 19.09.2008 (Official Announcements 30/2008, p. 2799) most recently changed by the resolution of the presidential board of 05.04.2011 (official announcements 8/2011 p. 453), as well as the supplementary study regulations for the 'doctoral degree programme in Agricultural Sciences in Göttingen (PAG)' in the version of the announcements of 19.09.2008 (official announcements 30/2008 p. 2831), most recently changed by the resolution of the presidential board of 05.04.2011 (official announcements 8/2011 p. 463), and
- b) the examination regulations for the 'doctoral degree programme in Agricultural Sciences in Göttingen (IPAG)' by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen in the version of the Official Announcements dated 22.09.2008 (Official Announcements 31/2008, p. 2896) most recently changed by the resolution of the presidential board of 05.04.2011 (official announcements 8/2011 p. 441), as well as the supplementary study regulations for the 'International Ph.D. Program for Agricultural Sciences in Göttingen (IPAG)' in the version of the announcements of 22.09.2008 (official announcements 31/2008 p. 2928), most recently changed by the resolution of the presidential board of 05.04.2011 (official announcements 8/2011 p. 446),

and hence leading to their invalidation.

(3) ¹Unlike in section 2, the following shall apply to doctoral candidates who commenced their academic programme before these examination and study regulations came into force and have since been enrolled without interruption,

a) they shall continue to be examined according to the terms of the regulations in section 2 letter a) in the doctoral degree programme in agricultural sciences in Göttingen (PAG),

a) they shall continue to be examined according to the terms of the regulations in section 2 letter b) in the 'International Ph.D. Program in agricultural sciences in Göttingen

(IPAG). ²An examination on the basis of the terms of section 2 shall be held for the last time in the summer semester 2017; the date of submitting the dissertation shall be authoritative.

(4) Upon application, doctoral candidates shall be examined in general on the basis of the terms of this examination and study regulation as specified in section 2.

Appendix 1a:

Emblem of the University of Göttingen

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Ph.D. certificate

In this certificate, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences,
confers upon

Mr./Ms*), born in,

the degree of

Doctor Scientiarum Agrariarum

(abbreviated: Dr. sc. agr.),

after having completed the Ph.D. examination requirements in Agricultural
Sciences, **[Bezeichnung des Promotionsstudiengangs und des Promotionsprogramms]**
on

Göttingen, the

(Seal of the University)

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The Dean*)

.....

The*) Chairperson of the Thesis Committees

Appendix 1b:

Emblem of the University of Göttingen

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences:

PH.D. CERTIFICATE

The Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, confers
upon

Ms/Mr

born onin

the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy

(Ph.D.)

after having completed the Ph.D. examination requirements in Agricultural Sciences,

[Bezeichnung des Promotionsprogramms].

Göttingen,

Seal of the University

(Dean of the Faculty)

(Chair of Examination Committee)

Appendix 2a:

Emblem of the University of Göttingen

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences:

Certificate of the Ph.D. examination

Mr./Ms**), born in, successfully completed the Ph.D. examination in [Bezeichnung des Promotionsstudiengangs und Promotionsprogramm] with the total grade

Modules in the doctoral degree programme:

	Credits	Grade
1.
2.
3.
4.

The Ph.D. thesis with the topic

"....."

was given the grade ".....".

Oral defence Grade:

Göttingen, the

(Seal of the University)

.....

.....

The Dean*)

The*) Chairperson of the Thesis Committees

* See appendix for explanation of grading system

Appendix 2b:

Emblem of the University of Göttingen

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences:

Ph.D. Transcript

Ms/Mr, born in..... in, has passed the Ph.D. exam in [Bezeichnung des Promotionsstudiengangs und des Promotionsprogramms] with the total grade.....

Exams in the Program:

Credits	Grade
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.....	
.....	
.....	

The Ph.D. thesis with the topic was given the grade.....

Oral defense **Grade:**

Göttingen,(Date).....

(Seal of the University)

.....
Dean

.....
Chair of Examination Committee

* See appendix for explanation of grading system

Appendix 3

Emblem of the University of Göttingen

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences:

Revision certificate

The printed copy of the dissertation by Mr./Ms*

.....

from

entitled:

has been submitted to me. I have no objections to the printing of this dissertation and confirm this by my signature.

Göttingen,

* Delete when n/a

Anlage 4 Exemplarische Studienverlaufspläne

1. Exemplarischer Studienverlauf für das Promotionsprogram „IPAG“

	Modul 1	Modul 2	Modul 3	Modul 4	Modul 5	
1. Sem.	Wahlpflicht- modul (Methoden) 6 C	Wahlpflicht- modul (Fachwissen) 6 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			Fortschrittsbericht 2 C
2. Sem.	Wahlpflicht- modul (Schlüssel- kompetenz) 6 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				
3. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				Fortschrittsbericht 2 C	
4. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit					
5. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				Fortschrittsbericht 2 C	
6. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				Kolloquium zur Promotions- arbeit 6 C	

2. Exemplarischer Studienverlauf für das Promotionsprogram „PAG“

	Modul 1	Modul 2	Modul 3	Modul 4	Modul 5	
1. Sem.	Wahlpflicht- modul (Methoden) 6 C	Wahlpflicht- modul (Fachwissen) 6 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			Fortschrittsbericht 2 C
2. Sem.	Wahlpflicht- modul (Schlüssel- kompetenz) 6 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				
3. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				Fortschrittsbericht 2 C	
4. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit					
5. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				Fortschrittsbericht 2 C	
6. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			Kolloquium zur Promotions- arbeit 6 C		

3. Exemplarischer Studienverlauf für das Promotionsprogram „Graduiertenkolleg 1666 GlobalFood“

	Modul 1		Modul 2	Modul 3	Modul 4	Modul 5
1. Sem.	Pflichtmodul 3 C	Pflichtmodul 3 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			
2. Sem.	Wahlpflichtmodul (Schlüsselkompetenz) 6 C		Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			
3. Sem.	Pflichtmodul 6 C		Pflichtmodul 6 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit		
4. Sem.	Wahlpflichtmodul (Fachliche und methodische Vertiefung) 6 C		Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			
5. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit					
6. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit					Kolloquium zur Promotionsarbeit 6 C

4. Exemplarischer Studienverlauf für das Promotionsprogram „Promotionskolleg Agrarökonomie“

	Modul 1	Modul 2	Modul 3	Modul 4	Modul 5
1. Sem.	Wahlpflicht- modul (Theorie) 6 C	Wahlpflicht- modul (Empirie) 6 C	Wahlpflicht- modul (Soft Skills) 6 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit	
2. Sem.	Wahlpflicht- modul (Schlüssel- kompetenz) 6 C	Kolloquium 2 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit		
3. Sem.	Kolloquium 2 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			
4. Sem.	Kolloquium 2 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			
5. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				
6. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				Kolloquium zur Promotions- arbeit

5. Exemplarischer Studienverlauf für das Promotionsprogramm "Graduiertenkolleg 1644
Skalenprobleme in der Statistik"

	Modul 1	Modul 2	Modul 3	Modul 4	Modul 5
1. Sem.	Pflichtmodul, (Statistische Methoden) (Introduction to Mixed Models and Spatial Statistics) 8 C	Wahlpflicht- modul, (Statistische Methoden) 4 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit		
2. Sem.	Wahlpflicht modul (Fachliche Speziali- sierung) 3 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			
3. Sem.	Pflichtmodul (Forschungs- seminar und Kolloquien des GRK 1644) 6 C	Pflichtmodul (Sommer- schulen und Fach- tagungen des GRK 1644) 2 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit		
4. Sem.	Pflichtmodul (Schlüssel kompetenzen) Diversity Kompetenz 1 C Gute wissen- schaftliche Praxis 1 C	Wahlpflicht- modul (Schlüssel- kompetenzen) 2 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit		
5. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				
6. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				Kolloquium zur Promotionsarbeit 6 C

6. Exemplarischer Studienverlauf für das Promotionsprogramm "Promotionskolleg Qualifikatorisches Upgrading in KMU"

	Modul 1	Modul 2	Modul 3	Modul 4	Modul 5
1. Sem.	Pflichtmodul (Fachstudium) Fachliche und methodische Grundlagen 4 C	Pflichtmodul (Fachstudium) Forschung lernen und reflektieren 11 C		Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit	
2. Sem.	Wahlpflichtmodul (Fachstudium) 4 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			
3. Sem.	Wahlpflichtmodul (Schlüsselkompetenzen) 7 C	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit			
4. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				
5. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				
6. Sem.	Anfertigung der Promotionsarbeit				Kolloquium zur Promotionsarbeit 6 C

**Declaration by the doctoral candidate
at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen**

Name

(Surname, First Name)

Address

(Country / Postcode / Place)

I have produced a dissertation on the topic of

at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. In this, I was supervised by Prof.
.....

I submit the following declaration:

1. The opportunity for the existing doctoral project was not made commercially available to me. Especially, I have not engaged any organisation that seeks thesis advisers against a fee for the preparation of dissertations or performs my obligations with respect to examination components entirely or partly.

2. I have until now and shall in future accept the assistance of third parties only in a scope that is scientifically justifiable and compliant with the legal statutes of the examinations. I shall specifically complete all parts of the dissertation myself; I have neither, nor will I, accept unauthorised outside assistance either free of charge or subject to a fee.

Furthermore, I am aware of the fact that untruthfulness with respect to the above declaration repeals the admission to complete the doctoral studies and/or subsequently entitle termination of the doctoral process or withdrawal of the title attained."

....., the

(Place)

.....

(Signature)