

# Explanation to the Curriculum of the Doctoral Program in Natural Sciences (Mitteilungsblatt 113 from 27.06.2024)

You will enroll for the curriculum from 2024 automatically after July 1, 2024.

## **Lectures and defensio with 30 ECTS in sum.**

Regarding lectures you have to fulfill 3 Modules with 24 ECTS in sum:

### 1. Module A (major topic) with **9 ECTS**

- Courses of the respective doctoral school on the area / sub-area to which the topic of the dissertation is assigned to.
  - Only PhD lectures/seminars are eligible.

### 2. Module B (Diss.-Seminars) with **9 ECTS** has the function of monitoring your progress to the doctoral school

- Seminars for PhD students (Dissertant\*innenseminar) at this doctoral school.
  - The Seminars have to be named explicitly “Dissertant\*innenseminar XXX” with 3 ECTS because that is checked in the final form when finishing the PhD.
  - Students have to participate actively in this PhD seminar by giving a presentation approximately once per year (monitoring the progress of the student), i.e. 3x3 ECTS.
  - A presentation at a DocDoc can be credited in the same way as a Diss-seminar following the guidelines (Richtlinien) of your doctoral school.

### 3. Module (elective subject) with **6 ECTS**: Courses that take into account the thematic context to be chosen with the dissertation.

- PhD as well as master lectures/seminars are eligible.

### 4. Defensio counts with **6 ECTS**.

General remarks:

- Lectures from other universities can be used for fulfilling the lecture requirements in modules A and B but the majority of lectures should be enrolled at the University of Graz. The student has to be enrolled at the other institution and has to provide the transcript of records.
- Language courses are not eligible, excluding PhD thesis with that as a topic.
- Online courses provided by non-university organizations are not eligible.

## **Lectures, summer schools, presentations as a substitute for a course.**

A bunch of activities can be used to substitute ECTS in the subjects. In any case the student has to provide the necessary documents to approve that activity. You can apply to receive credits for external activities via the Prüfungsreferat of our faculty <nawi.pruefref@uni-graz.at>, the women there will fill the forms for you and forward everything to the head of the curricula commission for approval. The following activities can be credited:

- Lectures from other universities for modules A and C (see general remarks above)

- documents: web page with contents and ECTS (or h), exam, record of transcripts.
- 16x45min counts as 1 SWS (1 h per week during the term) equivalent to 1.5 ECTS.
- Summer schools (graduate college etc.) for modules A and C
  - documents: schedule, web page, lectures, exams, tasks/exercises, presentation, certificate (PhD level?) and announcement (whatever available) for the courses in the graduate school.  
You have to prove some activity in the summer school.
  - These summer/winter schools can be credited according to your effort (25h of work == 1 ECTS).
- Presentations/poster at international conferences or workshops for modules A, B and C
  - only one activity can be credited for one conference/workshop
  - documents: schedule (duration of your presentation, poster session with your name), web page, etc. to prove that you participated and that you contributed actively.
  - You have to prove some activity at the international conference.  
presentation  $\geq$  20 min counts for 2 ECTS  
presentation  $\geq$  15 min counts for 1.5 ECTS  
presentation  $\geq$  10 min or poster counts for 1 ECTS
  - Up to 9 ECTS can be substituted by presentations/posters at international conferences/workshops.