

## Supplementary PhD regulations and guidelines for the PhD programme in economics and business at School of Economics and Business (HH)

Approved by the Dean on 16 June 2020. The rules are based on NMBU's Regulations for the degree philosophiae doctor (PhD) adopted on 30 January 2020. In force from 1 July 2020.

The rules apply to the PhD programme in economics and business. The numbers of the sections refer to NMBU's PhD Regulations.

### **Section 3 Responsibility for the PhD programme**

#### *(2) The Faculty*

The Dean's day-to-day responsibility for the PhD programme is fulfilled by the Research Committee at the School of Economics and Business.

#### *(3) Programme council*

The Research Committee at the School of Economics and Business is the programme council that is responsible for the academic management and overall structure of the School of Economics and Business's PhD programme.

### **Section 5 Admission**

#### *Section 5-1 General provisions*

##### *(3) Residency requirement*

Candidates with an external employer must spend one year in total at the School of Economics and Business.

#### *Section 5-2 Admission requirements – education and English language requirements*

##### *(1) Relevant academic education*

Relevant academic backgrounds are a master's degree in economics, economics and business administration, entrepreneurship and innovation, or similar programmes relevant to the PhD project.

##### *(2) Strong academic background*

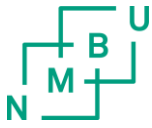
In order to be admitted to the PhD programme at the School of Economics and Business, the applicant must have:

- Been awarded a grade A or B according to the ECTS scale for their master's thesis
- An average grade of B according to the ECTS scale or better in courses that formed part of their master's degree (120 credits)
- An average grade of C according to the ECTS scale or better in courses that formed part of their bachelor's degree (180 credits)

### **Section 8 The required coursework component**

#### *Section 8-2 The scope and content of the required coursework*

(1) The required coursework is 45 credits, of which at least 30 credits must be at PhD level. In consultation with the main supervisor, the candidate can choose to include up to 60 credits.



(6) The average grade for required coursework must be B according to the ECTS or better. Pass or fail grades are excluded from the grade average calculation.

### **Section 9 Quality assurance measures**

*Section 9-1 Measures to uncover and follow up deficiencies, progress reporting*

(2) The PhD candidate must submit a progress report by 15 January each year.

### **Section 10 The thesis**

*Section 10-1 Thesis requirements*

(3) The thesis must normally consist of three or four scholarly articles, and an introductory chapter ('*kappe*') of 6-9,000 words. The PhD candidate must normally be the sole author of at least one article in the thesis. All articles must, as a minimum requirement, be of the level required of a first submission of a manuscript to a journal, and at least half of the articles should have been submitted to well-respected journals before applying for evaluation.

(5) The PhD candidate's relative overall contribution should normally be about 250% according to the co-authorship declarations. Thesis containing published articles of a high quality can be accepted somewhat below this norm, but no less than 200%.

### **Section 15-3 Application for a new evaluation**

(1) At least two articles should have been accepted for publication before applying for a new evaluation.