

**General doctoral regulations  
of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt dated  
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On the basis of Article 5 (3)(1) of the Concordat between the Free State of Bavaria and the Holy See dated March 29, 1924 (BayRS 2220-1-WFK), the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt issues the following general provisions for the doctoral regulations at its faculties – general doctoral regulations (RaPromO):

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# I. General

## Section 1 Right to award doctoral degrees

(1) The Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt awards the following doctoral degrees through the following faculties:

1. Faculty of Theology	doctor theologiae	(Dr. theol.)
2. Faculty of Philosophy and Education	doctor philosophiae	(Dr. phil.)
3. Faculty of Languages and Literatures	doctor philosophiae	(Dr. phil.)
4. Faculty of History and Social Sciences	doctor philosophiae	(Dr. phil.)
5. Faculty of Mathematics and Geography	doctor rerum naturalium	(Dr. rer. nat.)
6. Ingolstadt School of Management	doctor rerum politicarum	(Dr. rer. pol.)

(2) <sup>1</sup>The Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt may also award the degree and title of ‘*Doktor ehrenhalber*’ (doctor honoris causa, Dr. h. c.) according to Section 21 through the faculties named in recognition of particular contributions to their subjects. <sup>2</sup>In this case, the doctoral degrees according to Paragraph 1 are awarded with the addition ‘honoris causa’ (h. c.).

(3) <sup>1</sup>Other than in the case of honorary doctoral degrees, a doctoral degree of the same type may only be awarded once. <sup>2</sup>Women may use the female forms of the academic titles and degrees named in these regulations.

(4) The faculties issue faculty-specific regulations with provisions on the admission requirements and the doctoral examination procedure (faculty doctoral regulations) to supplement these regulations according to Article 64 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (*Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz – BayHSchG*).

## Section 2 Purpose and components of the doctoral degree

<sup>1</sup>The purpose of a doctoral degree is to demonstrate an ability to conduct advanced, in-depth academic work in one of the subjects given in Section 1 (4) of the faculty doctoral regulations. <sup>2</sup>Other than in the case of honorary doctoral degrees according to Section 21, the applicant must demonstrate this through an academic paper (doctoral thesis) and an oral examination (defense).

## Section 3 Doctoral committee

(1) <sup>1</sup>The faculty council appoints a doctoral committee. <sup>2</sup>This must have at least four members, one of whom is the dean. <sup>3</sup>The chairperson of the doctoral committee is the dean of the faculty in question, or his or her deputy, or a member appointed by him or her. <sup>4</sup>At least three members must be members of the faculty at which the doctoral degree is being completed.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral committee is responsible for conducting the doctoral examination procedure insofar as there are no alternative provisions in the faculty doctoral regulations. <sup>2</sup>It is responsible, in particular, for decisions on the result of the examination and the final evaluation that is to be issued. <sup>3</sup>It is quorate when all members have been properly invited to the meeting and the majority of the members are present and eligible to vote. <sup>4</sup>It makes decisions by majority vote; abstentions, secret ballots, and transfer of votes are not permitted. <sup>5</sup>In the event of a tied vote, the chairperson’s vote is decisive.

(3) Exclusions from discussion and voting in the doctoral committee and exclusions from conducting examinations are regulated by Article 41 (2) BayHSchG.

## Section 4 Reviewers and examiners

(1) <sup>1</sup>Reviewers for the doctoral thesis (first reviewer and second reviewer) and examiners for the oral examination must be professors according to Article 2 (3)(1) of the Bavarian Law on Academic Personnel of Higher Education Institutions (*Bayerisches Hochschulpersonalgesetz – BayHSchPG*) or retired professors. <sup>2</sup>Professors from *Fachhochschulen* and *Kunsthochschulen* may be appointed as supervisors and examiners.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Members of other universities in Germany and abroad may also be appointed, in which case Paragraph 1 applies accordingly. <sup>2</sup>However, at least one of the two reviewers must be a member of the faculty.

## Section 5 General requirements for admission to doctoral study

(1) Without prejudice to additional requirements according to the faculty doctoral regulations, in order to be admitted to doctoral study the applicant

1. must have successfully completed a Diplom, Magister, or Master's degree at a university, a Diplom or Master's degree at a *Fachhochschule*, or a First State Examination (*Erste Staatsprüfung*); detailed provisions are laid down in the faculty doctoral regulations, which may include, in particular, limitations and additional conditions

2. must not be considered unworthy to hold a doctoral degree in the sense of Article 69 BayHSchG

3. must not have already applied for admission to a doctoral examination procedure for the same type of doctoral degree at a different faculty that has not yet been completed, and must not have previously failed the same doctoral examination at the final attempt at another university

(2) <sup>1</sup>Other degrees in the sense of Paragraph 1 (1) obtained at higher education institutions in Germany or abroad will be recognized, unless they are not considered equivalent. <sup>2</sup>Decisions on equivalence are made by the doctoral committee. <sup>3</sup>In cases of doubt, the Central Office for Foreign Education (*Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen*) may be asked to make a statement.

(3) <sup>1</sup>Semesters of study at foreign universities and relevant credits obtained there will be recognized by the doctoral committee, unless they are not considered equivalent. <sup>2</sup>Equivalence is determined on the basis of the equivalence agreements approved by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs and the German Rectors' Conference.

(4) A Bachelor's degree obtained in Germany does not qualify a person for doctoral study.

## **II. Admission as a doctoral candidate and admission to the doctoral examination procedure**

### Section 6 Admission as a doctoral candidate

(1) <sup>1</sup>Anyone who fulfills the admission requirements according to Section 5 and intends to write a doctoral thesis can apply to the faculty of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt at which the subject is taught for admission as a doctoral candidate, specifying the planned topic of the doctoral thesis. <sup>2</sup>The written application must be addressed to the chairperson of the doctoral committee. <sup>3</sup>If the topic of the doctoral thesis is interdisciplinary in nature and the disciplines it involves are taught at different faculties, the application should only be submitted to one of the faculties involved. <sup>4</sup>The Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt only awards one doctoral degree through one of the faculties involved for such interdisciplinary doctoral theses. <sup>5</sup>The faculties must determine which of them will award the doctoral degree before the applicant is admitted as a doctoral candidate.

(2) Without prejudice to additional requirements according to the faculty doctoral regulations, the following must be attached to the application:

1. A résumé with a detailed description of previous studies and information on degrees obtained and any degrees failed
2. Proof (final academic record, diploma supplement) of the degree according to Section 5 (1)(1)
3. A declaration on whether the applicant has already attempted to obtain a doctoral degree or has already obtained a doctoral degree, specifying the place, date, university, and thesis topic if applicable
4. An official certificate of conduct (*Führungszeugnis*) or proof of employment in public service
5. Confirmation of supervision from the professor who will supervise the doctoral thesis

(3) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral committee decides whether to admit the applicant as a doctoral candidate. <sup>2</sup>The applicant is informed of the decision in a letter, which includes reasons for the decision and information on the right to appeal in the case of rejection.

(4) <sup>1</sup>The applicant must inform the doctoral committee immediately in the case of a change of supervisor. <sup>2</sup>The doctoral committee decides whether to accept the new supervisor; Paragraph 3 (2) applies accordingly.

## Section 7

### Application for admission to the doctoral examination procedure

(1) In order to be admitted to the doctoral examination procedure, the applicant must have been admitted as a doctoral candidate and must continue to fulfill the admission requirements specified in Section 5.

(2) The written application for admission to the doctoral examination procedure must be submitted to the chairperson of the doctoral committee.

(3) Without prejudice to additional requirements according to the faculty doctoral regulations, the following documents must be attached to the application:

1. Two copies of a current résumé
2. Three typewritten or printed copies of the doctoral thesis
3. A declaration stating
  - that the applicant wrote the doctoral thesis independently and without any unauthorized assistance from others, did not use any sources or aids for the doctoral thesis other than those listed, and has marked any passages that have been quoted word-for-word or paraphrased from another work as such
  - that he or she did not use any brokering or consulting services [doctoral thesis consultants (*Promotionsberater*) or other persons]
4. A declaration stating whether the applicant has attempted to complete or has completed a doctoral degree before or has already presented the doctoral thesis in the same or a different form in another attempt or in another examination procedure. The place, date, university, and topic of the doctoral thesis must be stated for any previous attempts to complete a doctoral degree
5. An official certificate of conduct (*Führungszeugnis*) or proof of employment in public service
6. Suggestions of who should be appointed as the first reviewer and second reviewer and as the examiners who will form the board of examiners. The chairperson of the doctoral committee is not bound by these suggestions

(4) If an applicant is unable to provide the documents required by Paragraph 3 in the form specified, the chairperson of the doctoral committee may permit him or her to provide the required proof in another form.

## Section 8

## Admission to the doctoral examination procedure

(1) <sup>1</sup>The chairperson of the doctoral committee decides whether to admit the applicant to the doctoral examination procedure. <sup>2</sup>The application may only be rejected if

1. the documents submitted are incomplete or incorrect
2. the applicant has already failed the same type of doctoral examination or an equivalent examination at another university or has already presented the doctoral thesis in the same form or in a different form in another doctoral examination procedure
3. there are circumstances that mean that the applicant is considered unworthy of holding a degree

<sup>3</sup>The applicant must be informed of the decision immediately in a letter, which must include reasons for the decision and information on the right to appeal in the case of rejection.

(2) <sup>1</sup>After it has been determined that the applicant meets the admission requirements, the chairperson of the doctoral committee appoints the reviewers for the doctoral thesis and the examiners for the oral examination under consideration of the applicant's suggestions. <sup>2</sup>These persons form the board of examiners for the defense; it generally has four members, specifically:

1. One member of the doctoral committee
2. The first reviewer and the second reviewer
3. Another person who is authorized to conduct doctoral examinations who may be from a different subject to the first reviewer; detailed provisions are laid down in the faculty doctoral regulations

(3) The application for admission may be withdrawn by submitting a written declaration, providing the applicant has not received notification that the doctoral thesis has been rejected and has not started the oral examination.

## III. Organization and administration of examinations

### Section 9

#### Requirements for the doctoral thesis

The doctoral thesis must demonstrate that the applicant is able to carry out independent scientific work and must constitute a considerable contribution to scientific progress.

(1) <sup>1</sup>As a general rule, the doctoral thesis must be written in German. <sup>2</sup>Deviations and exceptions may be specified in the faculty doctoral regulations.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral thesis must be written as a single work. <sup>2</sup>In deviation from this rule, the faculty doctoral regulations may permit a cumulative doctoral thesis; detailed provisions are laid down in the faculty doctoral regulations.

### Section 10

#### Supervision and assessment of the doctoral thesis

(1) The topic of the doctoral thesis must be agreed on with a professor at the relevant faculty.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral committee obtains two reviews of the doctoral thesis. <sup>2</sup>The supervising professor in the sense of the current version of BayHSchPG generally writes the first review. <sup>3</sup>The second reviewer may be a professor from another faculty or another university in Germany or abroad.

(3) <sup>1</sup>First the chairperson of the doctoral committee presents the doctoral thesis to the reviewers for them to review. <sup>2</sup>The first reviewer and the second reviewer assess the doctoral thesis in separate written reviews and propose whether it should be accepted or rejected. <sup>3</sup>They subsequently each suggest a

grade for the doctoral thesis separately from one another using the following grading scale:

'summa cum laude'	(0.5)	=	outstanding	= an outstanding achievement
'magna cum laude'	(1)	=	very good	= a particularly good achievement
'cum laude'	(2)	=	good	= an above-average achievement
'rite'	(3)	=	satisfactory	= an achievement that meets the average requirements
'insufficenter'	(4)	=	unsatisfactory	= an achievement that is not sufficient due to considerable shortcomings

<sup>4</sup>The Faculty of Theology may specify an alternative grading scale in its faculty doctoral regulations. <sup>5</sup>In order to enable a more differentiated assessment of the performance, the faculty doctoral regulations may allow intermediate values to be given, which are created by decreasing or increasing the grades given above by 0.3; in such cases the grades 0.2, 0.8, 4.3, 4.7, and 5.3 are not permitted. <sup>6</sup>If the overall grade is to be formed from the average of the two individual grades, the average is calculated to two decimal places; all further decimal places are omitted without rounding.

(4) <sup>1</sup>As a general rule, the reviews must be submitted within three months after the date on which the doctoral thesis was presented. <sup>2</sup>The reviews must include notes on any aspects that must be revised or changed before publication of the doctoral thesis in the sense of Section 17. <sup>3</sup>If both the first reviewer and second reviewer reject the doctoral thesis, the doctoral examination procedure is terminated; in this case the doctoral thesis is not displayed for inspection according to Paragraph 6. <sup>4</sup>The chairperson of the doctoral committee informs the applicant of this in a letter, which must include reasons and information on the right to appeal.

(5) <sup>1</sup>If the doctoral thesis is rejected by one of the reviewers or if the grades awarded differ by more than 1.7, a third review is obtained. <sup>2</sup>Paragraph 2, Paragraph 3, and Paragraph 4 (1) apply accordingly.

(6) <sup>1</sup>After all reviews have been submitted, the doctoral thesis and the reviews are displayed in the dean's office for inspection for at least 14 days during the lecture period or 28 days outside of the lecture period. <sup>2</sup>The chairperson of the doctoral committee notifies all members of the faculty who hold a doctoral degree in writing of the place where and dates on which the doctoral thesis will be displayed. <sup>3</sup>These persons who are authorized to inspect the doctoral thesis have the right to submit a written statement on the doctoral thesis within the period during which it is displayed, in which they may express their opposition to the acceptance or rejection of the doctoral thesis, giving reasons. <sup>4</sup>After the end of this period, the doctoral committee decides whether to accept or reject the doctoral thesis. <sup>5</sup>The faculty doctoral regulations may limit the group of persons who are authorized to inspect the doctoral thesis further.

(7) <sup>1</sup>If the first reviewer and second reviewer both propose that the doctoral thesis should be accepted, and both suggest the same grade or the grades that they suggest are no more than 1.7 apart, and no objections have been made by the end of the period specified in Paragraph 6 (3), the doctoral thesis is accepted and awarded the grade given unanimously in the two reviews or the grade calculated as the average of the different grades given in the two reviews. <sup>2</sup>The chairperson of the doctoral committee informs the applicant of this in writing. <sup>3</sup>In all other cases, the doctoral committee determines the grade according to Paragraph 3 and informs the applicant of the result in writing. <sup>4</sup>In the case of rejection, Paragraph 4 (4) applies accordingly.

(8) <sup>1</sup>If the doctoral committee rejects the doctoral thesis, the applicant may submit a new application for admission along with a new doctoral thesis within two years of being informed that the first doctoral thesis was rejected. <sup>2</sup>Paragraphs 3 to 7 apply accordingly. <sup>3</sup>If the applicant does not submit a new doctoral thesis within the period specified in Clause 1 for reasons within his or her control or the new doctoral thesis is also rejected, the doctoral examination procedure has been failed; Paragraph 4 (4) applies accordingly.

(9) <sup>1</sup>A rejected doctoral thesis is kept in the faculty's records along with all reviews. <sup>2</sup>All German universities that have the right to award doctoral degrees in the subjects in question are notified of the fact that the doctoral thesis has been rejected.

## Section 11 Oral examination

(1) In the oral examination the applicant is required to demonstrate his or her sound academic

knowledge and his or her ability to discuss academic problems orally.

(2) <sup>1</sup>As a general rule, the oral examination takes the form of a public defense (*Disputation*) that is generally held in German. <sup>2</sup>Exceptions to Clause 1 are to be determined in the faculty doctoral regulations.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The defense consists of a justification of the content of the doctoral thesis and discussion of related questions. <sup>2</sup>It is introduced by a 30-minute presentation by the candidate on the topic of the doctoral thesis. <sup>3</sup>The defense has a total duration of approximately 90 minutes.

(4) In deviation from Paragraph 2 (1), the faculty doctoral regulations may permit a *Rigorosum* instead; detailed provisions are laid down in the faculty doctoral regulations.

## Section 12 Organization of the oral examination

(1) <sup>1</sup>Once the doctoral thesis has been accepted the chairperson of the doctoral committee sets a date for the oral examination with the agreement of the members of the board of examiners. <sup>2</sup>This should take place no more than three months after the doctoral thesis has been accepted. <sup>3</sup>The date is announced to all members of the faculty. <sup>4</sup>The chairperson of the doctoral committee sends the applicant a written invitation to the examination specifying the names of the examiners no later than 14 days before the start of the examination. <sup>5</sup>The examiners are subject to change due to important reasons, such as illness.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The proceedings of the oral examination and the grade awarded must be documented in records. <sup>2</sup>The records must be signed by all members of the board of examiners and by the clerk.

(3) <sup>1</sup>Each examiner grades the applicant's performance with a grade according to Section 10 (3)(3) to (3)(5). <sup>2</sup>Immediately after determining the grade, the examiner informs the applicant of the grade. <sup>3</sup>The chairperson of the doctoral committee determines the overall grade for the oral examination. <sup>4</sup>This is calculated as the average of the individual grades awarded by the examiners.

(4) The oral examination has been failed if a minimum grade of 'rite' has not been obtained.

## Section 13 Overall grade

(1) <sup>1</sup>If the oral examination has been passed, the doctoral committee determines the overall grade for the doctoral degree. <sup>2</sup>This is calculated as the average of the double-weighted grade for the doctoral thesis and the grade for the oral examination; only two decimal places are considered. <sup>3</sup>The overall grade based on the average is as follows:

up to 0.6	=	summa cum laude
over 0.6 and up to 1.5	=	magna cum laude
over 1.5 and up to 2.5	=	cum laude
over 2.5 and up to 3.5	=	rite
over 3.5 and up to 4.0	=	insufficenter

<sup>4</sup>The Faculty of Theology may specify an alternative grading scale in its faculty doctoral regulations.

(2) <sup>1</sup>After the overall grade for the doctoral degree has been determined, the chairperson of the doctoral committee issues the applicant with an examination certificate within four weeks of the last examination. <sup>2</sup>It contains the overall grade, the grade for the doctoral thesis, and the grade for the oral examination; it does not give the applicant the right to use the title of *Doktor*.

(3) If the oral examination has been failed, the chairperson of the doctoral committee informs the applicant of this in a letter, which includes reasons for the decision and information on the right to appeal.

## Section 14 Withdrawal, absence, inability to take examinations

(1) The oral examination is considered to have been failed if the applicant does not attend the examination without a valid reason or withdraws from the examination after it has started without a valid

reason.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The reasons for absence or withdrawal must be reported to the chairperson of the doctoral committee immediately and suitable proof must be provided. <sup>2</sup>This generally means no later than before the start of the examination in the case of absence and always means before the end of the oral examination in the case of withdrawal (with a note made in the examination records). <sup>3</sup>In the case of illness the chairperson of the doctoral committee may require the applicant to present a doctor's certificate (*ärztliches Attest*).

(3) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral committee decides whether to accept the reasons provided. <sup>2</sup>If the reasons are accepted, a new examination date is set.

#### Section 15

##### Problems in the procedure, cheating, breach of regulations

(1) Problems in the doctoral examination procedure must be reported to the chairperson of the doctoral committee immediately.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral committee may declare that the examination has been failed if the applicant has cheated in some way or violated the regulations during the examination. <sup>2</sup>Before such a decision is made, the applicant must be given the opportunity to make a statement about the relevant circumstances.

#### Section 16

##### Retaking the oral examination

<sup>1</sup>If the oral examination has been failed or is considered to have been failed, the examination may be repeated once within a year. <sup>2</sup>The application for admission to the retake examination is to be submitted to the chairperson of the doctoral committee no earlier than three months after the applicant has been informed that he or she failed the examination. <sup>3</sup>Sections 11 to 15 apply accordingly to the retake examination procedure. <sup>4</sup>If the applicant does not submit an application to retake the examination within the period specified in Clause 1 or if the applicant also fails the retake oral examination, the doctoral examination procedure has been failed; Section 10 (4)(4) applies accordingly.

### IV. Conclusion of the doctoral examination procedure

#### Section 17

##### Publication of the doctoral thesis and delivery of deposit copies

(1) <sup>1</sup>The applicant must make the version of the doctoral thesis approved by the supervisor in consultation with the second reviewer available to the scientific public in a suitable form within two years after passing the oral examination. <sup>2</sup>In order to do so he or she must deliver one copy of the thesis to the faculty for the examination files at no charge. <sup>3</sup>In addition, it must be ensured that the doctoral thesis is disseminated through:

- a) proof of dissemination through booksellers through publication by a commercial publisher, with a minimum print run of 100 copies, ten copies of which are to be delivered to the University Library at no charge; confirmation of publication may also be provided by a print-on-demand publisher; it must be specified on the reverse of the title page that the publication is a doctoral thesis according to Paragraph 3; the copies that are delivered to the University must contain the information specified under Point e (these pages may be loose inserts) or
- b) proof of publication in a journal or periodical or
- c) delivery of a microfiche or a CD and 20 additional copies or
- d) delivery of an electronic version, in which case the file format and type of data carrier must be agreed on with the University Library, or
- e) delivery of 20 bound copies that are printed on age-resistant, wood-free, acid-free paper at no charge; the names of the two reviewers and the date of the oral examination should be specified on the reverse of the title page and a résumé must be attached

<sup>4</sup>Dissemination according to Clause 3 (e) may only be permitted in justified cases on the applicant's application. <sup>5</sup>The written application must be addressed to the chairperson of the doctoral committee; the doctoral committee decides whether to accept the application. <sup>6</sup>The applicant must also deliver two copies produced in the method described in Clause 3 (e) to the University Library at no charge in cases according to Clause 3 (b) and (c), or three copies in cases according to Clause 3 (d). <sup>7</sup>In the case of a cumulative doctoral thesis, the applicant may ensure dissemination in the sense of Clause 3 before the articles are published in a journal or periodical by delivering a summary of the works (abstract) that has been approved by the supervisor in the form specified in Clause 3 (d).

(2) In cases according to Paragraph 1 (3)(d), the applicant transfers the right to make the doctoral thesis available in data networks to the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt.

(3) All copies of the doctoral thesis must be marked as a doctoral thesis that was submitted to the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt.

(4) <sup>1</sup>In justified cases, the chairperson of the doctoral committee may extend the deadline for delivery on request. <sup>2</sup>If the applicant does not deliver the deposit copies on time, all rights obtained through successful completion of the doctoral examination procedure expire.

## Section 18 Certificate and use of title

(1) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral examination procedure is completed upon issue of the doctoral degree certificate. <sup>2</sup>The doctoral degree certificate is signed by the president of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt and the faculty's dean. <sup>3</sup>Upon presentation of the certificate, the right to use the title of *Doktor* is granted. <sup>4</sup>On request, the chairperson of the doctoral committee may grant the candidate the right to use the title provisionally at an earlier date if he or she presents a valid publishing agreement. <sup>5</sup>A temporary confirmation of the right to use the title is issued for this purpose. <sup>6</sup>The confirmation may be extended if there are valid reasons for doing so. <sup>6</sup>The applicant must submit suitable proof of the reasons.

(2) The certificate states the overall grade for the doctoral degree, the topic of the doctoral thesis, and the date of the oral examination.

## Section 19 Inspection of records

The applicant has the right to inspect the examination records after the doctoral examination procedure has been terminated.

# V. Failure of the doctoral examination procedure, problems in the doctoral examination procedure

## Section 20 Failure of the doctoral examination procedure and revocation of the doctoral degree

(1) If the applicant cheated during the doctoral examination procedure and if this is not discovered until after the certificate according Section 13 (2) has been issued, the doctoral examination may retrospectively be judged to have been failed.

(2) <sup>1</sup>If the requirements for admission to the doctoral examination procedure were not met but the applicant did not intend to gain admission wrongfully and this fact only becomes apparent after the procedure has been completed, this deficiency is considered to have been remedied by passing the doctoral examination. <sup>2</sup>If the applicant intentionally gained admission wrongfully, the doctoral committee decides which measures must be taken under consideration of the relevant general administrative regulations.

(3) If it decides to judge the doctoral examination as failed, the certificate that has been issued is revoked.

(4) Otherwise revocation of the doctoral degree is governed by the applicable legal regulations.

(5) In the cases in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 4, the affected person must be given the opportunity to make an oral or written statement before a decision is made.

## VI. Special provisions

### Section 21 Honorary doctoral degree

(1) <sup>1</sup>Unless alternative regulations are in place, the faculty council decides on the conferral and revocation of honorary doctoral degrees with the agreement of the Senate; Sections 18 to 20 apply accordingly. <sup>2</sup>Detailed provisions on awarding honorary doctoral degrees are laid down in the faculty doctoral regulations.

(2) <sup>1</sup>An honorary doctoral degree should be awarded during an official ceremony at which the members of the faculty are present. <sup>2</sup>The honorary doctoral degree certificate should specify the particular contributions of the person to whom it is awarded.

### Section 22 Doctoral examination procedures supervised in collaboration with a foreign university (co-tutelle)

(1) <sup>1</sup>Doctoral examination procedures may be supervised in collaboration with a department at a foreign university, providing that a cooperation agreement is concluded with the foreign university with the approval of the faculty council. <sup>2</sup>The cooperation agreement must be presented to the faculty council by the doctoral committee.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The agreement according to Paragraph 1 should contain details and regulations with regard to the joint doctoral examination procedure. <sup>2</sup>In particular, it must specify that a doctoral thesis and an oral examination are required and that the applicant must be enrolled at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt. <sup>3</sup>The agreement must be signed by the applicant, the supervisor, and the heads of the universities.

### Section 23 Organization of doctoral examination procedures supervised in collaboration with a foreign university

(1) The provisions in the general doctoral regulations and the relevant faculty doctoral regulations apply to doctoral examination procedures supervised in collaboration with a foreign university unless there are alternative provisions specified below.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The applicant is accepted and supervised by one professor at each of the two faculties. <sup>2</sup>The supervisors must generally also be the two reviewers for the doctoral thesis. <sup>3</sup>If the partner university is in a non-German-speaking country, the two reviewers must write their reviews in English. <sup>4</sup>On application the doctoral committee may give permission for the doctoral thesis itself to be written in the local language of the partner university. <sup>5</sup>In this case, a detailed summary of the doctoral thesis must be provided in German.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral committee is appointed with the agreement of both universities. <sup>2</sup>It should have an equal number of members from each university.

(4) <sup>1</sup>If the oral examination is conducted at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, the examination takes the form of a *Disputation* according to Section 11. <sup>2</sup>If the oral examination is conducted at the foreign university, it should be ensured that the supervisor from the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt is one of the examiners in the examining committee. <sup>3</sup>The examination languages for the oral examination are German and the local language of the partner university.

(5) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral degree certificate is generally issued jointly by the two faculties; if applicable it is

issued as a bilingual document. <sup>2</sup>It must bear the seal of both universities. <sup>3</sup>The certificate specifies either one overall grade for the doctoral degree or gives an equivalent foreign grade along with the German grade, with an explanation provided in a note.

(6) <sup>1</sup>On receiving the doctoral degree certificate the applicant obtains the right to use the title of *Doktor* in the Federal Republic of Germany and the equivalent title in the country in which the foreign faculty is located. <sup>2</sup>The bi-national supervision is noted on the certificate or in an accompanying document.

(7) The regulations of both universities apply to reproduction and publication of the doctoral thesis.

#### Section 24 Collaboration with several partner universities

The above provisions on doctoral examination procedures supervised in collaboration with a foreign university apply accordingly to collaborations with two or more partner universities.

### **VII. Final provisions**

#### Section 25 Entry into force

<sup>1</sup>These general doctoral regulations enter into force with effect from April 1, 2010. <sup>2</sup>At the same time the previous doctoral regulations of the Faculty of Theology dated September 16, 2005 [Official Journal of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Foundation (*Amtsblatt der Stiftung Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt*), vol. 30, no. 1/2006, p. 14]; of the Faculty of Philosophy and Education dated May 4, 1998 (KWMBI II 1998, p. 933), last amended by the statutes dated July 27, 2006 (Official Journal of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Foundation, vol. 30, no. 2/2006, p. 72); of the Faculty of Languages and Literatures dated December 6, 1983 (KMBI II 1984, p. 89), last amended by the statutes dated June 27, 2002 (KWMBI II 2003, p. 907); of the Faculty of History and Social Sciences dated December 3, 1981 (KMBI II 1982, p. 401), last amended by the statutes of July 8, 2005 (Official Journal of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Foundation, vol. 29, no. 2/2005, p. 41); of the Faculty of Mathematics and Geography dated June 11, 2004 (KWMBI II 2004, p. 2274), and of the Ingolstadt School of Management of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt dated December 20, 1996 (KWMBI II 1997, p. 356), last amended by the statutes of June 22, 2005 (Official Journal of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Foundation, vol. 29, no. 2/2005, p. 40) cease to be in force.

#### Section 26 Transitional provisions

(1) <sup>1</sup>The doctoral regulations specified in Section 25 (2) continue to apply to applicants who began a doctoral examination procedure according to the doctoral regulations that were in place before these general doctoral regulations entered into force. <sup>2</sup>Applicants according to Clause 1 may choose whether the procedure should be carried out according to the doctoral regulations that applied at the relevant faculty before these general doctoral regulations entered into force or whether it should be carried out according to these general doctoral regulations. <sup>3</sup>After these general doctoral regulations have entered into force and before the new faculty doctoral regulations have entered into force, doctoral examination procedures are carried out according to these general doctoral regulations, providing there are no urgent reasons to do otherwise. <sup>4</sup>The choice according to Clause 2 must be declared in a letter to the chairperson of the doctoral committee.

(2) <sup>1</sup>A doctoral examination procedure was begun in the sense of Paragraph 1 (1) if the applicant was admitted as a doctoral candidate. <sup>2</sup>Formal admission is equivalent to unconditional acceptance by the supervisor.