

## Admission to Doctoral Studies

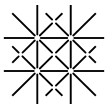
The study regulations of the University of Basel of the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2011 as well as the doctoral degree regulations of the Faculty of Theology of the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 serve as the basis of this information sheet.

### General information:

1. The admission to the doctoral studies requires in general
  - a **recognized master's degree** of a **higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel** (for more details see point 8)
  - a **very good master's graduation grade** (at least 5.0 according to the Swiss grading system)
2. Degrees from university continuing education (e.g. Master of Advanced Studies) do not permit admission to doctoral studies.
3. The Faculty of Theology awards either a Dr. theol. or a DPhil depending on study prerequisites. The admission to doctoral studies can require **additional courses** if a degree fulfils the requirements of the respective doctoral degree regulations only partially.
4. Applicants should **discuss** their **subject and research project** with a responsible supervisor of the Faculty of Theology previous to their application for an admission to doctoral studies. Usually this entails the drafting of a research idea and a project outline referring to the discipline as well as the supervisor.
5. The admission process starts with a written application to the Student Services of the University of Basel within the stipulated time period (before deadline).
6. The tuition fees for doctoral students amount to **CHF 350.00 per semester**.
7. The Faculty of Theology does **not award direct grants**.
8. A foreign higher education institution is recognized by the University of Basel:
  - if its recognition is settled in an agreement with the Swiss Confederation or the University of Basel
  - if it is **state-approved or accredited** in the respective education system and has the **right to award doctorates**, i.e. the right to offer doctorates and to confer the corresponding title. See also the information portal on foreign educational qualifications (anabin):  
[http://anabin.kmk.org/no\\_cache/filter/institutionen.html](http://anabin.kmk.org/no_cache/filter/institutionen.html)

### Details about the admission to doctoral studies at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel:

1. The admission to doctoral studies with a Dr. theol. degree requires a Master of Theology of the Faculty of Theology of Basel.
2. The admission to doctoral studies with a Dr. phil degree requires either a Master of Arts of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Basel with the extra-faculty subject Theology as



a major or minor, a Master of Theology of the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel, or a Master of Arts in Religion-Economy-Politics (Centre for Religion-Economics-Politics) of the Universities of Basel, Lucerne and Zurich.

3. Other degrees of a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel can be acknowledged as entirely or partially equivalent by the Faculty's Doctoral Committee, if necessary with the requirement to obtain additional credits.
4. In accordance with 1., 2. and 3., the degree's average grade has to be at least 5.0 (Swiss grading system 1-6, 6 = max. / 4 = pass / 1-3 = fail), or another evidence of academic achievements has to be recognized as equivalent. The equivalency of degrees that show neither an average grade nor another evidence of academic achievements recognized as equivalent will be examined by the Student Services of the University of Basel at the time of application.

**An application review by the Doctoral Committee (examination committee) takes place only subsequent to the application for doctoral studies at the Student Services of the University of Basel.**

<https://www.unibas.ch/de/Studium/Bewerbung-Zulassung/Anmeldung/Doktorat.html>

Funding:

The Faculty of Theology does not offer doctorate grants or comparable financial support. However, various other funding options are available, see:

<https://www.unibas.ch/de/Studium/Beratung/Studienfinanzierung/Finanzierung-Doktorat.html>

Further links:

General information about a doctorate at the University of Basel

<https://www.unibas.ch/de/Forschung/Akademische-Laufbahn/Doktorat.html>

Admission to a doctorate at the University of Basel

<https://www.unibas.ch/de/Studium/Bewerbung-Zulassung/Zulassung/Zulassung-zum-Doktorat.html>

Application for a doctorate at the University of Basel

<https://www.unibas.ch/de/Studium/Bewerbung-Zulassung/Anmeldung/Doktorat.html>

Doctorate funding

<https://www.unibas.ch/de/Studium/Beratung/Studienfinanzierung/Finanzierung-Doktorat.html>

Recognized or accredited Swiss higher education institutions

<https://www.swissuniversities.ch/de/hoerschulraum/anerkannte-schweizer-hochschulen/>

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Doctoral degree regulations of the Faculty of Theology of Basel of the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2013

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