

Faculty of Theology



Earning Credit Points for Doctoral Studies in the Graduate School of Theology

Admission requirements

Membership in the Graduate School of Theology follows admission as a doctoral student at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel.

Structure of the program

The structure of the program is quite open due to the disciplinary plurality within the Faculty of Theology and the varying requirements within the disciplines themselves. Any listed activity may be attended at the faculties in Bern and Zurich as well (inner-Swiss cooperation in the joint doctoral program of Theology). In total, doctoral students need to obtain 18 ECTS credit points (CP) during their doctoral studies. The amount of 18 credit points should be distributed equally among the categories listed below.

| Category | Form of activity, and proof of performance (examples) | Credit Points (examples) |
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| Subject-specific Focus | E.g. Subject-specific courses: doctoral colloquium, seminars, etc. E.g. Attending a subject-specific conference (esp. including the presentation of a paper) E.g. Writing and publishing an article, research essay, or similar. | E.g.Colloquium: 2-3 CP E.g. Attending a conference No contribution: 1-2 CP Own contribution (e.g., paper): 2-3 CP E.g.Article: 2-3 CP |
| Interdisciplinary Activities | I E.g. Interdisciplinary courses with relevant content or method with regard to the own research project or by neighboring faculties or institutes. | E.g.Workshop on research methods in sociology: 2 CP E.g.Attending a colloquium at the Department for African Studies: 1-2 CP |
| Transferable Skills | E.g. Activities/courses offered by the faculty, GRACE or other educational programs by the University of Basel that have a particular focus on transferable skills, e.g., writing or presentation training, publication coaching, etc. | E.g.Attending a course: 1-2 CP (according to course program or individual agreement) |



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| Teaching Skills | E.g. Teaching a course (if not part of the job description); gaining teaching skills in the field of higher education. | Earn the Higher Education Certificate Supporting Learning: 4-6 CP E.g.Teaching a course: 2-3 CP |
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| Other | Individual agreements with the supervisor | E.g.Hosting an activity for the Graduate School: 1-3 CP |
| | | 18 ECTS Credit Points |
| | Completion of the doctoral studies: Doctoral examination | |

Record of credit points

Doctoral students must enroll online for any activity that is offered via the university course catalogue. In this case, credit points will be recorded as announced in the course catalogue. Credit points earned outside of the course offerings need to be agreed upon in advance with the supervisor and listed in a learning contract (online tool in services.unibas) approved by the supervisor.

Doctoral examination

The doctoral examination follows the doctoral studies regulations.

Responsibility

The commission for examination and teaching of the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel ("Prüfungs- und Unterrichtskommission") is responsible for doctoral studies.