

PROGRESS REVIEW CRITERIA FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES (CURRICULA STARTING FROM 2024/2025)

Research, Development, and Creative Work (RDC), including the component of the doctoral thesis		Total module volume: 197-210 ECTS				
		Monograph	Article-based dissertation			
	TOTAL PER COMPONENT:	197-210*	197-210*	Submission requirements	Assessment Guidelines**	Notes
1	Doctoral thesis research plan covering the entire doctoral study period, including the methodological plan for the thesis	10	10	Submit in writing, along with the supervisor's ECTS workload estimate, present and defend either at the doctoral seminar or during progress review.	The progress review committee assesses and assigns points based on the supervisor's estimate, adjusting it if necessary.	The research plan for the doctoral thesis is more detailed and thoroughly developed than the proposal (research plan draft) submitted during admission.
2	Articles required according to doctoral study regulations of TLU (in the case of an article thesis, three articles in the article thesis part of a 30 EAP/ in the case of a monograph, one article)	30	90	Esitab artikli koopia	Article text reviewed by the supervisor: up to 10 ECTS; article submitted for publication to the journal's editorial board (submitted status): up to 20 ECTS – previously earned points, under review status + 5 ECTS, finally accepted status + 5 ECTS. Thus, cumulatively, one article can earn up to 30 ECTS, depending on the publication status.	
3	A chapter/content section of a doctoral thesis presented in the form of a monograph.	90	0	Submit the text of a chapter from the monograph.	A chapter/content section of the doctoral thesis, reviewed by the supervisor and comprising at least 20 pages: up to 20 ECTS. A chapter/content section presented and reviewed at the doctoral seminar: +10 ECTS. Thus, for one chapter of a doctoral thesis presented in monograph form, a maximum of 30 ECTS can be earned cumulatively.	An unreviewed chapter of the monograph is comparable to an article in the submitted status for an article-based dissertation.
4	Analytical overview of the PhD thesis	0	30	Submit in writing, along with the supervisor's ECTS workload estimate.	The progress review committee assesses and assigns points based on the supervisor's estimate, adjusting it if necessary.	
5	Other activities supporting the completion of the doctoral thesis according to the individual study and research plan, including:	57-70*	57-70*	Submit according to the instructions below, along with the supervisor's justified written ECTS workload estimate for other supporting activities (summarized).	The progress review committee assesses and assigns points based on the supervisor's estimate, adjusting it if necessary.	
5.1	Compilation of a literature review on the theoretical foundation of the doctoral thesis			Submit in writing, present, and defend either at the doctoral seminar or during progress review.	The maximum possible workload is 10 ECTS.	This does not duplicate the workload credited for articles or chapters of a monograph.
5.2	Development of principles for the application of instruments and methods in the doctoral thesis, and data collection for the thesis			Submit in writing, present, and defend either at the doctoral seminar or during progress review.	A maximum of 10 ECTS can be earned for the development of principles for the application of instruments and methods in the doctoral thesis, and 10 ECTS for data collection.	
5.3	Other research publication (lower ETIS category)			Submit a copy of the article or a web address where the article is accessible	One published scientific publication can earn up to 5 ECTS, depending on the level of the publication.	
5.4	Conference presentation			Submit a copy of the conference program, presentation abstracts, and presentation slides, or a copy of the poster presentation.	Oral presentation at an international conference: 3-5 ECTS. Poster presentation at an international conference: 2-3 ECTS. Oral or poster presentation at a domestic conference: 2 ECTS. The minimum required workload is 6 ECTS in total.	A conference presentation includes the publication of the presentation abstracts (submission of abstracts is generally a prerequisite for acceptance). The publication of the full text of the presentation as an article is counted separately under the category of other scientific publications.
5.5	Participation or involvement in professional (research) seminars and courses related to the doctoral thesis topic			Submit your presentation abstracts or an analytical review (1-2 pages) on the topic covered in a (research) seminar or course, along with observations related to your doctoral thesis	One event: 1-2 ECTS.	Participation in the course should not be reflected as ECTS in the curriculum's teaching component
5.6	Science communication and social activities			Submit an overview (1-2 pages) of science popularization and/or community engagement activities, and reflect on your role in these activities.	One event: 1-2 ECTS. Minimum required workload: 2 ECTS.	Science popularization can involve presenting your doctoral thesis topic through media or at events aimed at a broader public. Community engagement includes participation in external committees of the university, if the invitation to participate was due to your expertise related to your doctoral thesis.
6	Preliminary defence	5	5	In accordance with the TLU regulations for doctoral studies and the defense of the doctoral thesis.	If the preliminary defense needs to be repeated, fewer than 5 ECTS will be given.	
7	Defence	5	5	In accordance with the TLU regulations for doctoral studies and the defense of the doctoral thesis.	Progress review committee must ensure that the cumulative ECTS awarded for the doctoral thesis before the final defense does not exceed 192-205 ECTS, according to the study program.	

* The total workload for the RDC module is 197-210 ECTS, depending on the study program. Accordingly, the workload for activities supporting the completion of the doctoral thesis ranges from 57-70 ECTS.

** The ECTS amounts specified in the assessment guidelines cover the entire doctoral study period. Points are accounted for both annually and cumulatively.