
Implementing Directive for the Regulations on Doctoral Studies concerning the Structured Doctoral Programme (Doctoral School)

Art. 1 – Scope

¹ This Directive establishes the admission requirements, procedures and educational offering of the Structured Doctoral Programme of the Academy of Architecture, in accordance with Article 9 para. 2 of the Regulations for Doctoral Studies.

² For matters not expressly provided for in this Implementing Directive, reference shall be made to the Regulations for Doctoral Studies.

³ In this text, nouns used in the masculine singular or masculine plural shall also be understood to include the feminine singular or feminine plural.

Art. 2 – Admission and enrolment in the Structured Doctoral Programme

¹ Doctoral students enrolled at the Academy of Architecture may be admitted to the Structured Doctoral Programme.

² Enrolment in the programme may be made compulsory for doctoral students where the Doctoral Board, after consulting the Thesis Director, considers it necessary for the successful completion of the doctoral work.

³ Enrolment in the Structured Doctoral Programme does not entail any change to the applicable fees.

⁴ The Doctoral Board assesses each doctoral student's academic path individually and determines any credits or deficits in relation to the programme, which the candidate may address by choosing activities from the published curriculum.

Art. 3 – Structure of activities

¹ The Structured Doctoral Programme provides a common educational framework for doctoral students enrolled at the Academy of Architecture. It is structured into four main areas:

- a. shared and discipline-specific research methodologies in the respective fields;
 - b. scientific reading, writing, communication and teaching;
 - c. digital literacy;
 - d. individual study and research culminating in the writing of the doctoral thesis.
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² Study and research activities include:

- a. attendance at doctoral courses, seminars, workshops and conferences offered by the Academy of Architecture, other Faculties of USI, or other scientific institutions;
- b. the writing of the doctoral thesis.

Art. 4 – ECTS

¹ Each doctoral student enrolled in the Structured Programme must obtain a minimum of 12 ECTS through doctoral courses before submitting the doctoral thesis.

² ECTS may be recognized only after formal enrolment in the Doctoral School.

³ ECTS cannot be awarded for courses already credited as part of a Master's programme.

⁴ Doctoral students who have already actively participated in the official doctoral seminars organized by the Institute for the History and Theory of Art and Architecture and the Institute of Urban and Landscape Studies, or in the Work in Progress seminars, may request recognition of the corresponding ECTS by the end of the 2023/24 academic year.

⁵ Any recognition of ECTS obtained during a previous doctoral programme will be assessed individually by the Doctoral Board, for examinations taken no more than ten years before the first enrolment and for courses that have not already contributed to the award of a degree.

Art.5 – Doctoral courses

¹ The Academy of Architecture defines the programme at the beginning of each academic year. Courses are divided into two categories: core courses and elective courses:

a. Core courses:

- i. 6 ECTS, divided between two public presentations in the Work in Progress seminar during the course of the thesis.
- ii. Residential days of the Swiss Doctoral School in Italian Civilisation, coordinated by the Institute for the History and Theory of Art and Architecture in collaboration with the Institute of Italian Studies of the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society: Participation (1.5 ECTS) or participation with presentation of the doctoral project (3 ECTS).

b. Elective courses:

courses chosen from those offered by the Doctoral School in Architecture. The detailed list is published on the dedicated web platform of the Academy of Architecture. Each semester, the Doctoral School organizes a Residential Week in which individual elective courses are integrated.

- c. With the agreement of the Thesis Director, the following activities may also be considered elective courses:
- i. doctoral courses offered by the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society of USI;
 - ii. thematic scientific conferences organized at the Academy of Architecture: participation with presentation of one's own research or a written review of the conference, to be assessed with the Thesis Director (1.5 ECTS);
 - iii. scientific conferences organized by another university: participation with presentation of one's own research or a written review of the conference, to be assessed with the Thesis Director (1.5 ECTS);
 - iv. a thematic course at Master's level offered by the Academy of Architecture, another Faculty of USI, or another university;
 - v. a doctoral course, Winter/Summer School, or thematic school organized by other universities.

² Each course offered by the Academy of Architecture, if successfully completed, awards the corresponding ECTS in accordance with the course information. Successful or unsuccessful completion of the course may be indicated by the designation "passed" or "failed" (as a rule, for courses exclusively within the Doctoral School), or by the award of a grade from 1 to 10, in accordance with the provisions applicable to the specific course.

³ The transcript and diploma supplement for courses attended within the Structured Doctoral Programme will be attached to the doctoral diploma.

Art. 6 – Information and course registration

¹ Information on the opening of registration for doctoral courses, as well as course dates and the relevant descriptions, is published on the dedicated web platforms of the Academy of Architecture. Activities organized within the framework of the Swiss Doctoral School in Italian Civilisation will be communicated by email and published on the School's website.

<https://www.civita.usi.ch/> It is the responsibility of each doctoral student to keep themselves informed.

² Registration for individual doctoral courses must be completed through the dedicated web platform.

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