5) The complex examination¹

At the end of the fourth semester of doctoral studies, as a condition for the completion of the training and research phase of the course and the start of the research and dissertation phase, a complex examination is required to measure and evaluate the progress of the studies and research.

The student must apply for the complex examination at the Doctoral School using the application form set out in Annex 3 to the University Doctoral and Habilitation Regulations.

Application criterion 1: completion of the training

completion of the training credits (minimum 50) specified for the training and research phase.

Application criterion 2:

Completion of the minimum number of research credits (min. 40) specified for the training and research phase.

Application criterion 3: full completion of the scientific research work required in the Training Programme for the first four semesters. The complex examination must be taken in **public**, in front of an **examination committee**. The committee consists of at least three members.

The **deadline for exam registration** is 15 November for the autumn semester and 15 April for the spring semester.

The doctoral student must include the research documentation and the supervisor's evaluation with his/her application for the examination; in the absence of the latter, the application is invalid.

The doctoral supervisor shall assess the candidate in writing beforehand according to the criteria set by the Doctoral School in Article 15 of the Study and Examination Regulations as a condition for the complex examination.

Application criterion 4: submission of at least 2 author's sheet in the format prescribed by the Doctoral School. The composition of the committees and the examination subjects and topics are proposed by the Doctoral School for each research area, which the Head of the Doctoral School submits to the Doctoral Council of the Discipline.

During the complex examination, the candidate's supervisor is present in person and, in case of questions from the committee, gives an oral opinion on the progress of the doctoral student and the expected continuation of the doctoral studies.

The complex examination consists of two parts: the theoretical part, during which the doctoral student reports on his/her knowledge of the literature in the relevant discipline, his/her current theoretical and methodological knowledge, and the report on his/her scientific progress.

In the **theoretical part** of the complex examination, candidates will be tested in two subjects or topics. The list of subjects and topics is set out in the Doctoral School's Training Programme. The theoretical part of the examination may also be written.

Parts of the complex examination: a) compulsory subject: the concept, subject and components of public governance (political sciences): methods of

(political sciences); methods of research on the state and public administration. A complex examination shall be deemed **successful** if a majority of the members of the committee consider both parts of the examination to be successful (the examinee has obtained at least 60% of the points available for each part and at least 60% of the points available

the whole examination).

In the dissertation section of the complex examination, the examinee shall present his/her knowledge of the literature about the discipline and the topic, in the form of a lecture, report on his/her research results, present his/her research plan for the second phase of the doctoral programme.

The subject area specified shall be determined by the examinee's supervisor, who shall also prepare the examination questions and the literature facilitating the preparation for the examination.

Parts of the complex examination: c) a 15-minute PowerPoint presentation in accordance with Article 39 (3) of the DHR.

Parts of the complex examination: b) the subject area related to the examinee's research topic in public governance, public administration science or other social sciences. The doctoral student may repeat the **failed complex examination** once, in the same examination period.

Minutes shall be taken of the complex examination. The result of the examination shall be announced on the day of the last part of the examination. The result of the complex examination may be either pass or fail.

¹ The Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education 53. §; Government Decree 387/2012 (XII. 19.) on Doctoral Schools, Doctoral Procedures and Habilitation 12/A. §; The University Doctoral and Habilitation Regulations 38-39. §; Study and Examination Regulations of the Doctoral School 15. §.