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Preparation of dissertation I. – IV.

[SIS LDOC24](#); [SIS LDOC25](#); [SIS LDOC26](#); [SIS LDOC27](#)

Elaboration of the dissertation project is a key part of doctoral study, where the student demonstrates the ability of independent scientific work and critical reflection of the topic. The dissertation must include original and published results or results accepted for publication. This part guarantees the control of the dissertation preparation process and is stored in the individual study plan for each year of study. Every year the fulfillment of the obligation is confirmed by the supervisor.

Part: study requirements

This block includes: Methodological seminar; four thematically focused subjects realized in the form of seminars and an exam from the subject Early Christianity.

Methodological seminar

[SIS LDOC37](#)

Doctoral students are required to complete the seminar in the first year of study. The seminar builds on the knowledge that doctoral students have acquired in the master's degree program and further deepens this knowledge. The content of the seminar consists of the following areas: theory and methodology of social sciences and issues of literary and formal processing of texts. The aim is to shed light on the relationship between scientific theory and research methods on practical examples from texts, to clarify relevant research methods (taking into account the topics of individual seminar participants) and formal and content problems of writing professional texts). Topic range: - theory, category, terminology, typology, methodology - methods (eg historical-philological work, comparison, discursive analysis) - sources of research - composition of professional monograph, composition of professional study - citation standards, work with electronic sources.

Required courses for the four thematic units of early Christianity

- Orthodoxy and heresy in early Christianity [SIS LDOC33](#)
- Early Christian literature [SIS LDOC34](#)
- Early Christian practice and institutions [SIS LDOC35](#)
- Contexts of early Christianity [SIS LDOC36](#)

Seminars are held in blocks (18 teaching hours in total). The choice of the seminar is recorded by the student in the ISP. Seminars are organized by active participation of PhD students. Doctoral students take responsibility for the subtopic, lead and correct the reading of the assigned work, its translation and interpretation, and moderate the discussion. In addition to their research objectives, the seminars also serve a didactic function, as doctoral students learn to conduct professional seminars.

In the case of pandemic-related restrictions on distance learning, the course is taught by distance learning using Moodle and MS Teams.

It includes two basic orientation frameworks, between which the PhD student chooses in consultation with the supervisor and records the chosen orientation in the ISP.

Within the framework of the chosen orientation, the specific subtopic of the seminar is then specified taking into account the student's ISP, or the topic of his/her dissertation, and the current state of research on the issue (new monograph, monothematic issue of a relevant periodical, etc.). Therefore, the annotations of the individual courses given in the accreditation proposal characterize only the basic course outline.

Early Christianity – examination

[SIS LDOC32](#)

The exam is composed of two rounds of questions:

1. Figures of early Christianity
2. Problems of Early Christianity

The material is based on a study of the assigned literature. While the individual seminars on the four thematic units of early Christianity focus on sub-issues, the course "Early Christianity" thematizes the figures and problems of early Christianity in a broader context. The student is required to submit a list of scholarly and source literature. The examination is oral.

International research experience

SIS LDOC38

The doctoral student gains international research / academic experience in one of the following activities:

- a) a traineeship abroad of at least one month;
- b) participation in an international scientific project with results published or presented abroad;
- c) participation in an international conference

The doctoral student consults with the supervisor on the method of fulfilling this obligation, who records its fulfillment.

The student actively cooperates on the administrative assurance of the fulfillment of the obligation of the individual study plan - internship abroad with the dept. sciences HTF.

The State Examination from the Early Christianity

SIS LDOC31

After consultation with the supervisor and after approval by the Subject Area Board, the student prepares two thirty-minute lectures on different topics different from the dissertation topic. The lecture must be devoted to specific problems.

The lecturer must characterize the state of their solution, the current state of research, present their own critical opinion and demonstrate their professional competence. The committee for the state doctoral examination chooses on the spot one of the prepared topics. In the ensuing discussion, the student answers the questions raised and defends his position.

The exam is oral.

Doctoral Thesis

SIS LDOC16

The student elaborates under the supervision of the supervisor, his/her dissertation and submits his/her application to the Subject Board for defense. The submission of dissertations is governed by the Code of Practice of Charles University and the Dean's Methodical Instruction for the submission of dissertations at HTF UK No. 1 of 1 January 2019.

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