## PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

# for the Ph.D. in Management at the University of St.Gallen

dated 14 November, 2016

The Senate of the University of St.Gallen hereby issues the following regulations

on the basis of Art. 88 para. 1 (h) of the University Statutes dated 25 October 20101:

## I. General provisions

Art. 1. These regulations govern special conditions for the Ph.D. in Management (PMA) at the University of St.Gallen regarding

Scope of applica-

- a) admission;
- b) programme structure;
- c) examinations and their evaluation.

#### II. Admission

- Art. 2. <sup>1</sup>Under Art. 15 of the Award Regulations [PromO 17], applicants may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme in Management if they
  - a) hold a completed Master's degree from the University of St.Gallen (HSG);
  - b) hold a recognised completed Master's degree or a Licentiate (university degree) in one of the following subjects: Economic Sciences, Social Sciences, Law;
  - hold a recognised completed Master's degree or Licentiate (university degree) in a subject area related to the School of Management.
- Art. 3. <sup>1</sup>In addition to the conditions laid down in Art. 16 of the Pro-mO 17, the following conditions apply for admission:
  - a) the submission of application documents in due form and before the deadline;
  - b) simultaneous matriculations at two universities in the same or a different subject area are only possible if the other university provides a written confirmation that the other university waives the contribution payments under the Inter-Cantonal University Agreement dated 20 February 1997 [sGS 217.81].
- Art. 4. <sup>1</sup>Admission to the Ph.D. programme is based on the Programme Committee's evaluation of the application documents ('sur dossier').

<sup>2</sup>Admission is communicated through a decree issued by the Dean of

Additional terms of admission

Terms of admission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> sGS 217.15

Studies.

Art. 5. <sup>1</sup>On admission to the Ph.D. programme additional entry requirements covering a maximum of 18 ECTS credits may be imposed.

<sup>2</sup>These additional entry requirements involve introductory courses and courses in the core discipline.

<sup>3</sup>The additional entry requirements will depend on the student's previous education and are defined jointly by the Supervisor and the Programme Committee and communicated to the student through a decree issued by the Dean of Studies.

Additional entry requirements

Art. 6. <sup>1</sup>The additional entry requirements are deemed to have been satisfied once all relevant courses have been passed with a minimum grade of 4.00.

Passing additional entry requirements

<sup>2</sup>One further attempt is permitted on failure to pass a course.

<sup>3</sup>If the additional entry requirements are not passed at the second attempt, the student may not continue with the Ph.D. studies.

### III. Programme structure

Art. 7. <sup>1</sup>The Programme Committee defines the specialisations.

Specialisations

Art. 8. <sup>1</sup>The programme language is German and/or English.

Language of the programme

Art. 9. ¹During the coursework phase, all Ph.D. students must complete at least four courses, including two compulsory courses and at least two specialist and methodology courses.

Coursework phase a) Number of courses

<sup>2</sup>The courses in the compulsory subject each earn 6 ECTS credits, the specialist and methodology courses each earn 4 ECTS credits.

- Art. 10. <sup>1</sup>The Programme committee defines the compulsory courses for each specialisation. At least one of the two compulsory courses must be within the selected specialisation.
- b) Compulsory courses
- Art. 11. <sup>1</sup>The Programme Committee can credit a qualifying research paper on request by the Supervisor, to replace a specialist/methodology course.
- c) Crediting
- Art. 12. <sup>1</sup>During the research phase all Ph.D. students must complete at least two group discussions/oral presentations offered at Ph.D. level (thesis colloquia).
- Research phase
- Art. 13. ¹In addition to the minimum requirements during the coursework and research phases (Art. 9 para. 1 and Art. 12 para. 1) a further specialist/methodology course or a colloquium must be completed. This may be done at a time of the student's choosing.
- Requirements not specific to a phase
- Art. 14. <sup>1</sup>The Course Scheme spells out in detail what must be done in order to successfully complete the Ph.D. programme.

Course Scheme

#### IV. Examinations and their evaluation

Art. 15. ¹The types of examinations for the courses are:

a) Individual examinations:

Types of Examination

- 1. Written examination;
- 2. Written paper;
- 3. Oral examination (including presentations)
- b) Group evaluations:
  - 1. Written paper;
  - 2. Oral examination (including presentations)

<sup>2</sup>Active participation by the Ph.D. student in classes can influence grades up to a maximum of 20%.

Art. 16. ¹The compulsory courses and specialist/methodology courses during the coursework phase, and the seminars or colloquia during the research phase are graded as "passed" or "not passed".

Grading

## V. Final provisions

Art. 17. <sup>1</sup>These regulations will come into effect as of 1 August 2017. <sup>2</sup>They apply to students who start a Ph.D. study programme at the University of St.Gallen from the autumn semester 2017 onwards.

Date of applica-

<sup>3</sup>From 1 August 2020 these regulations will apply to all Ph.D. students.

Art. 18. <sup>1</sup>For students who start their Ph.D. studies before 1 August, 2017 and who have completed courses in the coursework phase at the end of the 2017 spring semester, the Course Regulations of 4 June 2007 [PMA 07] and 19 October 2015 [PMA 16] shall apply until 31 July 2020.

Transitional Rules

<sup>2</sup>The Course Scheme covers the transitional provisions.

<sup>3</sup>The Senate Committee is authorised, as necessary in urgent cases, to issue transitional provisions to the benefit of the students as part of the Course Scheme.

Art. 19. ¹The Course Regulations for the Doctorate in Management from the University of St.Gallen dated 4 June 2007 [PMA 07] and 19 October 2015 [PMA 16] will be suspended with effect from 1 August 2020.

Suspension of currently applicable rules

On behalf of the Senate,

The President:

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