

**Regulations for the Extra-Curricular Course of Studies for the Doctoral Degree  
*Dr. rer. pol.* of the  
School of Business and Economics  
at the Freie Universität Berlin**

**Preamble**

On the basis of Article 14 section 1 No. 2 of the Partial Basic Regulations (validation model) of the *Freie Universität Berlin* dated 27 October, 1998 (FU Communiqué No. 24 / 1998) and Article 7 paragraph 2 of the doctoral regulations for awarding the degree *Dr. rer. pol.* of the Faculty of Economics dated 13 February 2013 (FU Communiqué No. 14/2013) the Council of the School of Business and Economics of the *Freie Universität Berlin* has decreed the following regulations dated 13 February 2013 for the extra-curricular course of studies leading to the doctoral degree *Dr. rer. pol.*<sup>[1]</sup> )

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<sup>[1]</sup> These regulations have been confirmed by the Presidium of the *Freie Universität Berlin* on 25.03.2013

## **Article 1      Scope**

These regulations regulate the content, structure, goals, organization and performance requirements for the extra-curricular course of studies for the Doctorate of the School of Business and Economics at the *Freie Universität Berlin*.

## **Article 2      Objectives and Curriculum of the Course of Study**

(1) The extra-curricular course of studies as part of the doctorate procedure of the School of Business and Economics at the *Freie Universität Berlin* offers a deeper discussion extending beyond the scientific findings and methods via the degree and takes place using state-of-the-art research. As part of the extra-curricular course of studies, additional knowledge and abilities in economics are acquired and verified.

(2) The content, type of event, associated credit points, requirements to be satisfied and achievements to be delivered can be found in the directory of courses and range of university studies offered, which shall be continuously further developed by the commissioner pursuant to Article 3 and shall be announced in time in an appropriate way.

## **Article 3      Organization of the Extra-Curricular Course of Doctoral Studies, Responsibility**

(1) The doctoral examination board of the School of Business and Economics is responsible for the organization of the extra-curricular course of studies and respective associated tasks for the doctorate.

(2) The doctoral examination board appoints for each of the two scientific units of the department a commissioner for the extra-curricular course leading to the doctorate. The commissioners carry out the current business of the extra-curricular course of study. They are responsible in particular for the academic coordination which includes preparing the respective semester program and its further development. The schedule for each semester is to be presented to the doctoral examination board for approval. The commissioners report about the development of the extra-curricular course of study leading to the doctorate to the doctoral examination board in the respective previous academic year and make suggestions for its further development.

(3) The extra-curricular course of study leading to the doctorate should include an adequate variety of subject areas in economic sciences. It should ensure that all participating doctoral candidates are given an opportunity to visit the courses and lectures necessary to successfully gain the performance credits required for completion of the extra-curricular course of study, until the submission of their doctoral theses and to acquire the intended performance credits.

(4) Study courses offered by other post-graduate programs of the German Research Foundation (DFG), including foreign graduate schools, as well as universities in cooperation with the Max-Planck Research Schools (MPRS), collaborative research centers (SFBS) or other research collaborations and Ph. D. programs of other domestic and foreign or educational institutions with a right to award doctorates and other non-university institutions of higher education can be included in the doctoral studies, as long as they satisfy the requirements and procedures for the respective provision of equivalent achievements. The question of the recognition and eligibility shall be regulated by the doctoral examination board.

**Article 4      Completion of the Extra-Curricular Course of Studies for the Doctoral Degree**

(1) The extra-curricular course of studies leading to a doctorate shall be successfully completed, when 18 performance points (credits = LP according to ECTS) have been acquired. A certificate shall be issued following the successful completion of the extra-curricular course of study as shown in the Annex.

**Article 5      Effective Date**

These regulations shall become effective on the day following their publication in the FU Communiqué (Official Gazette of the *Freie Universität Berlin*).

**Appendix: Example of the Certificate**

**Extra-Curricular Course of Studies leading to the  
Doctoral Degree  
of the School of Business and Economics  
*Freie Universität Berlin***

**Certificate**

about the successful completion of the Extra-Curricular Course of Studies leading to the  
Doctoral Degree  
of the School of Business and Economics  
*Freie Universität Berlin*

in accordance with the regulations concerning the Extra-Curricular Course of Studies leading to the  
Doctoral Degree of the School of Business and Economics *Freie Universität Berlin* (FU Communiqué No.  
14/2013, p. 99)

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has satisfied all requirements in the regulations for the Extra-Curricular Course of Studies leading to the  
Doctoral Degree of the School of Business and Economics *Freie Universität Berlin* (FU Communiqué No.  
14/2013, p.99).

The following achievements have been made:

Event	Content	Achievements	LP/Grade
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Berlin, (Date)

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Dean of the  
School of Business and Economics

Chairman  
of the Doctoral Examination Board