

Dresden University of Technology
Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

PhD Requirements

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Pursuant to §§ 40, 88 Para 1 No. 2, 13 Para 4 Clause 1 of the Law of the Independence of Universities in the Free State of Saxony (Sächsisches Hochschulfreiheitsgesetz – SächsHSFG) of December 10, 2008 (SächsGVBl. p. 900), last amended by the law of Dec 18, 2012 (SächsGVBl. p. 568), the faculty council of the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at Dresden University of Technology has enacted the ensuing PhD degree requirements as statutes.

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Attachments

§ 1 Scope

The present PhD requirements regulate the administration of PhD processes at the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

§ 2 PhD degree titles

(1) As the result of the PhD process, the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures confers, on behalf of Dresden University of Technology, the academic degree title of

philosophiae doctor (PhD)
German: Dr. phil. (doctor philosophiae).

This degree title can only be conferred once.

(2) Pursuant to the faculty council's decision, Dresden University of Technology also confers the academic degree title of

doctor philosophiae honoris causa (Dr. phil. h.c.).

§ 3 PhD

(1) The PhD is to prove the candidate's singular ability to perform independent research and of their exceptional knowledge in at least one of the subject areas represented by the faculty, amongst them the subjects of English ("Anglistik und Amerikanistik"), German ("Germanistik"), Classical Languages ("Klassische Philologie"), Romance Languages ("Romanistik"), and Slavic Languages ("Slavistik").

(2) Such proof is provided by way of the dissertation in accordance with § 10 and by way of the defense in accordance with § 11, except in the case of honorary doctorates in accordance with § 18.

§ 4 PhD-related committees

(1) The PhD program is in the jurisdiction of the faculty council. To this end, the faculty council forms a PhD program committee as a permanent standing faculty committee. The PhD program committee consists of the dean as its chair, a minimum of another three professors, and one post-doc faculty member. The faculty council appoints the members of the PhD program committee for a term of three years. Re-appointment is possible.

(2) To initiate the PhD process, the PhD program committee sets up a specific PhD committee whose tasks are specified by the present requirements; the PhD program committee designates the PhD committee's chair and appoints the reviewers of the dissertation. The PhD committee consists of at least five members, amongst which must be the reviewers of the dissertation. The chair of the PhD committee must be a professor in the faculty; eligibility for being a dissertation reviewer is

governed by § 10 Para 4. Eligible to be members of the PhD committee are professors, junior professors, TUD Young Investigators, habilitated faculty members, or up to two professors who are not part of the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. For joint PhD processes in cooperation with vocational-technical colleges (“Fachhochschulen”), one of the members of the PhD committee must be a professor from the respective college.

(3) The meetings of the PhD program committee and of the PhD committee are not public. Their members are committed to confidentiality. Quorum and majority requirements for any decisions are regulated by the Law of the Independence of Saxon Universities and by the basic constitution for university committees at Dresden University of Technology. Minutes should be kept of any committee meetings, in particular of any discussions and decisions reached about the doctoral programs.

§ 5

General rules of procedure and appeals

(1) Any decisions of the committees in charge of the PhD process are communicated to the PhD candidate in writing. Negative decisions are issued by the chair of the committee in charge, by means of a formal explanatory statement that may be appealed and that must contain advice on applicable legal remedies.

(2) Appeals against PhD process decisions with the legal status of administrative acts are subject to a formal appeals procedure. The authority in charge of appeals is the faculty council. PhD process decisions with the legal status of administrative acts include in particular:

1. Non-admission to the PhD process, rejection of the application for PhD candidacy, and reversal of the admission as a PhD candidate,
2. Non-initiation of the PhD process,
3. Rejection of the dissertation,
4. Grading of PhD assessments,
5. Non-admission to second attempts,
6. Termination of the PhD process after no results, and
7. Non-conferral of the PhD degree title.

(3) Upon request, the candidate should have access to their PhD records and files for up to one year as of the end date of the PhD process.

§ 6

Admission to PhD program

(1) Admission to the PhD program is granted to applicants

1. a) who have completed a Diplom, Master’s or Magister degree or a state exam (“Staatsexamen”) in a subject pertinent to the PhD subject area with a grade of at least “good” (B/2.0), or
b) who have completed a Diplom, Master’s, Magister from a university, or a state exam degree
and have passed the aptitude test in accordance with § 7;

2. who have fulfilled the personal requirements for bearing the PhD title;
3. who have not already twice failed to complete the PhD program, nor are currently part of a PhD program that is in progress, respectively.

(2) Admission to the PhD program is moreover also granted to such applicants as hold a Bachelor's degree and who have passed the aptitude test in accordance with § 7. Para 1 Nr. 2 through 3 holds accordingly.

(3) Admission to the PhD program is not granted to applicants

1. who do not fulfill the requirements of Para 1 or Para 2,
2. who have hired or are hiring an agent to find ways of obtaining their PhD in exchange for monetary compensation,
3. who, in connection with the PhD process and its preparation, are paying compensation or are taking advantage of free services that defeat the very meaning and purpose of an examination procedure,
4. who are paying or have paid remuneration to another person in connection with the PhD process and its preparation that defeat the very purpose of an examination procedure.

(4) Transfer of credits for examinations and university degrees from abroad is within the jurisdiction of the PhD program committee and is subject to international equivalency agreements. In controversial cases, a second opinion should be requested from the Saxon Ministry of Science and the Arts ("Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Wissenschaft und Kunst"). In cases where applicants have received approval to hold the German degree title as the equivalent of their foreign degree title, this degree title should be recognized as equivalent.

(5) The decision to admit the applicant to the PhD program is made and published concurrently with the decision about the applicant's admission as a PhD candidate in accordance with § 8.

§ 7 Aptitude test

(1) Applicants who are subject to § 6 Para 1 Clause 1 b have to complete an aptitude test in the form of an oral test totaling 30 minutes. Examiners are the designated PhD thesis advisor and a professor from the faculty. The examiners are appointed by the PhD program committee. The test will focus on the range of topics encompassed by the envisaged dissertation, the basis being a dissertation prospectus which should be submitted by the applicant prior to the test and that must not exceed 10 pages. The test will be assessed as "pass" or "no pass". In the case of a "no pass", the test may be retaken once within half a year of the first attempt. Any further attempt is not possible.

(2) Applicants subject to § 6 Para 2 have to provide proof of the successful completion of at least two university graduate seminars in the pertinent subject area. The PhD program committee decides on the acceptance of such proof concurrently with its decision about the admission of the applicant as a PhD candidate.

§ 8

Admission to PhD candidacy

(1) Anyone fulfilling the admission requirements in accordance with § 6 and wishing to do their PhD at the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures has to submit an application for admission to PhD candidacy. An application for admission to PhD candidacy consists in the applicant's indication to the faculty of their wish to do the PhD with them.

(2) The application is to be addressed in writing to the chairperson of the PhD program committee. The application must include the following:

1. the envisaged topic of the dissertation,
2. a written declaration of willingness from a professor, an extraordinarily appointed ("außerplanmäßig") professor, OR a TUD Young Investigator of the faculty to supervise the applicant in the preparation of their dissertation in accordance with Para 4,
3. proof of the fulfillment of the admission requirements in accordance with § 6,
4. a signed tabular curriculum vitae outlining the applicant's academic career, including officially certified proof of already completed courses of study and examinations
5. a written declaration about any previous unsuccessful PhD processes
6. a written declaration of agreement with the present PhD requirements and regulations
7. a written declaration that an official personal record has been requested from the authorities in charge in accordance with § 30 of the Federal Central Registration Law (BZRG=Bundeszentralregistergesetz), which will be sent to the faculty.

(3) The PhD program committee is in charge of admitting or rejecting applicants applying for admission to PhD candidacy. Admission as a PhD candidate should be denied if the applicant does not fulfill the subject matter competence requirements in accordance with § 6. Admission should also be denied if the applicant does not fulfill the personal requirements for bearing the PhD degree title. Admission may be tied to conditions, such as extra assessments or additional examinations that have to be done to complete doctoral coursework. The decision should also take into account the personal record of the applicant in accordance with Para 2 Nr. 7. Once admitted, the applicant will be registered on the list of PhD candidates maintained by the faculty; a PhD student supervision relationship arises between faculty and candidate, with the applicant receiving the status of PhD candidate. When applicants are admitted to PhD candidacy, they have to commit themselves to adhering to the "Guidelines for securing good academic practice, for avoiding academic misconduct, and for dealing with violations."

(4) Eligible to supervise the applicant in preparing their dissertation according to Para. 4 are university professors, extraordinarily appointed professors (außerplanmäßige Professor/inn/en), or TUD Young Investigators at the faculty. The PhD candidate and the academic supervisor have to set up a supervision agreement oriented on the recommendations of the DFG or the graduate academy of University of Technology Dresden.

(5) Admission to PhD candidacy can be repealed if the student's progress in preparing their dissertation or the results to date are prognostic of a failure to complete the PhD process. To initiate this, the PhD advisor submits a written statement of the state of affairs. Before the status of PhD candidate is repealed, the candidate should be heard. The decision to repeal admission to PhD candidacy is taken by the PhD program committee; however, not before the end of a period of three years. Subsequent to that, the candidate's progress has to be checked annually. The PhD candidate, too, can, after their admission as a PhD candidate, indicate themselves in writing to the dean of the faculty that they would like to discontinue pursuing their PhD. All of the above-mentioned cases

terminate PhD candidacy with the faculty and result in a failure to complete the PhD process. The PhD candidate should be crossed out from the faculty's list of PhD candidates.

(6) Admission to PhD candidacy is a compulsory precondition for the initiation of the PhD process.

§ 9 Initiation of PhD Process

(1) The PhD process is opened at the formal request of the PhD candidate. The request for initiation of the PhD process should be addressed to the chairperson of the PhD program committee of the faculty. The following should be added to the request:

1. a signed tabular curriculum vitae outlining the candidate's academic career,
2. the letter stating the person's admission to PhD candidacy according to § 8 and the officially certified proof stating the fulfillment of the extra conditions,
3. six bound copies of the dissertation and a digital copy,
4. a register of the research publications of the PhD candidate,
5. the written declaration of the PhD candidate based on the template in the attachment
and
6. the written declaration that a copy of the candidate's personal record ("Führungszeugnis"), to be sent to the faculty, has been requested from the registration office in charge according to § 30 Para 5 of the BZRG (Bundeszentralregistergesetz).

(2) Repeal of the request for initiation of the PhD process by the PhD candidate is admissible so long as the PhD process has not been opened yet. The request is then considered "not made." Should, after the initiation of the PhD process, the PhD candidate indicate that they do not want to pursue it any longer, this will result in the termination of the PhD process and will be considered a failed PhD attempt. In such a case, only the digital copy of the submitted dissertation will remain on file.

(3) The PhD program committee is in charge of deciding whether to open the PhD process. Initiation is denied if no proof has been given of the fulfillment of the requirements tied to the admission as a PhD candidate. Furthermore, initiation of the PhD process should also be denied if the PhD candidate no longer fulfills the personal character requirements for holding the PhD degree title. An appreciation of the person's track record according to Para 1 Nr. 6 should also be taken into account when making this decision. Initiation of the PhD process should moreover be denied if reasons are brought to bear that would eventually lead to the revocation of the PhD degree title. Should the PhD process not be initiated for reasons in accordance with Clauses 3 through 5, § 15 holds. In this case, only the digital copy of the submitted dissertation will remain on file. The information to the PhD candidate about the initiation of the PhD process will also include information about the composition of the PhD committee and about the names of the dissertation reviewers.

(5) Subsequent to the initiation of the PhD process, the chair of the PhD program committee hands over charge of the continuation of the PhD process to the PhD committee.

§ 10 Dissertation

(1) The dissertation is to prove the candidate's ability to perform independent, autonomous research. It should make a significant contribution to the research front and must contain new original research findings in the PhD subject area chosen.

(2) As a rule, the dissertation is the self-contained work of the PhD candidate. It may also have grown out of a joint research project. A research paper completed by several authors may, in exceptional cases, be accepted as a dissertation, provided the individual contribution of the PhD candidate can be clearly distinguished and is therefore possible to grade. Authorship is governed by § 6 Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the "Guideline for securing good academic practice, for avoiding academic misconduct, and for dealing with violations."

(3) The dissertation should be written in German or English. The PhD program committee admits exceptions provided the candidate requests this concurrently with his/her admission to PhD candidacy. The candidate should provide a complete list of the sources as well as of other aids used in preparing the dissertation. Papers that were used to fulfill the requirements of previous examinations or graduations may not be used as the dissertation. Pre-publication of parts of the dissertation requires the written approval of the thesis advisor ("wissenschaftliche/r Betreuer/in").

(4) The dissertation is graded by three reviewers ("Gutacher"). One of these three reviewers must be a university professor appointed in accordance with § 60 or § 62 of the Law of the Independence of Universities in the Free State of Saxony (SächsHSFG). Further persons eligible to be reviewers are: vocational-technical college professors, junior professors, TUD Young Investigators, or persons that can provide proof of habilitation-like work. One of the reviewers should be the PhD thesis advisor ("wissenschaftliche/r Betreuer/in"); at least one of the reviewers has to be a professor at the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of University of Technology Dresden. The chair of the PhD committee is not eligible to be a dissertation reviewer.

(5) The reviewers recommend to the PhD committee the acceptance or rejection of the candidate's paper as their dissertation by means of personal and independent reviews. If acceptance is recommended, then the dissertation should be given one of the following assessments (grades):

- summa cum laude (0) = excellent
 = exceptionally good assessment
- magna cum laude (1) = very good
 = particularly good assessment
- cum laude (2) = good
 = above-average assessment
- rite (3) = satisfactory
 = average assessment

If acceptance of the dissertation is denied, then it should be assigned the grade of

- non sufficit = not sufficient
 = unusable work.

The thesis advisor's review should also contain a statement about the candidate's adherence to the "Guideline for securing good academic practice, for avoiding academic misconduct, and for dealing

with violations”, and, in the case of experimental or empirical parts, remarks about the data collection process and the quality of the data.

(6) The reviews should be submitted within three months to the chair of the PhD program committee. If the preparation of a review is delayed in spite of repeated reminders, the PhD program committee can repeal the appointment of the tardy reviewer and appoint a new person.

(7) If one of the reviewers recommends that the dissertation be returned to the PhD candidate for additions or revisions, the respective decision will be made by the PhD committee. Should the PhD committee not be able to reach a decision, it will consult another professor as a reviewer, who will be appointed by the PhD program committee at the suggestion of the PhD committee. The PhD committee can fix a reasonable time limit of up to six months for the resubmission of the revised dissertation. Resubmission of a returned thesis is only possible once. New reviews or additions to the existing reviews should be requested for the resubmitted dissertation.

(8) After receipt of all the reviews, the dissertation is put on display in the dean’s office of the faculty for the duration of two weeks, and notification thereof posted. Within the period of the dissertation’s display, professors, TUD Young Investigators, and habilitated members of the faculty have the right of access to the dissertation and to the reviews, as well as the right to submit to the Dean or the chair of the PhD committee, in writing, their personally argued vote for or against the acceptance of the dissertation.

(9) After this deadline, the PhD committee decides, on the basis of the reviews and the votes submitted, whether to accept or reject the dissertation. In the case of acceptance, the PhD committee simultaneously decides on the final grade for the dissertation, using the grades/assessments listed in Para 5. The final grade is calculated from the arithmetic mean of the grades of the reviews. If the dissertation is rejected and thus assessed with the grade of “not sufficient (non sufficit)”, the PhD process is terminated; § 12 Para 1 holds. One copy of the rejected dissertation will be kept on file together with the reviews.

§ 11 Defense

(1) Once the dissertation has been accepted, the PhD candidate has to present the dissertation’s results in a public talk and stand for the questions from the audience in the subsequent academic discussion serving the defense of his/her results (defense). The PhD candidate’s talk should not exceed a time limit of 30 minutes; the overall defense should not exceed a time limit of 90 minutes.

(2) The chair of the PhD committee sets up the date of the defense in consultation with the chair of the PhD program committee after receipt of the dissertation and sends a written invitation to the defense to the PhD candidate. Period of notice for the invitation is two weeks. In addition, the chair of the PhD committee sends a written invitation to the members of the PhD committee and publishes the date of the defense faculty-wide.

(3) The defense is chaired by the chair of the PhD committee. As a rule, it should be run in German or English. In exceptional cases, this the PhD program committee can decide to deviate from this if, based on the approval of the PhD committee, the PhD candidate makes a request to this effect in time to the chair of PhD program committee. In the academic discussion following the defense, anyone present at the defense has the right to pose a question. The chair of the PhD committee may reject any questions not pertaining to the research topic of the dissertation.

(4) Immediately following the defense, the PhD committee has to reach a decision as to whether the PhD candidate has passed the defense, and will then assign it one of the grades listed under § 10 Para 3. If the defense was failed, it should be graded with “not sufficient”; § 12 Para 2 holds.

(5) If the dissertation and the defense have been passed, the PhD committee will agree on the overall grade/assessment of the PhD process. The grades/assessments listed in § 10 Para 5 should be used to this end. The overall grade is determined by weighting the grades such that the thesis reviewers’ grades are counted 3 times and the grade for the defense once. The grade is rounded to one digit behind the point. The grade is rounded upwards to five fifths of the grade. The overall attribute of “summa cum laude” may only be awarded if the dissertation has been assessed as “summa cum laude” in unison. The successful completion of the PhD process should be made public.

(6) A minute-keeper appointed by the chair of the PhD committee has to take the minutes of the defense; the minutes should be signed by the minute-keeper and by the chair of the PhD committee, and should be placed into the doctoral candidate’s PhD record file.

§ 12 Second attempts

(1) After termination of the PhD process in accordance with § 10 Para 8 Clause 3 due to the rejection of the dissertation, the PhD candidate is permitted another PhD attempt. To this end, the earliest he or she can file a new request for the initiation of the PhD process is within half a year of the unsuccessful attempt in accordance with § 9. Concurrently with filing the request, the candidate should submit a different dissertation or a fundamentally revised version of the first thesis with the same topic. If the PhD process is then opened, the same PhD committee should be appointed as in the first attempt. If the second PhD attempt is also concluded unsuccessfully, any further requests for PhD processes at the faculty will not be admissible.

(2) If the candidate has not passed their defense, they may, in the same PhD process, have one more attempt at the defense within one year of the failed defense. The request for the second attempt may at the earliest be filed after three months of the date of the failure. If the second attempt is not passed or has not been completed within the time limit, the PhD process will be terminated.

§ 13 Publication of dissertation

(1) The candidate is obliged to submit a publishing agreement to the dean’s office of the faculty within one year of the passed examination or to supply the university publications department (“Hochschulschriftenstelle”) of the Saxon State and University Library (SLUB) with the compulsory copies of the dissertation in accordance with Para. 2. If a publishing agreement is submitted, then the compulsory copies of the dissertation should be deposited at the Saxon State and University Library (SLUB) within two years of the passed examination; an extension of the deadline is possible upon justified request. If the candidate defaults on any of the set deadlines, then the faculty summons the candidate in writing to comply with the respective requirement without any undue delay. Should the candidate not comply with this summons, then all rights and entitlements gained by the PhD process are forfeited after a further six months.

(2) The candidate can comply with the requirement in Para 1 by selecting one of the following options:

1. submission of six copies of a version produced and distributed by a commercial publishing house if the number of copies to be published amounts to at least 150 copies;
2. submission of a digital version whose data format and whose type of storage device should be decided on in consultation with the university library.

Other forms of publication require the approval of the PhD program committee. The publication has to suitably indicate that it is a dissertation prepared at the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of University of Technology Dresden.

(3) Before its publication or its duplication, respectively, the paper has to be submitted to the professor under whose supervision the dissertation was prepared. He or she sees to it that publication proceeds in adequate fashion heeding the revision requirements demanded by the thesis reviewers. At the request of the candidate, the PhD program committee can, in particularly justified cases, also appoint another reviewer for this task. Prior to printing, the PhD thesis advisor gives his/her written approval of the publication of the dissertation to the PhD candidate and to the dean's office. Without this written approval, the candidate cannot be granted credit for the publication of his/her PhD thesis.

§ 14

Conclusion of the PhD Process

(1) After the positive conclusion of the PhD process, the chair of the PhD committee recommends to the PhD program committee that the academic degree according to § 2 Para 1 be conferred. The PhD program committee then effects the issuing of the doctoral certificate and the PhD candidate's cancelation from the list of PhD candidates.

(2) Apart from the PhD candidate's last name, first name, academic degree, birthday, and place of birth, the doctoral certificate also contains the subject area according to § 3 Para 1, the title of the dissertation, the academic degree title to be awarded, and the overall assessment. At the request of the PhD candidate, the naming of the subject area may be omitted. The doctoral certificate will have the date of the defense as its issue date and will bear the signature of the university president ("Rektor"), the dean of the faculty, and the seal of Dresden University of Technology.

(3) The dean of the faculty will hand over the certificate to the PhD candidate in a manner worthy of the occasion as soon as submission of the compulsory copies according to § 13 has been confirmed by the PhD program committee. This will conclude the PhD process. The conclusion of the process should be made public to the faculty at large.

(4) After the conclusion of the PhD process, the PhD candidate is entitled to hold the academic degree title conferred on them by the certificate. Upon request, the PhD program committee may, in exceptional cases or upon existence of a publishing agreement, permit the PhD candidate to use the academic degree title prior to that time subject to repeal.

§ 15

Termination of the PhD Process

(1) The PhD process may be terminated subsequent to admission of PhD candidacy if facts come to light that rule out the conferral of the academic degree. This is particularly true for cases of deception regarding the proof of admission requirements or fulfillment of PhD coursework credits, as well as for circumstances that concern the PhD candidate's personal record requirements for bearing the PhD degree title. The unsuccessful termination of the PhD process results in a cancellation of all legal rights and entitlements that the PhD candidate has earned in the course of the PhD process. He or she should be crossed out from the register of PhD candidates. The PhD program committee makes the decision about the termination of the PhD process after due consideration of the circumstances.

(2) Before the unsuccessful termination of the PhD process, the PhD candidate should be granted a hearing. Cases of suspected academic misconduct are subject to the rules of the "Guidelines for securing good academic practice, for avoiding academic misconduct, and for dealing with violations".

§ 16

Revocation of the academic degree title

(1) The PhD degree should be revoked if the PhD candidate has cheated in the proof of their admission requirements or in the fulfillment of their PhD requirements, or if beyond that, facts come to light that would have ruled out the conferral of the doctoral title. The respective decision is made by the PhD program committee.

(2) If it is the case that the subject-matter requirements for the admission to the PhD program were not fulfilled without the PhD candidate intentionally wanting to deceive about this, and should this fact only come to light after the conferral of the academic degree title, then this defect is remedied by the PhD candidate's having passed the PhD requirements.

(3) Cases of suspected academic misconduct are subject to the "Guidelines for securing good academic practice, for avoiding academic misconduct, and for dealing with violations."

§ 17

Joint international PhD processes

(1) The PhD process can be administered jointly with foreign institutions of higher learning if

1. the applicant fulfills the requirements for admission to the PhD process at the faculty;
2. the foreign institution of higher learning, in compliance with its national law, possesses the right to administer doctoral programs and confer PhD degree titles.

(2) Both for the individual case and in general, the precise procedure for the administration of joint PhD processes should be jointly agreed to by the faculty and the foreign institution of higher learning. The provisions of such agreements apply in conjunction with the provisions of the present PhD requirements. To ensure equivalency and comparability, the regulations of the present PhD requirements should be taken into consideration when setting up such joint agreements.

§ 18 Honorary PhD

- (1) In compliance with § 2 Para 2, the conferral of an honorary PhD degree title honors such persons as have distinguished themselves in science, technology, culture, and the arts and that, moreover, have particular ties to the faculty. The person to be honored must not be a full-time employee of Dresden University of Technology.
- (2) A minimum of two faculty professors may file a sufficiently argued request to the faculty council for the conferral of an honorary PhD. A PhD committee that should be appointed by the faculty council and that the two people requesting the procedure are not members of will examine the merits of the person of honor, will obtain at least two further reviews, and will submit a decision proposal to the faculty council.
- (3) The faculty council makes a confidential decision about the request.
- (4) The faculty council's decision about the conferral of an honorary doctorate should be approved by the Senate.
- (5) The conferral of the honorary doctorate should be performed in a dignified fashion worthy of the occasion, by awarding the person of honor the doctoral certificate, which bears the signatures of the university president and the dean. The certificate should list good reasons for the award and the merits of the designated person in an abbreviated fashion. The conferral of the honorary doctorate is the prerogative of the university president. The university president may pass this right on to the dean of the faculty.

§ 19 Entry into force and transitional provisions

- (1) The present requirements become effective one day of their publication in the Official Announcements of Dresden University of Technology. Concurrently with the entry into force of the present new requirements, the previous PhD requirements of the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of May 30, 2001, expire and cease to be in force.
- (2) All PhD processes initiated subsequent to the entry-into-force of the present requirements are subject to the present new requirements. Decisions about the admission of an applicant to PhD candidacy that were made prior to the entry-into-force of the present requirements remain valid; beyond that, however, the present requirements apply. PhD processes already in progress at the point of entry-into-force of the present requirements will be completed in accordance with the provisions of the PhD requirements of the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of May 30, 2001.

Drawn up on the basis of the decision of the faculty council of the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of 04.02.2015 and on the basis of the President's Office's approval.

Dresden, 03.03.2015

President of
University of Technology Dresden
Prof. Dr. Dr. Ing. habil. Hans Müller-Steinhagen

Nota bene: The official language of all documents of the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures is GERMAN. The following document is an English translation for which no liability is assumed. Only the German version is legally binding.

Attachment 1: Declarations pertaining to the initiation of the PhD process

1. I hereby declare that I have prepared the present paper with no inadmissible help from third parties and with no use of aids other than those listed. Any insights directly or indirectly taken from other sources have been sign-marked as such.
2. In the choice and evaluation of the material as well as in the preparation of the manuscript, I have received support from the following people: [...]
3. No further person was part of the intellectual preparation of the present paper. I especially have NOT received any help from any commercial PhD consultant. Third parties have not received any remuneration in kind for work done in connection with the content of the dissertation submitted.
4. The paper has not been submitted to any other examination authority, foreign nor domestic, in this or any similar format, nor has it been published yet.
5. I confirm that I acknowledge and abide by the PhD requirements and regulations of the Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of Dresden University of Technology.

Place, date – signature of the PhD candidate

Attachment 2: PhD subjects

English (“Anglistik und Amerikanistik”)
German (“Germanistik”)
Classical Philology (“Klassische Philologie”)
Romance Languages (“Romanistik”)
Slavic Languages (“Slavistik”)
General Linguistics