

Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg



***Doctoral regulations of the
Faculty of Law, Economics and Business
for the award of the degree of
Doctor of Economics
(Doctor rerum politicarum, Dr. rer. pol.)
dated 31 January 2007***

Pursuant to Sections 18(7), 67(3), no. 8 and 77(2), no. 1 of the Higher Education Act of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt (HSG LSA) of 5 May 2004 (Gazette of Laws & Ordinances (GVBl.) of Saxony-Anhalt p.256), most recently amended by Article 6 of the Law of 21 March 2006 (Gazette of Laws & Ordinances LSA page 102) and Section 11 of the Faculty Regulations of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of 19 July 2006 (Official Gazette, no. 6, p.1), the following doctoral regulations for the degree of “Doctor of Economics” (Doctor rerum politicarum, Dr. rer. pol.) shall be issued for the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg:

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Section 1 Doctorate

(1) The Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of the Martin Luther University awards the academic degree of "Doctor of Economics" (Doctor rerum politicarum, Dr. rer. pol.) after successful completion of an ordinary doctoral examination procedure in the field of Economics.

(2) The doctorate serves as proof of special scientific qualification achieved by means of independent research in the field of Economics.

Section 2 Honorary doctorates

(1) The Faculty of Law, Economics and Business awards the degree of Doctor of Economics honoris causa (Dr. rer. pol. h.c.) in recognition of outstanding academic contributions in the field of Economics.

(2) An honorary doctorate shall be awarded by resolution of the Doctoral Committee with a majority of at least four fifths of the votes cast. Any members not present during the vote may submit their vote in writing to the Dean no later than the start of the meeting. The invitation shall refer to this provision.

(3) The honorary doctorate shall be awarded by presenting the certificate, which highlights the achievements of the person receiving the honorary doctorate.

Section 3 Doctoral Committee

(1) The members of the Doctoral Committee shall be:

- full-time professors and junior professors,*
- private lecturers,*
- two student representatives,*
- two representatives of the scientific staff*
- professors emeriti or retired full-time professors, and university lecturers*

from the Economics Department of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business.

The representatives of the students and academic staff on the Doctoral Committee are elected by the Faculty Council on the recommendation of the respective status group on the Faculty Council.

The Dean fulfils the role of Chair. The Dean is permitted to ask the spokesperson of the Economics Department to represent him/her.

The Doctoral Committee shall be quorate if at least one third of its members, including the Chair, are present. Decisions shall be enacted based on a majority of votes cast by the members present.

(2) The Doctoral Committee shall be responsible for carrying out the doctoral examination procedure. In particular, it shall perform the following duties:

- deciding on whether the requirements for acceptance as a doctoral candidate have been met*
- deciding whether the requirements for admission to the doctoral examination procedure have been met*
- appointing academic advisors, supervisors and assessors*
- appointing the Board of Examiners and its Chair,*
- reaching decisions on complaints and appeals (Section 15) by doctoral candidates against decisions by the Doctoral Committee and the Board of Examiners that affect them and*

- *reaching decisions about the awarding of honorary doctorates.*

Section 4 Assessors and the Board of Examiners

(1) The assessors evaluate the written scientific work (the thesis). The Board of Examiners shall be responsible for assessing the oral defence of the thesis and for establishing the overall grade of the doctorate.

(2) The thesis shall be assessed by two assessors. They shall be appointed at the time that the doctoral candidate is admitted to the doctoral examination procedure. Wherever possible, they should be the same persons that had been responsible for the supervision of the work. The following persons are eligible to fulfil the role of assessor:

- 1. Full-time professors and junior professors and*
- 2. Honorary professors, associate professors, assistant professors, private lecturers and full-time professors relieved of teaching responsibilities, retired full-time professors, professors and university lecturers.*

At least one assessor must be a full-time professor in the Economics Department of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.

(3) The Board of Examiners shall consist of the assessors of the thesis and three additional members in accordance with paragraph (2). Furthermore, all members of the Doctoral Committee may also participate in meetings of the Board of Examiners in an advisory capacity.

(4) The Board of Examiners shall enact decisions based on a majority of votes cast by its members.

Section 5 Acceptance as a doctoral candidate

(1) By accepting a person as a doctoral candidate, the Economics Department of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg declares its willingness, in principle, to assist the doctoral candidate in the preparation of a thesis and to assess that thesis once it is completed. Furthermore, completing the process for acceptance as a doctoral candidate firmly establishes that candidate will be admitted to the doctoral examination procedure following completion of his/her thesis, if he/she submits the documents stated in Section 7.

(2) A doctoral candidate shall be admitted if he or she has completed a university course of study in the field of Economics at a university in the German-speaking area by achieving a diploma, a Master's or a "Magister" examination with above-average grades ("Prädikatsexamen", with a minimum grade of "Good"). In justified exceptional cases, the Doctoral Committee may waive the requirement for a "Prädikatsexamen". Graduates of foreign universities who can provide evidence that they have obtained a comparable degree will also be admitted as doctoral candidates, if the Doctoral Committee has established the equivalence of the degree obtained abroad. Specially gifted graduates who have obtained a university Bachelor's degree in Economics may also be admitted directly to a doctoral programme, without obtaining a further degree. Such graduates shall be required to undergo the aptitude assessment procedure.

(3) Graduates who have completed degree programmes in disciplines other than economics at universities may be admitted as doctoral candidates if the overall grade of their university degree is above average and if it is to be expected that they will be capable of independent academic achievement in the field of Economics. In such cases, the Doctoral Committee may impose subject-specific requirements. The person concerned shall not be accepted as a doctoral candidate until such time as those requirements have been fulfilled.

(4) Specially gifted graduates who have obtained a diploma or Master's degree in Economics from a university of applied sciences or an equivalent institution may be admitted directly to a doctoral programme, if the following requirements have been fulfilled:

- 1. They must have obtained a degree with a minimum grade of "Good".*

2. *A written assessment is available from a professor at the higher education institution at which the applicant obtained his/her degree, approving his/her acceptance as a doctoral candidate and certifying that the applicant is capable of performing independent academic work.*
3. *The doctoral candidate must prove by means of oral examinations in at least two subjects defined by the Doctoral Committee and related to the topic of his/her proposed thesis that he or she possesses an above-average knowledge of the respective subjects. The examinations should each last 30 minutes and must be held by professors or private lecturers from the Economics Department of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of the Martin Luther University. The assessors shall be appointed by the Doctoral Committee.*
4. *The Doctoral Committee must be convinced that the doctoral candidate is capable of carrying out independent research in the field of Economics. If the information available is not sufficient to make such a determination, the Doctoral Committee may demand that the doctoral candidate provide further evidence of special aptitude.*

In such cases, the Doctoral Committee may impose subject-specific requirements. The person concerned shall not be accepted as a doctoral candidate until such time as those requirements have been fulfilled.

(5) At the time that a person is accepted as a doctoral candidate, the academic supervisors shall be appointed. They must be appointed from the group of persons specified in Section 4(2), numbers 1 and 2. At least one supervisor must be a member of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of the Martin Luther University.

(6) The supervisory relationship can be dissolved by the doctoral candidate or by the supervisor. If the supervisory relationship is dissolved for reasons not attributable to the doctoral candidate, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a different supervisor.

(7) The application for acceptance as a doctoral candidate in the Economics Department of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg shall be submitted in writing to the Dean using the form that can be downloaded via the internet. The application must include:

1. *The working title of the proposed thesis and a description of the intended thesis project*
2. *Suggested names of the two scientific supervisors*
3. *A curriculum vitae of the applicant*
4. *The originals of all certificates relating to degrees obtained*
5. *A declaration stating whether the doctoral candidate has already participated in a doctoral examination procedure at another university or has already applied as a doctoral candidate at another university, and what the outcome was, and*
6. *A declaration by the doctoral candidate of previous criminal convictions and any pending preliminary investigations.*

(8) If a completed thesis already exists, it shall be submitted instead of a description of the planned thesis project. In such cases, the application pursuant to paragraph (7) shall also form the application for admission to the doctoral examination procedure and must include the additional items stated in Section 7.

(9) Acceptance as a doctoral candidate shall be refused if the applicant has already undergone a doctoral examination procedure at other universities and ultimately failed the required examinations. Acceptance as a doctoral candidate shall also be refused, if any grounds exist that would lead to the revocation of the doctoral degree (Section 19).

Section 6 Doctoral studies

The doctoral candidate shall participate in the programme of Doctoral Studies within the Economics Department of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg and shall obtain at least 30 ECTS credits. The doctoral candidate's academic supervisor shall make recommendations regarding the content and structure of the doctoral studies. The Doctoral Committee is entitled to issue general regulations regarding the design of the doctoral programme. In completing

their doctoral studies, doctoral candidates must, as a minimum, achieve the items laid down when they were accepted as a doctoral candidate.

Section 7

Admission to the doctoral examination procedure

(1) The aim of the doctoral examination procedure is to determine whether the doctoral candidate has completed the written and oral work required for the successful completion of a doctorate and with which marks those achievements are to be assessed.

(2) For admission to the doctoral examination procedure, the requirements and regulations for acceptance as a doctoral candidate pursuant to Section 5 paragraphs (2) to (9) shall apply accordingly. If a candidate has already been accepted as a doctoral candidate, these conditions shall be regarded as fulfilled.

(3) The application for admission to the doctoral examination procedure must be submitted in writing to the Dean. The application must include:

- I. a letter to the Dean, stating the title of the thesis and the names of all previous supervisors, in so far as any supervisors have been appointed*
- 2. suggestions as to the names of the two assessors and the three additional members of the Board of Examiners, pursuant to Section 4.*

(4) The following must be enclosed with the application:

- I. the thesis in six copies, accompanied by a digital version, a short summary of the content highlighting the specific objective of the research, and a brief description of the outcomes*
- 2. a declaration that the doctoral candidate has written the thesis himself/herself, without unauthorised outside help and that he/she has not used any aids other than those mentioned in the bibliography and in the notes*
- 3. a statement as to whether and with what success the doctoral candidate has already taken a doctoral examination in Economics at another university and whether the thesis in its current or another version has already been submitted to another faculty for assessment*
- 4. a list of the economic papers already published in print by the doctoral candidate*
- 5. evidence of the format and content of the doctoral study programme successfully completed and the certificates of achievement acquired as a result*
- 6. a declaration by the doctoral candidate of previous criminal convictions and any pending preliminary investigations and*
- 7. certified copies of all certificates of completion of studies, insofar as these certificates were not already submitted at the time of acceptance as a doctoral candidate.*

(5) The application for admission to the doctoral examination procedure may be withdrawn as long as no assessment recommending refusal has been submitted. If the application is withdrawn at a later date, the procedure shall be deemed to have been terminated without success.

(6) The decision on admission to the doctoral examination procedure shall be issued by the Dean. The assessors shall also be named in the decision. If admission is refused, the notification must state the grounds on which this is based and contain instructions about how to appeal.

Section 8

Thesis

(1) The thesis must deal with a topic from a subject area of Economics that is adequately represented within the Economics department of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business. It must demonstrate the doctoral student's ability to carry out independent scientific research and must represent a scientifically qualified achievement.

- (2) The thesis should be submitted as a single piece of work. If it forms part of a joint research project, the individual achievements of the doctoral student must be clearly distinguishable and assessable. If necessary, the Doctoral Committee may, in the case of joint research projects, request that written statements be submitted by the participants indicating to whom the individual parts are attributable.*
- (3) The thesis should be written in German or English. It may already have been published in whole or in part.*
- (4) At the end of the thesis, the doctoral candidate shall indicate in the form of a bibliography which sources and aids he/she has used in the preparation of the thesis.*
- (5) The thesis must be submitted in printable and bound form.*
- (6) The thesis may be submitted cumulatively by submitting at least three thematically related specialist articles which have been submitted for publication in recognised peer-reviewed specialist publications. The specialist articles must not originate from previous theses produced by the doctoral candidate. In such cases, the thematic interrelationship of the works must be presented in an additional treatise which forms the thesis in conjunction with the articles submitted. Co-authorships are permitted for the specialist articles submitted; the provisions of paragraph (2) shall apply accordingly. Further details shall be regulated by the Doctoral Committee.*

Section 9

Assessment of the thesis, Inspection of the assessment

- (1) The assessors shall prepare one assessment each on the thesis, which shall contain a recommendation regarding acceptance or rejection, as well as a proposed grade. The assessment shall be governed by Section 10. A proposal to accept may be subject to conditions requiring improvement or correction, or to additional requirements.*
- (2) The assessments shall be submitted to the Chair of the Doctoral Committee within three months of being commissioned.*
- (3) If two of the assessors propose that the thesis be rejected, the Dean shall declare the doctoral examination procedure completed. In such cases, the candidate shall have failed to be awarded a doctorate. If only one assessor recommends that the thesis be rejected, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a third assessor. If he/she recommends that the thesis be accepted, the procedure shall be continued.*
- (4) If the prerequisites for the continuation of the procedure are met, the Dean shall forward the reports to the Doctoral Committee, shall additionally send one copy of the thesis to each of members of the Board of Examiners, and shall make the thesis and the assessments available for inspection for two weeks. All members of the Doctoral Committee shall be entitled to inspect them. The Dean may also allow them to be inspected by professors from other faculties or departments.*
- (5) During the display period, all members of the Doctoral Committee as well as the other members of the Board of Examiners may comment in writing on the thesis and its assessment and request that up to three additional assessments be commissioned. Once the display period has elapsed, the Doctoral Committee shall decide whether or not to commission any additional assessments. The additional assessments shall be submitted to the Chair of the Doctoral Committee no later than four weeks following the end of the display period.*
- (6) The doctoral candidate shall be granted access to the assessments.*

Section 10

Grading of the thesis

- (1) The grades permitted to be used in the assessments shall be 1.0, 1.3, 1.7, 2.0, 2.3, 2.7, 3.0, 3.3, 3.7, 4.0 and 5.0. The higher the numerical grade, the poorer the assessment. A grade of 5 shall be awarded for performance that is insufficient (“insufficient”, “non sufficient”).*

(2) The overall grade of the thesis is calculated by taking the simple arithmetical mean of the individual grades from the assessments, whereby only the first digit after the decimal point is taken into account. The thesis shall ultimately be deemed unsuccessful if an assessment is provided by a third party and the majority of the peer reviews result in a grade of 5.

(3) One of the assessors shall report to the Doctoral Committee about the content of the assessments available. Following a deliberation and based on the assessments, the Doctoral Committee shall decide whether to accept the thesis and shall determine the grade in accordance with paragraph (2).

(4) If requested by one of the assessors, the Doctoral Committee may return the thesis before the final mark is determined and impose a deadline for resubmission. If the doctoral candidate fails to observe that deadline, the thesis shall be deemed to have been rejected.

(5) If the thesis is not passed and therefore not accepted, the doctoral examination procedure shall be terminated without success.

Section 11 Defence

(1) The doctoral candidate shall defend the outcomes of the thesis before the Board of Examiners. The defence shall take place in public.

(2) Following the acceptance of the thesis, the Dean shall invite the candidate to a defence, providing at least two weeks' notice, and shall make the date publicly known. That period may be shortened with the candidate's agreement.

(3) The Chair of the Board of Examiners shall lead the defence. It shall begin with a lecture of about 30 minutes given by the doctoral candidate on the subject of his/her work. After that, the members of the Board of Examiners and the doctoral candidate shall have the right to speak and ask questions. After a further 45 minutes at the most have elapsed, all other persons present may take part in the discussion and put questions to the doctoral candidate. The total duration of the defence shall not exceed 120 minutes.

(4) Minutes shall be kept of the course, content and outcome of the defence. These shall be signed by the members of the Board of Examiners and shall contain the grade of the defence.

Section 12 Grading of the defence

(1) Each member of the Board of Examiners shall assign a grade to the defence of the thesis.

(2) The permitted grades shall be 1.0, 1.3, 1.7, 2.0, 2.3, 2.7, 3.0, 3.3, 3.7, 4.0 and 5.0. The higher the numerical grade, the poorer the assessment. A grade of 5 shall be awarded for performance that is insufficient.

(3) The defence shall be deemed to have been failed if at least two members of the Board of Examiners award a mark of 5 or if the doctoral candidate culpably fails to attend at the time of the defence. This shall be established by the Board of Examiners.

(4) The assessment of a successful defence shall be determined by taking the simple arithmetical mean of the individual grades in the sense of paragraph (1), whereby only the first digit after the decimal point is taken into account.

Section 13 Repetition of the defence

If the defence is deemed to have been failed, the doctoral candidate may apply for it to be repeated only once and only within a period of one year. The defence may not be repeated before a period of three months has elapsed. In justified cases, the Doctoral Committee may extend the deadline.

Section 14 **Overall grading**

(1) *The entire doctoral examination is passed if both the thesis and the defence have been passed. If the entire examination has been passed, the Board of Examiners determines the overall grade.*

(2) *The overall grade shall be determined on the basis of a weighted arithmetic mean of the evaluation of the thesis and the evaluation of the defence, with the thesis being accorded a weighting of two-thirds and the defence a weighting of one-third. When calculating the average, only the first digit after the decimal point shall be taken into account.*

(3) *Only the following grades may be awarded:*

summa cum laude (excellent)
magna cum laude (very good)
cum laude (good)
rite (sufficient)

If x forms the arithmetical mean established as per paragraph (2),

at $1.0 \leq x \leq 2.5$, a grade of “magna cum laude” shall be awarded

at $2.6 \leq x \leq 3.5$, a grade of “cum laude” shall be awarded

at $3.6 \leq x$, a grade of “rite”

shall be awarded. If the candidate’s achievement is assessed at a grade of 1.0 to 1.3, the Doctoral Committee may award the grade of “summa cum laude”, if requested by one of the assessors.

(4) *The Chair of the Board of Examiners shall inform the doctoral candidate of the examination result, indicating the grades awarded to the thesis and to the defence, as well as the grade for the examination as a whole. That notification shall be made in private. If the candidate has not passed, it is especially important that he/she is informed as to which aspects of his/her performance were unsatisfactory. Within two weeks, the Dean shall issue the doctoral candidate with a certificate confirming the result of the doctoral examination. That certificate must be accompanied by instructions on how to appeal.*

Section 15 **Legal remedies**

(1) *In accordance with the Administrative Court Rules, an objection against decisions of the Doctoral Committee and the Board of Examiners may be submitted in writing to the Dean within one month of the decision being made known.*

(2) *The Doctoral Committee must decide on these objections and shall inform the person concerned of its decision and shall provide instructions about how to appeal.*

Section 16 **Inspecting the doctoral file**

Once the doctoral examination procedure has been completed, the doctoral candidate or a person appointed by him or her in writing shall have the right to inspect all doctoral documents. The examination documents shall not be accessible by third parties.

Section 17 **Publication of the thesis**

(1) *If the doctoral candidate has passed the defence, he or she must have the thesis printed in the version approved by the assessors. The assessors may impose a reasonable number of required amendments,*

which must be fulfilled before printing. The Dean shall give permission for printing, by agreement with the assessors.

(2) As a rule, the thesis must be published as an independent document. It may also be published as an article in a scientific journal or in an anthology in several parts or in an abridged form containing the main results. In agreement with the assessors, publication may also be in a different language, other than German or English. In cases involving a cumulative thesis in the sense of Section 8(6), this shall be deemed to have been published if all of the specialist articles have been accepted individually by a journal for publication.

(3) The thesis may be published electronically at the University and State Library of Saxony-Anhalt (ULB). If it is published electronically, the doctoral candidate must certify in writing that the digitised form corresponds exactly to the printed version of the thesis.

(4) Within one year of the date of the defence or the naming of the required amendments in accordance with paragraph (1), the doctoral candidate shall deliver to the Dean's office ten mandatory copies on age-resistant, wood-free and acid-free paper. If the doctoral candidate culpably fails to adhere to that period of one year, all of the rights acquired as a result of the examination shall lapse. At the request of the doctoral candidate, the Dean may extend the deadline in consultation with the assessors.

Section 18

Conclusion of the doctoral examination procedure

(1) The awarding of the doctorate is concluded when the doctoral certificate signed by the Dean is handed over. The doctoral certificate shall not be issued until after the thesis has been published and the prescribed number of mandatory copies have been ensured, as would be the case if a contract had been signed with a publisher. The certificate shall bear the date of the defence and shall contain the title of the thesis and the overall grade.

(2) Only after the doctoral certificate has been issued shall the doctoral candidate be entitled to use the title of Doctor.

Section 19

Revocation of the doctorate

The Doctoral Committee may decide to revoke the doctoral degree, if, for example, the holder of the doctorate

- 1. has obtained it by means of deception or by providing information that is essentially incorrect*
- 2. has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least one year after intentionally committing a criminal act, or*
- 3. has been sentenced for an intentional act, in the preparation or committal of which he/she has made improper use of the doctorate.*

Section 20

Doctorate in cooperation with a university abroad

(1) A doctoral examination procedure can be carried out in cooperation with a university abroad with the approval of the Doctoral Committee. Upon successful completion of such a doctoral examination procedure, the doctoral candidate will acquire the right to use the title of Doctor of Economics (Doctor rerum politicarum, Dr. rer. pol.) in Germany and to use the doctorate awarded by the cooperating university in the country in which it is located. In third countries, one or other title of doctor may be used. No entitlement to a double doctorate shall arise from a cooperative doctoral examination procedure of this type.

- (2) *The provisions of these doctoral regulations shall apply to a doctoral examination procedure in accordance with paragraph (1), unless otherwise stipulated below or by explicit agreement with the cooperating university.*
- (3) *The doctoral achievement arising from the doctoral examination procedure pursuant to paragraph (1) must consist of a written component (thesis) and an oral component.*
- (4) *Admission to a doctoral examination procedure in the sense of paragraph (1) shall require acceptance as a doctoral candidate at both of the institutions involved. The application must name the two institutions involved, must describe the proposed thesis and set out the reasons why the applicant is seeking to undergo a doctoral examination procedure in cooperation with the respective university abroad. The application must also suggest the name of one assessor from each of the institutions involved.*
- (5) *If an application is submitted for acceptance as a doctoral candidate in a doctoral examination procedure in the sense of paragraph (1), the Doctoral Committee shall examine whether the admission requirements pursuant to Section 5 have been fulfilled and shall decide whether an agreement should be entered into with the university abroad to carry out the doctoral examination procedure. Such agreements must be concluded in writing and must be approved by the Doctoral Committee. It shall include provisions regarding the type of joint supervision envisaged, about the organisation of examinations involved and the required achievements within the programme of doctoral studies, about the conversion of any assessment schemes and about the publication of the thesis and, as far as possible, contain regulations regarding registration at the two institutions involved, regarding the fees payable to them and regarding the health insurance of the doctoral candidate. If a framework agreement is already in place with the university abroad, the agreement shall be concluded on that basis.*
- (6) *If the doctoral regulations of the cooperating university stipulate different requirements in the case of doctoral studies or the services to be provided, the Doctoral Committee may include provisions deviating from the provisions of these doctoral regulations, insofar as this is necessary in order to align the doctoral requirements of the two institutions. Care must be taken to ensure that the formal requirements regarding doctoral achievements, which are in place at each institution, are compatible.*
- (7) *With the agreement of the assessors, the thesis may be submitted in German or English, or in the national language of the cooperating university. If the thesis is not submitted in German or English, it must be accompanied by a summary in German or English. The oral component of the doctoral examination shall generally be held in English, or in the national language of the university in which it takes place.*
- (8) *In the event of differences between the regulations of the institutions involved governing the assessment of the thesis, the assessment shall be carried out separately in accordance with each set of regulations. The thesis shall be deemed to have been passed if it has been passed under both sets of regulations.*
- (9) *As far as the oral component of the doctoral achievement is concerned, a Board of Examiners should be appointed that contains an equal number of members from each of the institutions concerned. In addition to the supervisor, at least one additional member must be a full-time professor within the Economics Department of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business.*
- (10) *The doctoral examination procedure shall be deemed to have been successfully completed if the doctoral candidate has passed both the thesis and the oral component. If that is the case, the doctoral certificate shall be issued, which shall include one part in the German language and another part in the national language of the foreign university. Each part shall include the overall assessment resulting from the doctoral regulations of the respective university and a reference to the specific nature of the cooperative doctoral examination procedure.*

Section 21

Transitional provisions

The stipulations within these regulations shall apply to all doctoral examination procedures, in which the initial application for acceptance as a doctoral candidate or for admission to the doctoral examination procedure is made after these regulations enter into force. If the initial application was made on an earlier date, the stipulations contained in the doctoral regulations in force at the date of first admission shall ap-

ply. In such cases, doctoral candidates shall be permitted to submit an irrevocable written declaration to the Dean, stating that the provisions of these Regulations should apply.

Section 22

Entry into force

These Regulations were adopted by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business on 31 January 2007; the Academic Senate issued its opinion on them on 11 April 2007 and the rector approved the Regulations on 23 April 2007. The Regulations shall enter into force on the day after they are announced in the Official Gazette of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg; the Doctoral Regulations of 13 July 1995, most recently amended by means of the Rules dated 12 April 2000 (Official Gazette of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg 2001, no. 2, of 19 June 2001) shall simultaneously cease to apply.

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