From 1st October 2019, the doctoral degree regulations adopted on 2nd May 2018 by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences of Universität Hamburg come into effect (The German version which is legally valid and enforceable can be found here. The English translation which serves for information only and is not legally binding can be found here.). All doctoral project applications for the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences are subject to these Regulations after this date.

For doctoral candidates who were admitted to doctoral procedures **before the enactment** of the doctoral degree regulations from 2nd May 2018 according to the doctoral degree regulations adopted on 1st December 2010 by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences of Universität Hamburg (with amendments from 2nd May 2012 and 10th October 2012), **the doctoral degree regulations from 1st December 2010 are still valid** (The German version which is legally valid and enforceable can be found here. The English translation which serves for information only and is not legally binding can be found <a href=here. They may continue their doctoral procedures according to the rules of the doctoral degree regulations from 2nd May 2018 upon joint request by the doctoral candidate and her/his supervisor¹.

A. Doctoral committees

Regulations on the dates on which the departmental doctoral committees (also subject doctoral committees) meet (cf. Section 2 of the doctoral degree regulations from 1st December 2010 (abbreviation: MIN-PromO (2010)) and Section 2 of the doctoral degree regulations from 2nd May 2018 (abbreviation: MIN-PromO (2018))):

- According to the MIN-PromO (2010): at least three times every semester (twice within the lecture period and once in the lecture free period)
- According to the MIN-PromO (2018): regularly

B. Admission requirements

The admission requirements according to both doctoral degree regulations are largely identical (cf. Section 3 MIN-PromO (2010) and Section 4 MIN-PromO (2018)). If the applicant has a degree other than those specified in subsections 2 and 3 of the Section 3 MIN-PromO (2010) or subsections 2 and 3 of the Section 4 MIN-PromO (2018), he or she may be admitted to doctoral procedures under certain restrictions:

• The departmental doctoral committee can also require the applicant to acquire further achievements specified by the departmental doctoral committee within a specific period to meet standard university requirements in accordance to the respective university degree described in Section 3 subsection 2 or to supplement the proved knowledge and skills of the applicant necessary for the prospective doctorate (cf. Section 3 subsection 4 MIN-PromO (2010)).

¹ The transitional regulations and the form to apply for the continuation of the doctoral procedures according to the MIN-PromO (2018) can be found here.

The departmental doctoral committee may admit these applicants to the doctoral procedure on the condition that **before commencement of the doctoral project** proof of specified course completion **within a set period of time** be presented in accordance with the requirements set by the departmental doctoral committees, the completion of which is customary in the required higher education degree program set forth in Section 4 subsection 2 or is necessary to supplement the knowledge and skills demonstrated by the applicant for the intended doctorate (cf. Section 4 subsection 4 MIN-PromO (2018)).

C. Admission procedure

Applications for admission to the doctoral procedure must be submitted with the following documents to the departmental doctoral committee (cf. Section 4 and Section 6 MIN-PromO (2010) and Section 5 MIN-PromO (2018)).

Table 1. Application documents²

No.	According to MIN-PromO (2010)	According to MIN-PromO (2018)				
1	degree certificates and proof of qualification in accordance with Section 3	degree certificates and if necessary proof of qualifications pursuant to Section 4				
2	tabular curriculum vitae					
3	-	where applicable a list of publications				
4	statement attesting to whether the applicant has previously submitted an application for admission to a doctoral procedure, or whether a doctoral procedure is currently					
	being or has been pursued at another higher education institution or in another faculty					
5	statement that the applicant is familiar with the applicable doctoral degree regulations					
6	securing that the doctoral candidate receives the currently-valid "Richtlinien zur Sicherung guter wissenschaftlicher Praxis und zur Vermeidung wissenschaftlichen Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice and Avoiding Scientific Misconduct at					
	Fehlverhaltens an der Universität Hamburg" (Bylaws for Safeguarding Good Scientific	Universität Hamburg				
	Practice and Avoiding Scientific Misconduct at Universität Hamburg)					
7	supervision agreement					
8	research project outline					
9	waiver for a workstation at the MIN Faculty (for doctoral dissertation projects carried out externally)					

² Statements according to No. 4, 5, 6 and 9 are integrated in the Docata online application for admission to doctoral procedures. Furthermore, a copy of the certificate of higher entrance education eligibility and a copy of an identification document must be submitted by the doctoral candidates within the process of the application for admission to doctoral procedures. In some cases, additional application documents may also be required; see further information on the admission procedure on the websites of the MIN departments.

Table 2. Admission period (cf. Section 4 subsection 5 and Section 6 subsection 8 MIN-PromO (2010) and Section 5 subsection 5 and Section 7 subsection 5 MIN-PromO (2018))

	According to MIN-PromO (2010)	According to MIN-PromO (2018)		
The doctoral dissertation should generally be completed	three years (standard completion time).			
within				
Admission is valid	for four years.			
Within the admission period,	the doctoral dissertation should be submitted to the departmental doctoral committee.			
The admission period	can be extended upon request.	can be extended upon request setting forth the reasons		
		therefor.		
The request for extension of the admission period	should be submitted to the departmental doctoral	must be submitted to the departmental doctoral		
	committee three months before the end of the four-year	committee at the latest three months prior to the expiry		
	period.	of the four-year period.		
The departmental doctoral committee	must notify the supervisor and the doctoral candidate of this deadline well before it expires.			

New in the MIN-PromO (2018): German regulations regarding the protection of mothers at work and during training or studies (Gesetz zum Schutz von Müttern bei der Arbeit, in der Ausbildung und im Studium, MuSchG) must be taken into account. The same shall also apply to deadlines in accordance with the federal parental allowance and parental leave act (Gesetz zum Elterngeld und zur Elternzeit, BEEG). The standard completion time shall be extended by the respective term of statutory maternity leave and/or parental leave (cf. Section 7 subsection 5).

D. Enrollment as a doctoral student

New in the MIN-PromO (2018): Admission will be rescinded if the doctoral candidate does not enroll (cf. Section 6).

E. Regulations on supervision

Who may supervise a dissertation according to the MIN-PromO (2010) or the MIN-PromO (2018)?

According to Section 6 subsection 3 MIN-PromO (2010):

- Supervisors = generally university teachers (i.e. professors) or 'habilitierte' members from the MIN Faculty
- At least one of the supervisors in accordance with Section 6 subsection 2 (a) or 2 (b) = full-time university teacher (i.e. professor) from the MIN Faculty or 'habilitierte' member with an employment in the MIN Faculty

According to Section 7 subsection 3 MIN-PromO (2018):

- Supervisor according to Section 7 subsection 2 (a) or 2 (b) = generally an academic pursuant to Section 3 a)
- Supervisor according to Section 7 subsection 2 (a) or 2 (b) = in justified exceptional cases an academic in accordance with Section 3 b) to e)
- Co-supervisors according to Section 7 subsection 2 (a) or 2 (b) = academics in accordance with Section 3 a) to l)
- Chair according to Section 7 subsection 2 (b) = academic pursuant to Section 3 a) to h)

According to Section 6 subsection 4 MIN-PromO (2010):

Notwithstanding Section 6 subsection 3, other people are invested with the rights and duties of university teachers (i.e. professors) or 'habilitierte' members³ with respect to the faculty's doctoral procedures:

- Members of non-university institutions
 - If they have been granted the right to participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, evaluators or examiners by the Universität Hamburg in cooperation agreements.
- Externally-funded junior group leaders for which Universität Hamburg is the hosting institution
 - If they have been granted per legal contract the right to lead doctoral candidates to a doctorate.
- Academics with a doctoral degree

If they are proven experts on the dissertation project, they can in reasonable cases be appointed by the departmental doctoral committee as supervisors, evaluators or examiners in doctoral procedures.

³ 'Habilitierte' members of the faculty are members of the faculty who have completed a Habilitation.

Table 3. Tabular presentation of Sections 3 and 7 subsections 2 and 3 MIN-PromO (2018)

Groups of persons ⁴	According to Sect. 3	May act as a sole supervisor? ⁵	May be co- supervisor?	May be chair of the SupComPan ⁶ ?
university teachers (i.e. professors), senior professors and faculty members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> from the MIN Faculty (all of them full-time employed at UHH/MIN)	§ 3 a)	yes	yes	yes
university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty (temporary full-time employed in the administration of the UHH)	§ 3 b)	yes	yes	yes
university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty (jointly appointed in the leave of absence model (dt. gemeinsam berufen im Beurlaubungsmodell), full-time employed in a non-university institution)	§ 3 c)	yes	yes	yes
academics from non-university research institutions (full-time employed in a non-university institution; rights personally granted to participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members within the scope of cooperation agreements)	§ 3 d)	yes	yes	yes
professors pursuant to Section 17 subsection 1 HmbHG who have been conferred the academic title of professor by UHH through the MIN Faculty (full-time employed at UHH/MIN or not (if not, then in a non-university institution for example; rights personally granted to participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members))	§ 3 e)	yes	yes	yes
university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty (on temporary leave or dispatched to a post outside of UHH)	§ 3 f)	no	yes	yes
retired university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty	§ 3 g)	no	yes	yes
university teachers (i.e. professors) and members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> of other faculties (full-time employed at UHH)	§ 3 h)	no	yes	yes
Privatdozenten pursuant to Section 17 subsection 2 HmbHG who have been conferred a teaching authorization as a Privatdozent by UHH through the MIN (not full-time employed at UHH; employed in a non-university institution for example; rights personally granted to participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members)	§ 3 i)	no	yes	no

⁴ You will find a more detailed description of the groups of persons in the doctoral degree regulations. Academics are assigned to different groups of persons according to their employment relationship and academic degree.

Important information for doctoral candidates: Please consult with your future (co-)supervisors <u>before</u> applying for admission to doctoral procedures and, if there are any doubt, please ask them about their affiliation according to Section 3. You can also consult the websites of the <u>MIN Faculty</u> or of your department (<u>Biology</u>, <u>Chemistry</u>, <u>Earth Sciences</u>, <u>Informatics</u>, <u>Physics</u>) or ask for advice your Academic Office or Doctoral Office. The same applies to the application to open the doctorate proceedings within which you apply for the evaluation of your dissertation and propose assessors (evaluators) for the evaluation of your dissertation commission members.

⁵ Act as a sole supervisor means that a single supervisor may supervise the dissertation project without additional co-supervisors. Please note the regulations in Section 7 subsection 3 sentences 1 and 2 which are also summarized above on page 4.

⁶ The abbreviation SupComPan means supervisory commission panel.

early career research group leaders for which UHH is the hosting institution; rights granted to participate in	§ 3 j)	no	yes	no
doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members within the scope of an				
agreement (full-time employed at UHH/MIN)				
persons nominated by the departmental doctoral committees of the MIN Faculty (who can be regarded as equivalent to members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> and university teachers (i.e. professors)) such as members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> and university teachers (i.e. professors) from other domestic or international higher education institutions or non-university research institutions (not full-time employed at UHH)	§ 3 k)	no	yes	no
academics or scholars nominated by the departmental doctoral committees of the MIN Faculty who have	§ 3 I)	no	yes	no
doctorates (full-time employed at UHH/MIN or not (if not, then in a non-university institution for example))				

F. Requirements on the doctoral dissertation

The requirements on the doctoral dissertation according to both doctoral degree regulations are largely identical (cf. Section 7 MIN-PromO (2010) and Section 8 MIN-PromO (2018)). The following differences should be mentioned:

- The doctoral dissertation must be accompanied by a short summary of results (in both English and German) and a list of any prior publications ensuing from it. While both the short summary and the publication list must be part of the appendix of the dissertation according to the MIN-PromO (2010) (cf. Section 7 subsection 5), this is not the case according to the MIN-PromO (2018) (cf. Section 8 subsection 5).
- **New** in the MIN-PromO (2018): When submitting the doctoral dissertation for evaluation, the doctoral candidates must warrant that both forms of the dissertation submitted for evaluation (i.e. the typewritten doctoral dissertation and the dissertation submitted in electronic form) are identical (cf. Section 8 subsection 6).
- **New** in the MIN-PromO (2018): Upon the doctoral candidate's request, the departmental doctoral committee shall decide on suitable measures to compensate for disadvantages of disabled doctoral candidates with respect to the written dissertation (cf. Section 8 subsection 7).

G. Regulations on the examination commission

Who may be a member of the examination commission according to the MIN-PromO (2010) or the MIN-PromO (2018)?

According to Section 8 subsections 1 and 2 MIN-PromO (2010):

- Chair and vice chair = university teachers (i.e. professors) or 'habilitierte' members from the UHH, respectively
- Chair = university teacher (i.e. professor) or 'habilitierte' member from the MIN Faculty

The examination commission consists of at least three members invested with the right to supervise doctoral procedures; of these, by the majority university teachers (i.e. professors). There should not be more than one professor in the examination commission who has been relieved of her or his duties or who has retired.

According to Section 9 subsections 1 and 2 MIN-PromO (2018):

Chair and vice chair = academics pursuant to Section 3 a) or Section 3 c)

The examination commission shall be comprised of at least three persons who are authorized to supervise doctoral procedures, of which the majority must be academics pursuant to Section 3 a) to e). At least one member of the examination commission must be a university teacher (i.e. professor) from the MIN Faculty pursuant to Section 3 a). No more than one retired academic may be a part of the examination commission.

Table 4. Tabular presentation of Sections 3 and 9 subsections 1 and 2 MIN-PromO (2018)

Groups of persons ⁷	According to Sect. 3	May be a member of the ExamCom ⁸ ?	May be vice chair of the ExamCom?	May be chair of the ExamCom?
university teachers (i.e. professors), senior professors and faculty members who have completed a Habilitation from the MIN Faculty (all of them full-time employed at UHH/MIN)	§ 3 a)	yes	yes	yes
university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty (temporary full-time employed in the administration of the UHH)	§ 3 b)	yes	no	no
university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty (jointly appointed in the leave of absence model (dt. <i>gemeinsam berufen im Beurlaubungsmodell</i>), full-time employed in a non-university institution)	§ 3 c)	yes	yes	yes

⁷ See footnote 4.

⁸ The abbreviation ExamCom means examination commission.

academics from non-university research institutions (full-time employed in a non-university	§ 3 d)	yes	no	no
institution; rights personally granted to participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors,				
and/or examination commission members within the scope of cooperation agreements)				
professors pursuant to Section 17 subsection 1 HmbHG who have been conferred the academic title of	§ 3 e)	yes	no	no
professor by UHH through the MIN Faculty (full-time employed at UHH/MIN or not (if not, then in a				
non-university institution for example; rights personally granted to participate in doctoral procedures				
as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members))				
university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty (on temporary leave or dispatched to a post	§ 3 f)	yes	no	no
outside of UHH)	,			
retired university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty	§ 3 g)	yes	no	no
university teachers (i.e. professors) and members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> of other faculties	§ 3 h)	yes	no	no
(full-time employed at UHH)				
Privatdozenten pursuant to Section 17 subsection 2 HmbHG who have been conferred a teaching	§ 3 i)	yes	no	no
authorization as a <i>Privatdozent</i> by UHH through the MIN (not full-time employed at UHH; employed in				
a non-university institution for example; rights personally granted to participate in doctoral				
procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members)				
early career research group leaders for which UHH is the hosting institution; rights granted to	§ 3 j)	yes	no	no
participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members	,			
within the scope of an agreement (full-time employed at UHH/MIN)				
persons nominated by the departmental doctoral committees of the MIN Faculty (who can be	§ 3 k)	yes	no	no
regarded as equivalent to members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> and university teachers (i.e.	,			
professors)) such as members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> and university teachers (i.e.				
professors) from other domestic or international higher education institutions or non-university				
research institutions (not full-time employed at UHH)				
academics or scholars nominated by the departmental doctoral committees of the MIN Faculty who	§ 3 I)	yes	no	no
have doctorates (full-time employed at UHH/MIN or not (if not, then in a non-university institution for	,			
example))				
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New in the MIN-PromO (2018): At least a two-thirds majority is required for any decision regarding the award of the grade *summa cum laude*.

H. Regulations on the evaluation of the dissertation

Who may evaluate the dissertation according to the MIN-PromO (2010) or the MIN-PromO (2018)?

According to Section 9 subsections 1 and 2 MIN-PromO (2010):

After submission of the dissertation, the departmental doctoral committee appoints evaluators (assessors) for the dissertation.

At least one of the evaluators (assessors) = university teacher (i.e. professor) from the MIN Faculty

If important methodological or subject-specific aspects of the dissertation lie in a field primarily taught by another faculty, another **evaluator** (assessor) should be appointed from the respective faculty; Section 6 subsection 4 applies accordingly.

According to Section 10 subsections 1 und 2 MIN-PromO (2018):

The departmental doctoral committee promptly appoints **at least two** evaluators (assessors) for the doctoral dissertation after the doctoral candidate has submitted it.

- Evaluators (assessors) = academics according to Section 3 a) to I)
- As a rule, at least one evaluator (assessor) = academic according to Section 3 a)
- At least one evaluator (assessor) = academic according to Section 3 a) to e)

If material methodological or substantive aspects of the dissertation concern a field of study that is principally taught at another faculty, then one evaluator (assessor) should be from this faculty pursuant to Section 3 h).

Table 5. Tabular presentation of Sections 3 and 10 subsections 1 and 2 MIN-PromO (2018)

Groups of persons ⁹	According to Sect. 3	May prepare an assessment?	May both assessments ¹⁰ according to Sect. 10 subsect. 1 be prepared by academics pursuant to this group of persons?
university teachers (i.e. professors), senior professors and faculty members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> from the MIN Faculty (all of them full-time employed at UHH/MIN)	§ 3 a)	yes	yes
university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty (temporary full-time employed in the administration of the UHH)	§ 3 b)	yes	yes
university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty (jointly appointed in the leave of absence model (dt. <i>gemeinsam berufen im Beurlaubungsmodell</i>), full-time employed in a non-university institution)	§ 3 c)	yes	yes
academics from non-university research institutions (full-time employed in a non-university institution; rights personally granted to participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members within the scope of cooperation agreements)	§ 3 d)	yes	yes

⁹ See footnote 4.

 $^{^{10}}$ Please note the regulations in Section 10 subsection 2 which are also summarized above on this page.

professors pursuant to Section 17 subsection 1 HmbHG who have been conferred the academic title of professor by UHH through the MIN Faculty (full-time employed at UHH/MIN or not (if not, then in a non-university institution for example; rights personally granted to participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members))	§ 3 e)	yes	yes
university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty (on temporary leave or dispatched to a post outside of UHH)	§ 3 f)	yes	no
retired university teachers (i.e. professors) from the MIN Faculty	§ 3 g)	yes	no
university teachers (i.e. professors) and members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> of other faculties (full-time employed at UHH)	§ 3 h)	yes	no
Privatdozenten pursuant to Section 17 subsection 2 HmbHG who have been conferred a teaching authorization as a Privatdozent by UHH through the MIN (not full-time employed at UHH; employed in a non-university institution for example; rights personally granted to participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members)	§ 3 i)	yes	no
early career research group leaders for which UHH is the hosting institution; rights granted to participate in doctoral procedures as supervisors, assessors, and/or examination commission members within the scope of an agreement (full-time employed at UHH/MIN)	§ 3 j)	yes	no
persons nominated by the departmental doctoral committees of the MIN Faculty (who can be regarded as equivalent to members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> and university teachers (i.e. professors)) such as members who have completed a <i>Habilitation</i> and university teachers (i.e. professors) from other domestic or international higher education institutions or non-university research institutions (not full-time employed at UHH)	§ 3 k)	yes	no
academics or scholars nominated by the departmental doctoral committees of the MIN Faculty who have doctorates (full-time employed at UHH/MIN or not (if not, then in a non-university institution for example))	§ 3 I)	yes	no

New in the MIN-PromO (2018): In justified exceptional cases, the departmental doctoral committee may commission an additional assessment if the examination commission does not believe that it is in a position to determine the overall grade of the doctoral dissertation on the basis of the assessments submitted (cf. Section 10 subsection 6).

New in the MIN-PromO (2018): Upon written recommendation by an assessor, the work may be returned ungraded to the applicant by the examination commission for revision. This event must be reported to the departmental doctoral committee. The changes within the scope of any revision must concern clearly defined, precisely formulated topics or issues from the dissertation and should not result in substantial changes to the work. The aforementioned procedure shall once again be implemented after the submission of the new draft. The new assessments may not contain any requests for modification (cf. Section 10 subsection 7).

Table 6. Terms for the public display of the dissertation and the assessments (evaluations)

For	According to Section 9 subsection 6 MIN-PromO (2010)	According to Section 10 subsection 8 MIN-PromO (2018)
The dissertation	is made available to the university public until the oral defense (Disputation) is	shall be made available to the university public for inspection and review one
	scheduled if this is not expressly prohibited for legal (patent-related) reasons.	week before the oral defense, unless this would be expressly prohibited—for
		example for patent law reasons.
The assessments	are available in an anonymized form until the oral defense is scheduled and	in an anonymized form shall be made available to the academics set forth in
(evaluations)	may be viewed by members of the faculty invested with the right to supervise	Section 3 a) and b), the supervisors, the co-supervisors, the chair pursuant to
	in accordance with Section 6 subsections 3 and 4 as well as by the doctoral	Section 7 subsection 2 (b), the assessors, and the doctoral candidate for
	candidate.	inspection and review one week before the oral defense .

I. Oral defense (Disputation)

New in the MIN-PromO (2018): Upon the doctoral candidate's request, the departmental doctoral committee shall decide on suitable measures to compensate for disadvantages of disabled doctoral candidates with respect to the oral defense (cf. Section 12 subsection 6).

J. Publication and submission obligations

New in the MIN-PromO (2018): The doctoral dissertation must be published in the version that was ultimately evaluated. Upon the submission of a petition therefor, the doctoral candidate may publish a version that deviates from the original, provided that any changes are only editorial in nature. The chair of the examination commission must appoint one of the assessors or a member of the examination commission to review and assent to such changes (cf. Section 14 subsection 3).

K. Doctoral degree certificate

The doctoral degree certificate **should be issued within three months** after notification of the obligation to fulfill the delivery requirement in accordance with Section 13 (cf. Section 14 subsection 3 MIN-PromO (2010)).

The doctoral degree certificate (or diploma) **should be issued within four weeks but in no event later than three months** subsequent to the receipt of the notification that the publication obligations pursuant to Section 14 have been discharged (cf. Section 15 subsection 4 MIN-PromO (2018)).

L. Joint doctoral degrees with foreign institutions

The implementation of a joint doctoral procedure must be contractually stipulated.

New in the MIN-PromO (2018): The faculty doctoral committee must be included in the drafting process for any agreement (cf. Section 17 subsection 2).

Table 7. Joint doctoral degrees

Regulations or conditions	According to Sect. 16 MIN-PromO (2010)	According to Sect. 17 MIN-PromO (2018)		
The doctoral candidate must be admitted to both participating institutions as a doctoral student.	yes			
The languages in which the doctoral dissertation may be written must be contractually stipulated.	yes			
If applicable, the dissertation must also have a summary prepared in the third language in addition to German and English.	yes			
The supervisors, evaluators (assessors) and the examination commission members of the UHH are appointed	according to Sections 6, 8, 9 and 16.	according to Sections 7, 9, 10 and 17.		
Examination commission: There must be equal representation in the examination commission. The commission shall be comprised of at least four members.	yes			
Examination commission: Each participating institutions is equally represented by two university teachers (i.e. professors) or 'habilitierte' members in the examination commission.	yes	not necessarily		
Examination commission: Both supervisors are members of the examination commission.	provided that this does not contravene any valid provision in the doctoral degree regulations of either institution			
Examination commission: Both evaluators (assessors) are members of the examination commission.	yes	not necessarily		
The doctoral candidate and his or her supervisor must submit an application for a joint doctoral	no ¹¹	yes		
degree with the foreign institution within the first year after admission to the doctoral procedure.				
The applications must be submitted to the Academic Office / Doctoral Office.				
Both institutions jointly issue a bilingual doctoral certificate.	yes (This is a mandatory provision!)	yes (This is a <i>shall</i> -provision (dt. <i>Soll-Regelung</i>)!)		
The conferral of a joint degree will entitle the doctoral candidate to carry the academic title in either its German or foreign variation.	yes			
Only one doctor's title, however, is awarded.	yes			

¹¹ The faculty doctoral committee recommends that jointly pursued doctoral procedures conducted according to the MIN-PromO (2010) start at the latest 1 year after the beginning of the doctorate.