



Ghent University Doctoral Training Programme

University-wide transitional measures

Doctoral Schools Coordination Unit

For whom?

PhD students **1st enrolment in, or prior, to 2009-2010**

- finish PhD in, or prior to, 2011-2012: make a choice between old and new version of Doctoral Training Programme
- finish PhD in 2012-2013 or later: switch to new version of Doctoral Training Programme, now or at the end of 2011-2012 at the latest

→ follow the university-wide transitional measures set out for the switch to the new programme

PhD students, 1st enrolment in, or prior, to 2009-2010 and with **compulsory** training programme

→ follow the transitional measures set out by the faculty

Old programme of study

Old = Flexible programme 60 ECTS	Standard programme	Compulsory programme (prior to defense or within x years after first registration)
specialist courses	12-40 ECTS	Max. 40 ECTS
transferable skills	9-25 ECTS	Max. 25 ECTS
research activities	8-30 ECTS	Max. 30 ECTS
defense	3 ECTS	3 ECTS
	certificate	

New programme of study

New = flexible	Required to obtain the certificate (minimum set)	Optional (maximum set)	Compulsory programme (prior to defense or within x years)
specialist courses	3	+ 3	Max. 3
		30 ECTS	+ max. 30 ECTS
transferable skills	3 (different clusters, exc. until end academic year 2010-2011)	+ 3	Max. 3
presentations / posters (inter)national conference	3		Max. 3
publication (PhD completion bonus)	1		Max. 1
progress report	yearly		yearly
defense	1		1

certificate

University-wide transitional measures set out for the minimum set

Please note: only **accepted** courses/activities are taken into account!

- 1) Specialist studies: 3 Specialist studies are equivalent to **7,5 ECTS** in approved Progress Report
 - 7,5 (or more) ECTS in approved progress report: requirements new programme of study fulfilled
 - 5 – 7 ECTS: follow 1 specialist course (at least 15 contact hours – organized or recognized by Doctoral School)
 - 2,5 – 4,5 ECTS: follow 2 specialist courses (at least 15 contact hours each – organized or recognized by Doctoral School)
 - < 2,5 ECTS: follow 3 specialist courses (at least 15 contact hours each – organized or recognized by Doctoral School)

- 2) Transferable skills: 3 Transferable skills seminars are equivalent to **3 ECTS** in approved Progress Report
 - 3 (or more) ECTS regardless of the clusters: requirements new programme of study fulfilled,
 - 2 ECTS, regardless of the clusters: follow 1 transferable skills seminar belonging to another cluster (at least 6 contact hours – organized or recognized by Doctoral School)
 - 1 ECTS: follow 2 transferable skills seminars belonging to 2 other clusters (at least 6 contact hours each – organized or recognized by Doctoral School)

- 3) Research activities: no transitional measures: three conference presentations + publication as specified by the new rules

To switch or not to switch: Rules of the game

- Your choice is binding: you cannot switch back to the old programme of study when you have opted for the new programme of study
- If you adhere to the old programme of study, but fail to defend your thesis before the end of the academic year 2011-2012: you will automatically be transferred to the new programme of study at the end of 2011-2012
- You switch to the new programme of study:
 - Your curriculum will initially be based on the computer simulation.
 - As of now you have to comply with the new regulations. E.g. you have to submit an 'application for recognition' if you want to include a course not organized by the Doctoral Schools, in the minimum set.
 - If you attended courses in the past that did not meet the requirements of the old programme of study but meet the requirements of the new programme of study, you can still submit an 'application for recognition' in order to include these courses in your curriculum.

More information

- Regulations Doctoral Training Programme Ghent University:
<http://www.ugent.be/doctorschools/en/regulations>
- Overview of the changes in the regulations:
<http://www.ugent.be/doctorschools/en/pptchangesDS.pdf>
- Courses organized by the Doctoral Schools:
<http://www.ugent.be/doctorschools/en/doctoraltraining/courses>
- Forms: <http://www.ugent.be/doctorschools/en/doctoraltraining/forms>