



## Regulations for doctoral courses at BTH [Blekinge Institute of Technology]

The doctoral studies are divided into one thesis part and one course part. In order to take the doctor's- or licentiate degree the research student must pass both the course- and the thesis part. The distribution of points between these parts and other subject-specific rules are regulated in the study plan for the respective subject. This document describes the common routines at BTH for the course part.

For each research student an *examiner* is appointed. It is the examiner who formally determines whether a postgraduate student may include a certain course, and also how many points the course awards. (This does not apply to compulsory courses which are regulated in the study plan for the subject). The choice of courses should, however, take place in consultation with the research student and the latter's supervisor (in the case where this is not the same person as the examiner).

For each research student an *individual study plan* must be established. This plan describes, among other things, the courses that form part of the course part and must (according to the Higher Education Ordinance, SFS 2006:1053 Chap. 6 §36) be followed up at least once every year. Normally, the study plan must be updated on this occasion so that the courses which the research student plans to take during the coming year are registered in the plan. At the annual updating the supervisor and the examiner approve the changes that have been made.

Further, for each course there is an examiner, here called the *course examiner*, that decides when a student has fulfilled the items in the course and that also determines the student's grade for the course.

When a course is completed it must as soon as possible be registered in the "research-LADOK" [official transcripts from the Institute]. The registration is done at the department that is responsible for the subject in which the doctoral candidate is registered. In order to register a course the following is required:

1. a certificate from the *course examiner* stating that the research student has passed all items of the course
2. that the course is recorded in the research student's *individual study plan*. If the course, for some reason, is not recorded in the study plan it must be updated and approved by the examiner and the supervisor.

It is the *research student* who is responsible for the registering of the courses.

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When the research student applies for a degree certificate the sufficient number of points will, thus, be registered in the research-LADOK, that is, no special certificate from the course part is required.