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**Examination and Study Regulations
for the Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of 'PhD'
at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Göttingen**

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I. General provisions

**§ 1 Scope of application;
purpose of the doctoral programme and the doctoral examination**

(1) ¹These regulations govern the doctoral studies and the doctoral procedure, including the award and withdrawal of the doctoral degree, within the framework of the Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of 'PhD' at the Faculty of Theology (hereinafter: the PhD programme) of the University of Göttingen. ²The PhD programme comprises the doctoral studies and the doctoral examination.

(2) ¹The PhD programme enables students to develop a research project in a theological discipline, to carry it out in a methodologically rigorous manner as part of a dissertation, to present its findings appropriately, and to situate the insights gained and further questions within the current research context. ²It thereby qualifies students for independent, in-depth academic work.

(3) ¹The doctoral examination serves to demonstrate that the candidate is capable of independently conceiving and carrying out significant research projects with academic integrity, whilst independently identifying academic questions, developing new and complex ideas on the basis of his*her own critical analysis, and contributing to academic progress. ²He*she possesses a systematic understanding of his*her field of specialisation and related disciplines, as well as comprehensive knowledge of the relevant literature. ³By submitting an academic thesis, he*she has made an original contribution to research that expands the

frontiers of knowledge and stands up to scrutiny by the academic community. ⁴He*she has demonstrated the ability to discuss findings from his*her specialist field with other researchers and to present and communicate them appropriately to an audience.

§ 2 Academic degree

The University of Göttingen, through its Faculty of Theology, awards the degree of 'Doctor of Philosophy' (abbreviated to 'PhD').

§ 3 Standard duration of study; doctoral studies

(1) ¹The standard duration of study is six semesters; it may be extended by up to two semesters where there is good cause. ²Good cause shall be deemed to exist, in particular, where

- a. work involving a significantly above-average amount of empirical research or source analysis,
- b. the need to acquire foreign-language skills relevant to the dissertation.

³The decision on extending the standard duration of study is taken by the Dean of Studies upon application by the doctoral student, following consultation with the Supervision Committee.

(2) ¹Part-time study is possible upon application if there is a valid reason. ²Valid reasons include, in particular, full-time employment unrelated to the doctoral project, or the care of children or close relatives. ³The Dean of Studies shall decide on the application following an opinion from the primary supervisor. ⁴The provisions of the Regulations on Part-time Study at the University of Göttingen shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(3) The doctoral candidate must be enrolled for the duration of the doctoral studies and the doctoral examination.

(4) ¹Doctoral students are required to complete the programme of doctoral studies of the Faculty of Theology, comprising 24 C, in accordance with the module overview (**Annex 1**).

²Proof of proper participation in a structured doctoral programme within the framework of the *Graduiertenschule für Geisteswissenschaften Göttingen* (GSGG) shall be deemed to constitute evidence of proper studies. ³If, for reasons beyond the doctoral student's control, the requirements set out in sentence 1 cannot be met, or if meeting them would entail disproportionate hardship, the Doctoral Committee may, upon application, decide to waive the requirement to provide evidence of individual achievements for the purpose of admission to the doctoral examination.

(5) ¹Successful completion of academic achievements is evidenced by the assessment 'pass'.

²A corresponding certificate shall be issued once the necessary achievements have been

completed and assessed; an entry in the examination administration system may be made in lieu of a certificate.

(6) An academic achievement is regarded as 'failed' if the doctoral student fails to attend it or withdraws from an achievement he*she has already begun, unless he*she can demonstrate good cause.

(7) ¹If a doctoral candidate, whilst completing academic achievements, attempts to influence the outcome of an assessment by means of deception, the use of unauthorised aids, or by directly or retrospectively exerting influence on an examiner, for his*her own benefit or that of another person (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'deception'), the achievements in question shall be deemed to have been assessed as 'failed'. ²The consequences set out in sentence 1 may also be imposed if the doctoral candidate is found in possession of unauthorised aids. ³A doctoral candidate who commits a gross breach of the regulations may be excluded from continuing the academic activity in question by the relevant examiners or invigilators; in which case the relevant academic achievement shall be deemed to have been assessed as 'failed'. ⁴In serious cases, the Doctoral Committee may exclude the doctoral student from undertaking further examinations or academic achievements. ⁵In less serious cases, the imposition of a sanction may be waived. ⁶If there is a suspicion that unauthorised aids are being carried, the doctoral student is obliged to cooperate with the investigation and to hand over the aids; in the event of refusal, the relevant achievements shall be deemed to have been assessed as 'failed'. ⁷The doctoral candidate must be given the opportunity to be heard before a decision is taken in accordance with sentence 4.

(8) Failed achievements may be retaken twice.

(9) The Doctoral Committee shall decide, on the recommendation of the Supervision Committee, on the recognition of academic achievements obtained outside the PhD programme.

(10) ¹Doctoral studies shall be terminated by

- a) the revocation or withdrawal of acceptance as a doctoral candidate, or
- b) the termination or expiry of the doctoral relationship.

²Revocation, withdrawal or termination may take place where there is good cause; the Doctoral Committee is responsible for this. ³As a rule, good cause exists if a doctoral candidate

- a) proves to be permanently unsuitable despite receiving adequate supervision,
- b) has repeatedly or to a significant extent failed to fulfil the duties incumbent upon him*her, in particular by breaching his*her reporting obligations despite repeated requests,
- c) has breached the regulations on ensuring good academic practice,
- d) has wrongfully obtained admission as a doctoral candidate by misrepresenting the fulfilment of the entry requirements,

or

e) if the relationship of trust with the doctoral candidate has been irrevocably broken and the doctoral candidate is responsible for this.

⁴Doctoral studies shall also terminate at any time upon a corresponding declaration by the doctoral student.

§ 4 Examination components

(1) The degree to be awarded in accordance with § 2 shall be conferred on the basis of a doctoral examination.

(2) The doctoral examination consists of an academic thesis (dissertation) and an oral examination (defence).

(3) The Doctoral Committee shall suspend the doctoral proceedings if it becomes aware that proceedings are pending against the doctoral candidate for a breach of good academic practice, or that an investigation or criminal proceedings are pending in connection with the doctoral degree.

(4) ¹If the doctoral candidate attempts to influence the outcome of the examination by deception, in particular by receiving unauthorised assistance in the preparation of the dissertation, or by directly or retrospectively exerting influence on an examiner, the relevant examination components shall be marked as 'failed'. ²If a doctoral candidate commits a gross breach of the regulations, the Examination Board may decide to terminate the oral examination; in this case, the oral examination shall be deemed to have been marked 'fail'. ³In serious cases, the Doctoral Committee may exclude the doctoral candidate from sitting further examinations; in particular, a breach under § 8, subparagraph 3, sentence 1, point a, shall be deemed a serious case. ⁴In less serious cases, the imposition of a sanction may be waived.

⁵The doctoral candidate must be given the opportunity to be heard before a decision is taken in accordance with sentence 3.

§ 5 Doctoral Committee

(1) ¹The Faculty of Theology shall establish a Doctoral Committee to organise and ensure the quality of examinations and to carry out all tasks assigned to it by these regulations. ²This committee shall consist of the Dean of Studies, three members of the group of university lecturers and one research assistant holding a doctorate, as well as, in an advisory capacity, one student from the PhD programme; until 30 September 2027, a student from the *Promotionsstudiengang 'Theologie'* may also serve as an advisory member. ³The members from the groups of the university lecturers, research assistants and students, as well as their representatives, are nominated by the respective group representatives on the Faculty Council

of the Faculty of Theology. ⁴The term of office for members is two years; that of the student member is one year. ⁵Reappointment is possible.

(2) ¹The Dean of Studies chairs the Doctoral Committee. ²The Doctoral Committee elects a Deputy Chair from among its members, who must be from the group of university lecturers.

(3) The Doctoral Committee assists the Dean of Studies in matters relating to doctoral matters and reports regularly to the Faculty Council on completed and ongoing procedures.

(4) ¹The meetings of the Doctoral Committee are not open to the public. ²Members are bound by professional secrecy. ³Unless they are civil servants, they must be bound to secrecy by the Chair.

(5) ¹The Doctoral Committee decides by a simple majority of votes; in the event of a tie, no resolution is passed. ²The Doctoral Committee has a quorum if the majority of its members entitled to vote are present.

(6) ¹The Doctoral Committee may revocably delegate powers in matters of day-to-day administration to the Dean of Studies; this does not apply to decisions on appeals. ²Minutes shall be kept of the meetings of the Doctoral Committee. ³The main points of discussion and the decisions of the Doctoral Committee must be recorded therein.

(7) ¹Decisions of the Doctoral Committee must be communicated to the person concerned in writing without delay. ²Adverse decisions shall be justified and accompanied by a notice of rights to legal redress.

§ 6 Supervision Committee (Thesis Committee)

(1) ¹To provide supervision during the doctoral programme, a Supervision Committee (Thesis Committee) shall be appointed for each doctoral student; this committee shall consist of at least three members, including at least two authorised examiners, one of whom shall be the primary supervisor whose agreement to supervise formed the basis for the student's enrolment. ²The members shall be appointed by the Dean of Studies, in consultation with the primary supervisor, no later than three months after enrolment; the doctoral candidate has the right to make proposals, though this does not confer a legal entitlement to the Supervision Committee being constituted accordingly. ³At least one member of the Supervision Committee must belong to the group of university lecturers. ⁴All members of the Supervision Committee must hold a doctoral degree; members of the Supervision Committee authorised to serve as examiners should not be in a relationship of subordination to one another. ⁵The Supervision Committee may also include academics from another university or research institution.

(2) ¹The Supervision Committee supervises and supports the doctoral candidate. ²The doctoral candidate must report to the Supervision Committee in detail on the progress of his*her doctoral research on a regular basis, and at least once a year.

(3) ¹The members of the Supervision Committee and the doctoral candidate shall enter into a supervision agreement within three months of the Supervision Committee being appointed.

²The agreement must contain at least the information set out in **Annex 2**. ³Once the signatures of all members of the Supervision Committee have been obtained, the doctoral candidate must submit the agreement to the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Theology. ⁴No later than upon conclusion of the agreement, the doctoral candidate must also submit a provisional work plan for the doctoral project to the Supervision Committee.

(4) ¹At the request of a member of the Supervision Committee or the doctoral candidate, the Dean of Studies may change the composition of the Supervision Committee; the doctoral candidate has the right to make a proposal, though this does not give rise to a legal entitlement to the Supervision Committee being constituted accordingly. ²A change of primary supervisor is only possible if the supervision of the doctoral project can no longer be guaranteed for good cause, in particular due to the supervisor's prolonged absence, or if the continuation of supervision is unreasonable due to a breakdown in the relationship of trust. ³In the event of conflicts between the supervisors and the doctoral student, an attempt at mediation by a trusted representative of the GSGG should first be made.

§ 7 Leaving of a Supervisor

(1) If the primary supervisor of a dissertation leaves the faculty, he*she may continue to supervise the dissertation until the doctoral procedure is completed.

(2) If the primary supervisor is unable to continue supervising the dissertation for health reasons or other serious grounds, the Dean of Studies shall appoint a successor in consultation with the doctoral student.

II. Requirements and procedure for the doctoral examination

§ 8 Requirements for admission to the doctoral examination

(1) Admission to the doctoral examination is subject to the candidate

- a) having been enrolled on the PhD programme in accordance with the statutory provisions since being accepted as a doctoral candidate,
- b) has duly completed the doctoral studies in accordance with § 3, subparagraph 4, and
- c) has independently produced a written academic treatise (dissertation) and declares in writing
 - ca) that he*she has written it independently,
 - cb) that he*she has not breached any of the obligations set out in subparagraph 3,

- cc) that the examination regulations, including academic integrity – which includes strict adherence to citation requirements, so that the incorporation of others' ideas into the dissertation is clearly indicated – have been observed, and
 - cd) that no other corresponding doctoral degree has been applied for in which the submitted dissertation or parts thereof have been presented.
- (2) Admission to the doctoral examination shall be refused or, if already granted, revoked at any time if an application has been made simultaneously to another faculty or higher education institution.
- (3) ¹In particular, admission to the doctoral examination shall be refused to anyone who
- a) has not written the complete dissertation by himself*herself, but has sought the assistance of third parties in a manner contrary to the examination regulations and to academic integrity;
 - b) has engaged intermediaries for a fee for the purpose of identifying opportunities to pursue a doctorate;
 - c) in connection with the doctoral procedure and its preparation, pays fees or provides services equivalent to payment, or makes use of services free of charge, which are contrary to the spirit and purpose of an examination procedure;
 - d) meets conditions which could result in the doctoral examination being declared invalid or the doctoral degree being revoked.
- ²In such cases, a renewed application for admission to the doctoral examination is excluded.

§ 9 Application for admission to the doctoral examination

- (1) Upon completion of the dissertation, a written application for admission to the doctoral examination and for the commencement of the doctoral procedure must be submitted to the Dean of Studies of the Faculty of Theology.
- (2) The application must be accompanied by:
- a) at least four copies of the academic thesis (dissertation) in hard copy, each with a bound declaration in accordance with § 8, subparagraph 1,
 - b) one copy of the dissertation in digital form on a standard data storage medium, in a format compatible with a commonly used word-processing programme or as an unprotected PDF document (from which text can be extracted); the doctoral candidate must provide binding confirmation that the digital version corresponds exactly to the written academic thesis,
 - c) a proposal for the reviewers of the dissertation and for the other members of the Examination Board,
 - d) proof of successful completion of the doctoral study programme,
 - e) a tabular curriculum vitae,

f) a certificate of good conduct from the *Bundeszentralregister*, issued no more than three months previously, and

g) proof of proper enrolment.

(3) ¹Following submission of the application and verification that the formal requirements have been met, the Dean of Studies shall decide on admission to the doctoral examination. ²If all requirements are met, he*she shall initiate the doctoral procedure and appoint the Examination Board. ³Upon admission to the doctoral examination, the doctoral candidate shall be entitled to have his*her submitted academic thesis assessed.

(4) The applicant shall receive written notification of admission; in the event of rejection, this shall include a notice of rights to legal redress.

(5) ¹Withdrawal of a doctoral application is permitted provided that no decision has yet been made on the acceptance or rejection of the dissertation or the oral examination has not yet commenced. ²In the event of a valid withdrawal, the attempt to obtain a doctorate shall be deemed not to have been made.

§ 10 Dissertation

(1) The topic of the dissertation must be chosen from one of the following subject areas: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Ecumenical Theology, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, Religious Studies, Intercultural Theology, Jewish Studies.

(2) ¹The dissertation must be an independent academic achievement by the doctoral candidate and must make a significant and innovative contribution to the advancement of academic knowledge. ²It should demonstrate that the doctoral candidate has the ability to address academic questions within the chosen field independently and using sound methodology, and to present the findings clearly in the form customary for that field. ³The dissertation must not have been, or be, used in any other doctoral or comparable procedure at a higher education institution in Germany or abroad, unless otherwise specified in these regulations. ⁴Sentence 3 applies *mutatis mutandis* to its use in the context of other examination work undertaken by the doctoral candidate, in particular in a Master's, Magister or Diploma thesis, unless otherwise permitted under subparagraph 4, sentence 2.

(3) ¹A collaborative thesis may be recognised as an independent academic achievement if the contribution of each doctoral student can be clearly distinguished and assessed as an individual achievement. ²Each contribution must be assessed as if it were a standalone dissertation.

(4) ¹Results that have already been published may be included as part of a dissertation, provided that, taken together, they do not account for more than 50 per cent of the dissertation's total length; they must be marked in accordance with standard academic

practice. ²Results from other examination work undertaken by the doctoral candidate may be used up to a maximum of one third of the dissertation's total length; they must be marked in accordance with standard academic practice.

(5) ¹The dissertation must be written in English or German. ²The Supervision Committee, in agreement with the Dean of Studies, shall decide on exceptions to sentence 1 at the request of the doctoral candidate; the decision must be recorded in the files; if no agreement is reached, the Doctoral Committee shall make the final decision; the request may be rejected without giving reasons. ³All members of the Examination Board must have the necessary command of the language of the examination.

§ 11 Review, examination board

(1) ¹The Dean of Studies shall appoint two reviewers for the dissertation, who are authorised to examine in accordance with § 12 and are, as a rule, members of the Supervision Committee. ²In exceptional cases, he*she shall appoint further reviewers, in particular for interdisciplinary or cross-faculty theses. ³Only a person who is a full member of the group of university lecturers may be appointed as the primary examiner.

(2) ¹The Examination Board is appointed by the Dean of Studies and consists, in addition to the examiners referred to in subparagraph 1, of at least three further members authorised to serve as examiners; the doctoral candidate has the right to make nominations, though this does not confer a legal entitlement to the corresponding composition of the board. ²The Examination Board must include representatives from at least three disciplines within the field of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology and Practical Theology. ³The Dean of Studies appoints the primary reviewer of the dissertation as the Chair of the Examination Board.

(3) Professors who have retired or been relieved of their duties shall not be appointed as reviewers or members of an examination board; appointments made prior to retirement or relief from duty remain unaffected.

(4) Where further reviewers or examiners are appointed during the course of the examination procedure, they shall become members of the Examination Board.

(5) Abstentions from voting on examination decisions are not permitted.

§ 12 Authority to conduct examinations

¹Members of the group of university lecturers of the Faculty of Theology are authorised to conduct examinations. ²Authorisation to conduct examinations may also be granted to members and associates of the Faculty of Theology who hold the title of 'Privatdozent*in'

(private lecturer) or 'außerplanmäßige*r Professor*in' (extraordinary professor) or who were previously authorised to conduct examinations in accordance with sentence 1. ³In justified exceptional cases, a member of another faculty or university, or of a non-university research institution, who holds at least a doctorate, may also be appointed as an reviewer or examiner. ⁴The Faculty Council is responsible for appointing persons authorised to conduct examinations in accordance with sentences 2 and 3. ⁵Authorisation to conduct examinations may be granted for one or more subject areas.

§ 13 Acceptance or rejection of the dissertation

- (1) Each reviewer shall, within three months of the submission of the dissertation, provide a report on the dissertation and recommend
 - a) that the dissertation be accepted,
 - b) that the dissertation be rejected, or,
 - c) if he*she would otherwise recommend rejection, that the dissertation be returned for rewriting.
- (2) At the request of at least one reviewer, the submitted dissertation may be checked using appropriate (plagiarism detection) software to determine whether it has been produced in accordance with the examination regulations, including the principles of academic integrity.
- (3) If acceptance of the dissertation is recommended, one of the grades specified in § 20, subparagraph 2, must be proposed at the same time.
- (4) If all reviewers agree on the acceptance or rejection of the dissertation, it shall be accepted or rejected, subject to any objection under § 14, subparagraph 2.
- (5) ¹If the reviewers do not agree on whether to accept or reject the dissertation, or if the proposed grades differ by more than one grade level, the Examination Board shall make a final decision, based on a further report, on the acceptance and the grade of the dissertation or on its rejection or on its returning for rewriting. ²The additional reviewer shall become a member of the Examination Board; the additional report shall be treated in the same way as the reports already submitted. ³As for the rest, particularly in the event of an objection under § 14, subparagraph 2, the Examination Board shall decide, on the basis of the available reports, whether to accept or reject the dissertation or to return it for rewriting.
- (6) ¹The Examination Board shall set a reasonable deadline for rewriting. ²If a dissertation returned for rewriting is not resubmitted within this deadline, it shall be deemed to have been rejected. ³If the dissertation is submitted within the deadline, the further procedure shall be governed by subparagraphs 1 to 5; however, the dissertation may not be returned for rewriting a second time.

(7) ¹In the event of the dissertation being rejected, a new application for admission to the doctoral examination may be made only once and not before one year has elapsed. ²In this case, a new or substantially improved dissertation must be submitted. ³Notification must be given of the unsuccessful attempt. ⁴If this dissertation is also rejected, the doctoral examination is deemed to have been definitively failed.

(8) ¹The Dean of Studies shall notify the doctoral student in writing of the decision to accept or reject the dissertation. ²If the dissertation is accepted, the student shall be admitted to the oral examination at the same time. ³In the event of an initial rejection, the notification shall include a reference to the provision in subparagraph 7 regarding the possibility of resubmitting the application; in the event of a final rejection, it shall include a notice of rights to legal redress.

§ 14 Opportunity to inspect the dissertation

(1) Upon receipt of the reports and proposals in accordance with § 13, subparagraphs 1 and 3, the Dean of Studies shall notify the members of the Faculty of Theology who are authorised to serve as examiners of the votes received and shall set a period of at least five working days during the lecture period or ten working days during the lecture-free period for the confidential inspection of the dissertation and the reports.

(2) ¹If a faculty member authorised to serve as an examiner raises objections to the proposed acceptance or rejection of the dissertation or to a proposed grade, the Doctoral Committee may appoint an additional reviewer for the dissertation. ²The objections must be substantiated in writing.

(3) The additional reviewer shall become a member of the Examination Board; the additional report shall be treated in the same manner as the reports already submitted.

§ 15 Copy for the faculty's records

A copy of the dissertation, together with all the expert reports, shall be retained in the faculty's records.

§ 16 Format of the oral examination

(1) The oral examination shall take the form of a defence.

(2) ¹The language of the examination is English or German. ²The Supervision Committee shall decide on exceptions in consultation with the Dean of Studies at the request of the candidate; if no agreement is reached, the Doctoral Committee shall make the final decision; the request

may be rejected without giving reasons. ³All members of the Examination Board must have the necessary command of the language of the examination.

§ 17 Date of the oral examination

¹The Dean of Studies shall set the date of the oral examination at the same time as, or following, the decision on admission to the oral examination; the date shall be notified to the doctoral candidate in writing no later than one week before the examination. ²The oral examination shall take place no later than 16 weeks after admission to the doctoral examination. ³If a dissertation is returned for rewriting, this period shall be extended by the time required for the rewriting.

§ 18 Defence

(1) In the defence, the doctoral candidate shall demonstrate that he*she possesses thorough specialist knowledge and is able to analyse academic problems independently, present them in a reasoned manner and defend them.

(2) ¹The defence consists of two parts. ²In the first part, the doctoral candidate shall explain the aims and findings of his*her dissertation in a presentation lasting no more than 20 minutes. ³In the second part of the defence, the doctoral candidate must answer questions from the examiners, which may also relate to the broader academic context of the dissertation, and to subject areas and methodological issues concerning the discipline as a whole and related fields. ⁴This may be based on a thesis paper that establishes links with other disciplines represented on the Examination Board.

(3) ¹The defence shall last a maximum of 120 minutes. ²In the case of a joint thesis in accordance with § 10, subparagraph 3, a joint examination lasting a maximum of 240 minutes is possible.

(4) ¹The examination is conducted by the Examination Board. ²The Examination Board may permit questions from the wider academic community to be put to the doctoral candidate.

(5) ¹The defence is open to the university public. ²At the request of the doctoral candidate, the university public may be excluded if there is good cause. ³The Examination Board shall decide on this matter. ⁴The members of the Doctoral Committee who are authorised to serve as examiners shall have the right to attend the defence and the Examination Board's deliberations on the assessment, even if the university public is excluded.

(6) Minutes shall be drawn up recording the proceedings of the oral examination.

III. Pass, fail, award of the doctorate

§ 19 Individual marks and overall assessment of the doctorate

(1) Following the oral examination, the Examination Board shall decide whether the entire examination has been passed.

(2) ¹The following marks may be awarded in the individual expert reports on the dissertation and in the assessment of the oral examination:

summa cum laude (excellent) (0)

magna cum laude (very good) (1)

cum laude (good) (2)

rite (pass) (3).

²The marks may be increased by 0.3 (with the exception of the mark summa cum laude) or reduced by 0.3 (with the exception of the mark rite).

(3) Unless determined in accordance with § 13, subparagraph 5, sentence 1, the mark for the dissertation shall be calculated as the arithmetic mean of the marks awarded by the individual reviewers:

up to and including 0.50 summa cum laude,

up to and including 1.50 magna cum laude,

up to and including 2.50 cum laude,

up to and including 3.00 rite.

(4) ¹The mark for the defence is calculated as the weighted arithmetic mean of the marks awarded by the individual members of the Examination Board. ²The classification set out in subparagraph 3 applies accordingly to the determination of the overall mark.

(5) ¹The overall mark is calculated as the weighted arithmetic mean of the mark for the oral examination and the mark for the dissertation. ²In this calculation, the dissertation is weighted by a factor of 2 and the oral examination by a factor of 1. ³The classification set out in subparagraph 3 applies accordingly to the determination of the overall mark.

(6) ¹The result of the doctoral examination shall be communicated to the doctoral student immediately after it has been determined. ²Upon request, the doctoral student shall receive a certificate confirming the examination result; this certificate must also state that the doctoral degree may not be used until it has been formally conferred.

§ 20 Failure, breaking off, retaking the oral examination

(1) ¹If the candidate's performance is insufficient, the oral examination shall be marked as failed. ²If the candidate misses the examination date or breaks off the examination, the

examination shall be deemed to have been failed, unless there is a valid reason. ³The valid reason must be notified to the Examination Board in writing without delay and substantiated. ⁴In the event of withdrawal or absence due to illness, a medical certificate stating the expected duration of the illness preventing the candidate from sitting the examination must be submitted without delay, unless the illness is obvious. ⁵If the reasons are accepted, a new examination date shall be scheduled.

(2) ¹A failed oral examination may be retaken within one year, but not before six months have elapsed, at the request of the doctoral student. ²A second retake is not permitted; failed examinations in a doctoral procedure in the same subject area at other higher education institutions shall be credited towards the examination in the PhD programme. ³If the oral examination is definitively failed, the doctoral examination is deemed to have been definitively failed.

§ 21 Protective provisions

(1) If the candidate can credibly demonstrate that he*she is unable (e.g. due to a long-term or permanent physical disability or chronic illness) to sit examinations in whole or in part in the prescribed form, he*she shall be permitted to sit the examinations with an extended time limit or to undertake equivalent examination tasks in an alternative form. ²To this end, the original of a medical certificate from a specialist must be submitted. ³The submission of a copy is not sufficient. ⁴The decision shall be taken by the Doctoral Committee.

(2) ¹With regard to compliance with deadlines for initial registration for examinations, the retaking of examinations, the reasons for missing examinations, and adherence to time limits for examinations, the illness of a close relative and the necessary exclusive care required for that relative shall be treated in the same way as the illness of the candidate. ²Close relatives are one's own children, parents, grandparents, as well as spouses and civil partners and their children.

(3) ¹Expectant mothers may not sit examinations or undertake coursework if, according to a medical certificate, this would endanger the life or health of the mother or child. ²Furthermore, the protective provisions set out in §§ 3, 4, 6 and 8 of the *Mutterschutzgesetz* (maternity protection act) shall apply accordingly.

(4) ¹Compliance with the provisions of subparagraph 3 must not result in any disadvantage to the doctoral candidate. ²Fulfilment of the requirements set out in subparagraphs 1 to 3 must be substantiated by appropriate documentation, e.g. medical certificates from specialist doctors, birth certificates, and certificates from the Residents' Registration Office.

§ 22 Publication of the dissertation

- (1) The doctoral candidate must publish the dissertation.
- (2) When publishing the dissertation, the doctoral candidate shall address any conditions set by the reviewers regarding changes to the content.
- (3) It is always a prerequisite that the primary reviewer has confirmed on a revision certificate (**Annex 3**) that the thesis meets the formal requirements for publication.
- (4) The text shall be published as a dissertation printing, in an academic journal, in an academic series, as a standalone publication available from bookshops in printed or electronic form, or as an electronic publication via the document server of the *Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen* or a comparable academic information infrastructure.
- (5) The Faculty Council may authorise other forms of publication in individual cases.
- (6) ¹The doctoral candidate must submit a specified number of printed copies of the publications of his*her dissertation to the faculty free of charge (deposit copies); the number applicable to each form of publication shall be determined by a resolution of the Faculty Council. ²The deposit copies must be submitted to the faculty within two years of passing the oral examination. ³If the doctoral candidate fails to meet this deadline, all rights acquired through the examination shall lapse. ⁴The Dean of Studies may extend the submission deadline, but by no more than one further year. ⁵This requires a reasoned application submitted by the candidate before the expiry of the one-year period.
- (7) ¹Publication in the form of individual articles in journals with external peer-review procedures shall also be deemed to constitute publication, provided that the articles as a whole reproduce the content of the dissertation. ²This shall be confirmed in the revision certificate (subparagraph 3).
- (8) If the dissertation is published in parts in accordance with subparagraph 7, but without reproducing the content in its entirety, the provisions of subparagraphs 2 to 6 shall apply to the parts not yet published.
- (9) ¹Where there are important grounds, and upon a joint application by the candidate and the person who drafted the primary review, publication may initially take place in such a way that, for a specified period, only an abstract is made publicly available, but not the full dissertation. ²Important grounds exist, in particular, where
 - a) parts of the dissertation have been accepted for publication by a journal or a publisher and prior publication of these parts is prohibited under the underlying contract, or
 - b) this is necessary to protect intellectual property.³The period referred to in sentence 1 ends six months after the date on which the oral examination was passed; upon a reasoned application, the period may be extended once by a further six months. ⁴The Examination Board shall decide on this matter. ⁵The application

should be submitted before the date of the oral examination. ⁶The deposit copies referred to in subparagraph 6, sentence 1, must be submitted no later than the expiry of the period referred to in sentences 1 and 3.

§ 23 Completion of the doctorate

(1) ¹If the doctoral candidate has fulfilled all obligations incumbent upon him*her under the examination regulations, in particular the submission of the deposit copies, the Dean shall confer the doctoral degree by presenting the examination certificate and the doctoral degree certificate, each accompanied by an English translation (**Annex 4** and **Annex 5**). ²The date on which the oral examination was passed is regarded as the date of the doctorate.

(2) ¹Notwithstanding subparagraph 1, sentence 1, the doctoral degree may be conferred before the deposit copies are submitted if

a) a publishing contract with a recognised academic publisher is submitted in lieu of the deposit copies, and the publisher further declares in writing that the printing and delivery of the deposit copies are guaranteed within a period of no more than one year from the date of the oral examination, and

b) publication takes place in accordance with § 22, subparagraph 9.

²In this case, the award of the doctoral degree is subject to the fulfilment of the obligation under § 22, subparagraph 6. ³In the event of a breach of this obligation, all rights acquired through the examination shall lapse, in particular the right to use the doctoral degree. ⁴In this case, the doctoral degree certificate must be returned without delay.

(3) The doctoral degree may not be used until the doctoral degree certificate has been issued.

(4) The doctorate is completed upon the awarding of the doctoral degree certificate.

§ 24 Access to examination records

During the period between the conclusion of the oral examination and the conferral of the doctoral degree, or within four weeks of the dissertation being rejected or refused, or following failure of the oral examination, the doctoral candidate may inspect the written reports and the examination minutes at the Dean's Office.

§ 25 Doctoral album

The Faculty of Theology maintains a doctoral album in which the name, date of birth and place of birth of the doctorate holder, the title of the dissertation, the names of the reviewers, the

date of the oral examination, the names of the members of the Examination Board and the overall mark are recorded.

IV. Invalidity of the doctoral examination; revocation of the doctoral degree

§ 26 Invalidity of the doctoral examination; revocation of the doctoral degree

- (1) The doctoral examination may be declared invalid, and the doctoral degree may be revoked,
- a) if it transpires that the doctoral degree was obtained by deception, or if the requirements for admission to the doctoral examination or for the award of the degree were erroneously assumed to have been met,
 - b) if it subsequently transpires that the holder of the doctoral degree, due to a grossly negligent or deliberate breach of his*her duty to uphold academic integrity,
 - ba) was unworthy of the award of the doctoral degree, or
 - bb) has, through his*her subsequent conduct, proved himself*herself unworthy of holding a doctoral degree.
- (2) In the event of a final conviction for a criminal offence relating to the doctorate, the doctoral examination shall be declared invalid, and the doctoral degree shall be revoked.
- (3) ¹Decisions under subparagraphs 1 and 2 shall be taken by the Faculty Council by a majority of its doctoral members; in cases of suspected research misconduct, the decision shall be preceded by proceedings in accordance with the University's Regulations on Ensuring Good Academic Practice, as currently in force. ²The decision shall be issued by the Dean. ³The decision shall be served on the person concerned.

V. Decisions, appeals; entry into force

§ 27 Decisions, appeals

- (1) Decisions to reject and other adverse administrative acts taken under these Regulations must be justified in writing, accompanied by a notice of rights to legal redress, and notified to the person being examined or who has been examined. ²An appeal against these decisions may be filed within one month following notification, insofar as the decision concerns the evaluation of an examination decision.

(2) The Doctoral Committee shall decide on the appeal in accordance with the procedure set out in subparagraph 3, unless the appeal is remedied.

(3) ¹If the appeal is directed against an assessment made by a person who acts or has acted as an examiner, the Doctoral Committee shall forward the appeal to that person for review. ²If the examiner amends the assessment as requested, the Doctoral Committee shall remedy the appeal. ³Otherwise, it shall review the decision on the basis of the examiner's statement, in particular to ascertain whether

- a) the examination procedure was conducted in accordance with the rules,
- b) generally accepted assessment principles were observed,
- c) the assessment was based throughout on accurate statements of fact,
- d) all reasonable solutions, logically substantiated by weighty arguments, were assessed as correct,
- e) the examiner was not guided by considerations irrelevant to the matter at hand.

⁴The same applies if the appeal is directed against the assessment made by several examiners. ⁵If a breach as described in sentence 3 has occurred, a further expert report on the dissertation shall be obtained or the oral examination shall be repeated with examiners who have not previously been involved. ⁶The reassessment must not result in a lower examination mark. ⁷A decision on the appeal shall be made as quickly as possible.

(4) ¹The appeal must be lodged in writing or on the record with the body that issued the decision. ²The deadline is met by lodging the appeal with the Dean of Studies of the Faculty of Theology.

(5) ¹If the appeal is not remedied, a written appellate decision shall be issued. ²This decision shall be rendered by the Dean of Studies. ³The appellate decision must state the grounds for the decision, include a notice of rights to legal redress, and be served on the appellant.

§ 28 Entry into force

These Regulations shall enter into force on 1 October 2026 following their publication in the Official Notices I of the University of Göttingen.

Annex 1 Study programme

a. Module overview

Students must successfully complete modules totalling at least 24 C in accordance with the following provisions:

aa. The following 3 modules, totalling 18 C, must be successfully completed:

P.Theo.051 'Doctoral colloquium I: Research methodology and the conception and planning of a subject-specific research project' (6 C / 2 WLH)

P.Theo.052 'Doctoral colloquium II: Research report, presentation and development of a subject-specific research process' (6 C / 2 WLH)

P.Theo.053 'Doctoral colloquium III: Research report, presentation, evaluation and integration of the latest subject-specific research' (6 C / 2 WLH)

bb. Students who have successfully completed a theological degree programme or sub-programme must successfully complete at least one of the modules P.Theo.061, P.Theo.062 and P.Theo.063, each worth 6 C. Students to whom this does not apply must successfully complete at least the module P.Theo.064, worth 6 C.

P.Theo.061 'University didactics: Design and delivery of a course' (6 C / 2 WLH)

P.Theo.062 'Exploration of relevant philological disciplines' (6 C / 2 WLH)

P.Theo.063 'Academic organisation' (6 C / 2 WLH)

P.Theo.064 'Theological Studies' (6 C / 6 WLH)

cc. Instead of modules P.Theo.061, 062 and 063, students may also complete corresponding modules from the range offered by the GSGG.

b. Module descriptions

University of Göttingen Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology P.Theo.051 ‘Doctoral colloquium I: Research methodology and the conception and planning of a subject-specific research project’				
Learning objectives and skills Students acquire the ability to • gain an overview of the relevant methods, • formulate research questions relevant to their own doctoral project, • identify academic problems and develop approaches to solving them, • find and apply appropriate methods, and • discuss their project with fellow researchers. Furthermore, they gain an in-depth understanding of the respective theological discipline and its fields of research.	Module scope 6 C 2 WLH Workload: 180 h Attendance time: 28 h Self-study: 152 h			
Courses and assessments <table><tr><td>Doctoral colloquium I</td></tr><tr><td>Assessment: presentation (approx. 30 minutes) and discussion (approx. 30 minutes).</td></tr></table>	Doctoral colloquium I	Assessment: presentation (approx. 30 minutes) and discussion (approx. 30 minutes).	WLH <table><tr><td>2 WLH</td></tr></table>	2 WLH
Doctoral colloquium I				
Assessment: presentation (approx. 30 minutes) and discussion (approx. 30 minutes).				
2 WLH				
Choosing options compulsory module	Entry requirements none			
Repeatability twice	Usability Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology			
Frequency of offers every semester	Duration 1 semester			
Language English, German	Maximum number of students 10			
Person responsible for the module Dean of Studies				

University of Göttingen Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology P.Theo.052 ‘Doctoral colloquium II: Research report, presentation and development of a subject-specific research process’				
Learning objectives and skills Against the backdrop of their advanced doctoral research project and their own research activities, students acquire the ability to • present specific aspects of their research and discuss them with other doctoral candidates and with lecturers, • develop and present their own thesis, and • gain a comprehensive overview of their field of research. They also acquire • in-depth and comprehensive knowledge of the current state of research in their field, as well as in related and broader areas, • a comprehensive understanding of their discipline, and • a deeper capacity for critical judgement.	Module scope 6 C 2 WLH Workload: 180 h Attendance time: 28 h Self-study: 152 h			
Courses and assessments <table><tr><td>Doctoral colloquium II</td></tr><tr><td>Assessment: presentation (approx. 30 minutes) and discussion (approx. 30 minutes).</td></tr></table>	Doctoral colloquium II	Assessment: presentation (approx. 30 minutes) and discussion (approx. 30 minutes).	WLH <table><tr><td>2 WLH</td></tr></table>	2 WLH
Doctoral colloquium II				
Assessment: presentation (approx. 30 minutes) and discussion (approx. 30 minutes).				
2 WLH				
Choosing options compulsory module	Entry requirements none			
Repeatability twice	Usability Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology			
Frequency of offers each semester	Duration 1 semester			
Language English, German	Maximum number of students 10			
Person responsible for the module Dean of Studies				

University of Göttingen Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology P.Theo.053 ‘Doctoral colloquium III: Research report, presentation, evaluation and integration of the latest subject-specific research’				
Learning objectives and skills Against the backdrop of the (partial) findings of their dissertation and their own research activities, students develop the ability to present and defend their own insights and research findings in discussions with colleagues. Furthermore, they acquire • in-depth and comprehensive knowledge of the current state of research in their field, as well as in related and broader areas, • a comprehensive understanding of their discipline, and • a deeper capacity for critical judgement.	Module scope 6 C 2 WLH Workload: 180 h Attendance time: 28 h Self-study: 152 h			
Courses and assessments <table><tr><td>Doctoral Colloquium III</td></tr><tr><td>Assessment: presentation (approx. 30 minutes) and discussion (approx. 30 minutes).</td></tr></table>	Doctoral Colloquium III	Assessment: presentation (approx. 30 minutes) and discussion (approx. 30 minutes).	WLH <table><tr><td>2 WLH</td></tr></table>	2 WLH
Doctoral Colloquium III				
Assessment: presentation (approx. 30 minutes) and discussion (approx. 30 minutes).				
2 WLH				
Choosing options compulsory module	Entry requirements none			
Repeatability twice	Usability Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology			
Frequency of offers each semester	Duration 1 semester			
Language English, German	Maximum number of students 10			
Person responsible for the module Dean of Studies				

University of Göttingen Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of 'PhD' at the Faculty of Theology P.Theo.061 'University didactics: Design and delivery of a course'				
Learning objectives and skills Students acquire knowledge of - the conception and design of learning and teaching processes, and - the options for evaluation and assessment of learning outcomes. Against the backdrop of, and in conjunction with, their own experience of university teaching, they will also develop the ability - to independently and reflectively design a course, - to plan and deliver courses tailored to specific target groups, and - to assess students' learning outcomes and their own teaching practice.	Module scope 6 C 2 WLH Workload: 180 h Attendance time: 28 h Self-study: 152 h			
Courses and assessments <table><tr><td>Seminar on university didactics</td></tr><tr><td>Assessment: teaching demonstration (approx. 45 minutes), including written preparation and follow-up (approx. 10 pages).</td></tr></table>	Seminar on university didactics	Assessment: teaching demonstration (approx. 45 minutes), including written preparation and follow-up (approx. 10 pages).	WLH <table><tr><td>2 WLH</td></tr></table>	2 WLH
Seminar on university didactics				
Assessment: teaching demonstration (approx. 45 minutes), including written preparation and follow-up (approx. 10 pages).				
2 WLH				
Choosing options compulsory elective module (see module overview)	Entry requirements none			
Repeatability twice	Usability Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of 'PhD' at the Faculty of Theology			
Frequency of offers annually	Duration 1 semester			
Language German; English (if feasible)	Maximum number of students 10			
Person responsible for the module: Dean of Studies				

University of Göttingen Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology P.Theo.062 ‘Exploration of relevant philological disciplines’				
Learning objectives and skills In consultation with the primary supervisor of their dissertation project, students undertake a language course that enables them to explore their research topic or its immediate context in greater depth. If students already have some knowledge of the language in question, the course provides them with more in-depth knowledge (e.g. Hebrew poetry); otherwise, a basic knowledge is sufficient. In the case of a new philological discipline (e.g. ‘Academic French’), the course also includes training in – advanced – communication skills (‘speaking competence’).	Module scope 6 C 2 WLH Workload: 180 h Attendance time: 28 h Self-study: 152 h			
Courses and assessments <table><tr><td>Language course in an ancient or modern philology relevant to the research project</td></tr><tr><td>Assessment: certificate of attendance for the language course</td></tr></table>	Language course in an ancient or modern philology relevant to the research project	Assessment: certificate of attendance for the language course	WLH <table><tr><td>2 WLH</td></tr></table>	2 WLH
Language course in an ancient or modern philology relevant to the research project				
Assessment: certificate of attendance for the language course				
2 WLH				
Choosing options compulsory elective module (see module overview)	Entry requirements none			
Repeatability: twice	Usability Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology			
Frequency of offers each semester	Duration 1 semester			
Language English, German	Maximum number of students 10			
Person responsible for the module Dean of Studies				

University of Göttingen Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology P.Theo.063 ‘Academic organisation’				
Learning objectives and skills Students acquire knowledge, for example, of - the institutional framework of academic research, - the structure and organisation of relevant organisations and funding programmes for research in theology and the humanities (e.g. DFG, foundations), - the organisation and running of an academic conference, - fundamental approaches to the organisation of academic research. Against the backdrop of, and accompanied by, their own research practice, they acquire skills and fundamental experience, for example, in - communicating their research findings competently to an academic audience, - writing an academic paper, - preparing a topic from their specialist field appropriately for an academic conference, - drafting and submitting research grant applications.	Module scope 6 C 2 WLH Workload: 180 h Attendance time: 28 h Self-study: 152 h			
Courses and assessments <table border="1"><tr><td>Seminar on the topic of academic organisation</td></tr><tr><td>Assessment: independent research work (writing and publication of an academic paper, participation in an academic conference with a paper of one’s own, or drafting a research proposal).</td></tr></table>	Seminar on the topic of academic organisation	Assessment: independent research work (writing and publication of an academic paper, participation in an academic conference with a paper of one’s own, or drafting a research proposal).	WLH <table border="1"><tr><td>2 WLH</td></tr></table>	2 WLH
Seminar on the topic of academic organisation				
Assessment: independent research work (writing and publication of an academic paper, participation in an academic conference with a paper of one’s own, or drafting a research proposal).				
2 WLH				
Choosing options compulsory elective module (see module overview)	Entry requirements none			
Repeatability twice	Usability Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology			
Frequency of offers each semester	Duration 1 semester			
Language English, German	Maximum number of students 10			
Person responsible for the module Dean of Studies				

University of Göttingen Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology P.Theo.064 ‘Theological studies’				
Learning objectives and skills Students acquire fundamental knowledge and skills in three different theological subjects.	Module scope 6 C 6 WLH Workload: 180 h Attendance time: 63 h Self-study: 117 h			
Courses and assessments <table border="1"><tr><td>Courses in three different theological subjects</td></tr><tr><td>Assessment: portfolio (max. 20 pages) documenting and reflecting on the courses taken; the portfolio must be submitted to the primary supervisor.</td></tr></table>	Courses in three different theological subjects	Assessment: portfolio (max. 20 pages) documenting and reflecting on the courses taken; the portfolio must be submitted to the primary supervisor.	WLH <table border="1"><tr><td>6 WLH</td></tr></table>	6 WLH
Courses in three different theological subjects				
Assessment: portfolio (max. 20 pages) documenting and reflecting on the courses taken; the portfolio must be submitted to the primary supervisor.				
6 WLH				
Choosing options see module overview	Entry requirements none			
Repeatability twice	Usability Doctoral Programme for Obtaining the Degree of ‘PhD’ at the Faculty of Theology			
Frequency of offers each semester	Duration 1–2 semesters			
Language Englisch, German	Maximum number of students 10			
Person responsible for the module Dean of Studies				

Annex 2 Model agreement regarding supervision (relating to § 6, subparagraph 3)

a) German

Vereinbarung zur Sicherstellung der fachlichen Betreuung und Beratung im Promotionsverfahren

Vorname und Name der*des Promotionsstudierenden:
Geburtsdatum:
Geburtsort:
Adresse:
E-Mail:
Arbeitstitel der Dissertation:

Mitglieder des Betreuungsausschusses (Vorname, Name, Universität):

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- 2)
- 3)

1. Die Mitglieder des Betreuungsausschusses verpflichten sich, die hier genannte Dissertation in angemessener Weise zu betreuen, d.h. der*dem Promovierenden bei der Wahl (und späteren Modifikation) des Themas, bei der regelmäßigen gemeinsamen Überprüfung der Arbeitsfortschritte und durch zeitnahe Rückmeldungen zu abgegebenen Teilen der Dissertation mit Rat und Tat zur Seite zu stehen.

2. Die*der Promovierende erklärt hiermit, dass er*sie von der Prüfungs- und Studienordnung für den Studiengang zum Erwerb des Grades „PhD“ an der Theologischen Fakultät Kenntnis genommen hat und sich zur Einhaltung der darin enthaltenen Bestimmungen verpflichtet. Dieses beinhaltet insbesondere die Immatrikulation während des gesamten Zeitraums seines*ihrer Promotionsvorhabens, die spätestens mit Abschluss der Doktorand*innenvereinbarung zu erfolgender Vorlage eines vorläufigen Arbeitsplans sowie die Erstellung eines jährlichen Berichts über den Stand und die Dokumentierung der Fortschritte des Promotionsprojekts zu Händen des Betreuungsausschusses.

3. Die Mitglieder des Betreuungsausschusses und der*die Promotionsstudierende verpflichten sich zur Einhaltung der Regeln guter wissenschaftlicher Praxis gemäß § 1 der „Ordnung der Georg-August-Universität Göttingen zur Sicherung guter wissenschaftlicher Praxis“.

4. [weitere Vereinbarungen]

Unterschrift der*des Promotionsstudierenden

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Unterschriften der Mitglieder des Betreuungsausschusses

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- 2)
- 3)

b) English

**Agreement to ensure professional supervision
and advice during the doctoral programme**

First name and surname of the doctoral candidate:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Address:
Email:
Working title of the dissertation:

Members of the Supervision committee (first name, surname, university):

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

1. The members of the Thesis Committee undertake to supervise the dissertation referred to herein in an appropriate manner, i.e. to provide the doctoral candidate with advice and support in the selection (and subsequent modification) of the topic, in the regular joint review of the progress of the work and by providing timely feedback on submitted parts of the dissertation.

2. The doctoral candidate hereby declares that she*he has taken note of the examination and study regulations for the programme for obtaining the PhD degree at the Faculty of Theology and undertakes to comply with the provisions contained therein. This includes, in particular, enrolment for the entire duration of her*his doctoral project, the submission of a preliminary work plan no later than the conclusion of the doctoral agreement, and the preparation of an annual report on the status and documentation of the progress of the doctoral project for the attention of the Thesis Committee.

3. The members of the Thesis Committee and the doctoral candidate undertake to comply with the rules of good scientific practice in accordance with § 1 of the 'Regulations of the University Göttingen for Ensuring Good Scientific Practice'.

4. [Further agreements]

Signature of the doctoral candidate

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Signatures of the members of the Thesis Committee

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- 2)
- 3)

Annex 3 Revision certificate

Revision certificate*

The proof for the dissertation by

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has been submitted to me.

The conditions have been met.** I have no objection to the thesis being printed in its present form.

I agree to the change of title to **

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(signature of the person who wrote the primary report)

* The signed revision certificate must be submitted to the Dean's Office together with the deposit copies and the original dissertation.

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Annex 4 Examination certificate

a) German

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Theologische Fakultät

Zeugnis über die theologische Doktorprüfung

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Note der Dissertation:

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b) English

University of Göttingen

Faculty of Theology

Certificate of Doctoral Examination

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Dissertation title

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Dissertation grade:

Defence grade:

Göttingen,..... (date)

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Dean

Annex 5 Doctoral degree certificate in German and English

a) German

Die Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
unter der/dem Präsidentin/Präsidenten

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durch die Theologische Fakultät
unter dem/der Dekan/in

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den Hochschulgrad Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

an

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geboren am in

nachdem sie/er im ordnungsgemäßen Prüfungsverfahren durch die im Fach

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Göttingen, den

(Siegel der Universität)

Der/Die Dekan/in

b) English

The University of Göttingen
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