

IPP International Ph.D. Programme “Religion in Dialogue” in the Department of Protestant Theology

I. Course of study

1. Applications for admission to the IPP International Ph.D. Programme “Religion in Dialogue” must be lodged with the Ph. D. Commission (for Dr. phil. or Dr. theol of Department 6). The first and second supervisors should also be nominated in these applications.
2. Together with the doctoral candidate, the first and second supervisors will set out a binding working plan within a period of one month. This plan must include those lectures and seminars from the curriculum of “Religion in Dialogue” which are relevant to the thesis topic (a total of 18 hours per week).
3. The applicant gains admission to the programme when the Ph.D. Commission has approved the working plan.
4. The usual duration of the Ph.D. course of study is three years, or four if a preparatory year is required. At the end of the first and second year of study, the candidates must submit a written progress report on their Ph.D. work to the Ph.D. Commission, attaching pertinent comments provided by their supervisors.
5. If the thesis has not been submitted by the end of the third year and the proceedings for the conferment of a doctorate have been initiated, the Ph.D. Commission will - following consultation with the supervisor - decide whether the candidate is to be excluded from further participation in the IPP programme.
6. Doctoral candidates admitted to the IPP programme must submit to the disputation, not the colloquium (§ 10 Dr. phil.O¹; cf. § 11 Dr. theol.O²).
7. The doctoral candidate must submit a summary of his/her dissertation alongside the contract of publication. This summary must be written in English and approved by the supervisor (Abstract, cf. § 12.4 Dr. phil.O; § 15 Dr. theol.O).
8. On their part, the supervisors will ensure that the candidates’ working plans and time schedules can be adhered to and that they provide the support and supervision necessary in this regard. The supervisors undertake to offer at least one opportunity for a detailed discussion per month.
9. No more than six months should elapse between the submission of the dissertation and the acceptance of the disputation.
10. Disputations may also take place outside the lecture period.
11. The dissertation may be submitted in English or under certain circumstances in another international language.
12. The disputation may be held in English.

¹ Regulations governing the award of the academic degree Dr. phil.

² Regulations governing the award of the academic degree Dr. theol.

13. In addition to the Ph.D. supervisor, a second supervisor is assigned to IPP candidates. If the first supervisor is unable to continue supervision of the Ph.D. until its completion owing to illness, departure etc., the second supervisor will assume this task.
14. The certificate will be issued in German and English.
15. In principle, the joint award of doctorates with a foreign university is possible.
16. Preparatory year (for the qualification procedure)

The preparatory year is compulsory for all doctoral candidates who do not satisfy the normal admission requirements. It covers:

- (1) the acquisition of the necessary knowledge of German through an intensive language course with tutorials
- (2) the opportunity for both foreign and German students to improve their English
- (3) thorough training in academic working techniques and in the preparation of a dissertation through tutorials
- (4) subject-specific preparation for the final examination through lectures and seminars and through special supervision and support by academic staff
- (5) a specific introduction to the subject of the doctoral thesis
- (6) assistance in procuring material for the dissertation

17. Curriculum: Protestant Theology

The teaching and supervisory programme covers:

- Participation in two advanced lectures (of candidate's choice: 6 hours per week)
- Participation in two advanced seminars (of candidate's choice: 4 hours per week)
- Participation in two research colloquia or societies offered in English in the individual special fields (4 hours per week)
- Collaboration in research symposia of the Martin Buber Foundation Chair for Jewish Philosophy of Religion, or of the Institute for Philosophy of Religion or the key research areas of Department 6
- Sojourn as a visitor to cooperating universities and institutes and/or participation in joint events in the Federal Republic of Germany and abroad
- Two interdisciplinary lectures/seminars from the range offered in Philosophy of Religion, Catholic Theology, Comparative Religious Studies, Jewish-Christian Religious Studies, Sociology of Religion (4 hours per week)
- Ongoing individual support and advice by a tutor and the subject supervisor (usually at least once per week)

18. Curriculum: Philosophy of Religion

The teaching and study programme covers:

- Participation in two advanced lectures (of candidate's choice: 6 hours per week)
- Participation in two advanced seminars (of candidate's choice: 4 hours per week)
- Participation in two research colloquia or societies offered in English in the special field (4 hours per week)
- Collaboration in research symposia of the Martin Buber Foundation Chair for Jewish Philosophy of Religion, or of the Institute for Philosophy of Religion or the key research areas of Department 6
- Sojourn as a visitor to cooperating universities and institutes and/or participation in joint events in the Federal Republic of Germany and abroad
- Two interdisciplinary lectures/seminars from the range offered in Protestant Theology, Catholic Theology, Comparative Religious Studies, Jewish-Christian Religious Studies, Sociology of Religion (4 hours per week)
- Ongoing individual support and advice by a tutor and the subject supervisor (usually at least once per week).

19. Curriculum: (Comparative and Jewish-Christian) Religious Studies

The teaching and study programme covers:

- Participation in two advanced lectures (of candidate's choice: 6 hours per week)
- Participation in two advanced seminars (of candidate's choice: 4 hours per week)
- Participation in two research colloquia or societies offered in English in the special field (4 hours per week)
- Collaboration in research symposia of the Martin Buber Foundation Chair for Jewish Philosophy of Religion or of the Institute for Philosophy of Religion or the key research areas of Department 6
- Sojourn as a visitor to cooperating universities and institutes and/or participation in joint events in the Federal Republic of Germany and abroad
- Two interdisciplinary lectures/seminars from the range offered in Protestant Theology, Catholic Theology, Comparative Religious Studies, Jewish-Christian Religious Studies, Sociology of Religion (four hours per week)
- Ongoing individual support and advice by a tutor and the subject supervisor (usually at least once per week).

II. Supplements to the Ph.D. Regulations of Department 6

1. The fee for the Ph.D. is €125.00. This amount must be transferred within four weeks after an application has been made for the examination proceedings to commence and an invoice has been issued (cf. § 17 Dr. theol.O).

2. Ph.D. subjects:

A Ph.D. can be awarded in the following subjects:

Dr. theol.:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- History of the Church and of Dogmatic Theology
- Systematic Theology
- Practical Theology/Religious Education
- Philosophy of Religion

Dr. phil.:

- History of Religion and Religious Studies
- Philosophy of Religion

3. Regulations for graduates of polytechnics pursuant to § 4 Dr. phil.O

Polytechnic graduates with special qualifications may apply for admission to the Ph.D. programme in the Department of Protestant Theology if they satisfy the following pre-requisites:

- Polytechnic degree in a Protestant Theology course and
- An overall rating of at least “satisfactory” for this polytechnic degree

The requirements for admission to the Ph.D. course are:

- Additional course of study in the Ph.D. subject of two semesters’ duration at advanced level
- Supplementary examination equivalent to the state examination for secondary school teachers in the subject Protestant Theology

Further regulations will be laid down by the Ph.D. Commission.

4. Language requirements

As a rule, the following requirements apply:

Dr. theol:

Pursuant to § 3 Dr.theol.O (admission requirements)

Dr. phil.:

Pursuant to § 4 Dr.phil.O (or list of special requirements of Department 6 in the attachment)

A special regulation applies regarding language requirements for the IPP course: Candidates must possess the command of the languages necessary to work on their thesis topic and to access the primary sources.

signed H. Deuser

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