

THE INSTRUCTION COMPONENT OF THE RESEARCHER TRAINING AT THE FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY, THE UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

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Reference is made to the Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at the University of Bergen, section 4.2. *The instruction component*, and guidelines for the Faculty of Psychology, the University of Bergen.

The researcher programme at the Faculty of Psychology:

The candidate shall receive basic training that, together with the thesis, gives the candidate the required academic breadth and in-depth study laid down in the objectives for the doctoral degree programme. The instruction component comprises a total of 30 credits and includes mandatory and elective courses. The mandatory courses are worth 13 credits and the elective courses are worth 17 credits.

Mandatory courses:

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| a. Basic course in research design, methods, ethics, phil. of science | 8 credits |
| b. Dissemination (research fellow seminar) | 2 credits |
| c. Popular science assignment | 3 credits |

The basic course, worth a total of eight credits, must be completed and approved. Approval requires a) 80% attendance at all courses and b) that the candidate writes an essay discussing his/her own project in light of the course content.

The mandatory dissemination course comprises presentations of candidates' projects at one of the faculty's research fellow seminars. The research fellow seminars are held every autumn.

It is a precondition that the candidate has chief responsibility for preparing the popular science assignment. It must be written on the basis of the candidate's own project. For the assignment to be approved, it should be published. A copy of the assignment is included when the application for approval of the instruction component is submitted. The faculty's approval body is the Research and Researcher Training Committee.

Elective courses:

In addition to mandatory courses, the candidate must complete and obtain approval for research courses/activities worth a fixed number of credits, cf. below. The courses can be organised by the Faculty of Psychology or other faculties at the University of Bergen or another university/research community in Norway or abroad. Where subject-related/research area-related training is organised, for example in connection with the faculty's research schools, this is expected to be included in the elective part of the instruction component.

The elective courses are worth a total of 17 credits.

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| 1. Method | 3-10 credits |
| 2. Perspective | 4-10 credits |
| 3. Dissemination | 0-6 credits |
| 4. Ethics/philosophy of science | 2-6 credits |

Dissemination that is part of the instruction component's elective courses shall be documented by the principal supervisor in connection with the application for approval of the instruction component of the programme.

Dissemination/teacher training courses, such as development programmes in university teaching, may be approved as part of the elective modules in dissemination.

Tuition in the use of laboratory animals in psychological research is mandatory for candidates with research projects involving laboratory animals. The course is worth up to six credits in ethics/philosophy of science.

Participation in research courses that do not have a fixed number of credits, for example courses taken abroad, may be approved on application to the Research and Researcher Training Committee, which will calculate credits for these courses. The approval is conditional on documentation being provided regarding both the organisation and implementation of the course. Stays at research institutions abroad/at other Norwegian research institutions may be approved on application (worth a maximum of six credits).

Where no courses are available or other possibilities for training in the candidate's area of research exist, an individual syllabus (special curriculum) may be approved on application (worth maximum three credits). The description of the special curriculum must enable the contents, level and scope of the curriculum to be assessed. The examination is carried out by the supervisor and an examiner appointed by the Research and Researcher Training Committee.

Master's degree courses may, in special cases, be approved as part of the researcher training. However, this must be assessed on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with the supervisor. A maximum of three credits can be awarded for Master's degree courses.

In order for elective courses to be approved, the course approval should preferably include criteria over and above attendance and preparation.

The plan for the instruction component shall be drawn up together with the principal supervisor.

Exams/course approvals that, at the time of application, are older than five years cannot form part of the instruction component.

Guidelines for the calculation of credits:

- a. Research courses/activities at Norwegian universities are usually worth a fixed number of credits. For research courses that do not have a fixed number of credits, see the guidelines above.
- b. Other tuition taken of relevance to the candidate's research in the form of lectures, practical exercises, group work and seminar participation:
Fifteen hours is normally worth three credits (a maximum of six credits can be achieved in this manner).
- c. Presentation of results of the candidate's own project at a congress or other research forum:
One presentation at a national forum is worth one credit.
One presentation at an international forum is worth two credits (a maximum of three credits can be achieved in this manner).
- d. Research stays of at least two weeks' duration at a foreign/other Norwegian institution.
Two weeks is worth three credits (a maximum of six credits can be achieved in this manner).

- e. Lectures at university level:
One original lecture of 45 minutes is worth one credit (awarded once, and not for repeat lectures). Eight hours of teaching at seminars is worth one credit. Supervision over and above the teaching obligation: one and a half credits for supervision of semester assignments and three for supervision of a completed Master's thesis. A maximum of three credits can be achieved in this manner. Tuition in addition to mandatory duties must be documented and performed under the supervision of a permanent member of the academic staff. The lectures can be approved as dissemination under elective courses.
- f. Individual syllabus, on application, and an examination. One thousand pages is worth three credits (a maximum of three credits can be achieved in this manner).
- h. Approved specialised psychology courses or equivalent are awarded five credits under perspective.

A separate form must be used for applications for approval of the instruction component.