



Transitional arrangements for programme descriptions for the previous PhD in Studies of Professional Practice and the current PhD in Science of Professions

Background

I The Regulations relating to Studies and Examinations at Nord University, section 3-4 *Changes to programme descriptions*, stipulate the following:

- (3) The university must ensure reasonable transitional arrangements for students affected by changes to a programme description.

Section 4 of the Regulations regarding the philosophiae doctor (PhD) degree at Nord University stipulate that the faculties have been delegated responsibility for the implementation of the doctoral education within their respective disciplines. The faculties that manage the PhD programme are responsible for adopting the programme description and the course descriptions.

This transitional arrangement is in compliance with section 3-4 (3) of the Regulations relating to Studies and Examinations and is approved by the Dean in accordance with section 4 of the Regulations regarding the philosophiae doctor (PhD) degree.

Purpose

The aim of the transitional rules is to ensure that PhD candidates' completion of the doctoral programme is not delayed as a result of the revised programme description. The transition should be as seamless as possible without compromising on quality.

Candidates who started the programme after 11 June 2021

All candidates whose funding period started subsequent to the board decision (case 46/21) of 1 June 2021 will follow the new programme description adopted by the faculties.

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The following applies to candidates who have completed the training component and all mandatory activities:

- The training component that has been completed in line with the programme description applicable at the time of admission will be recognised as meeting the requirements for the training component in the new programme description in full.
- Mandatory activities (midway evaluation, final seminar, internationalisation, etc.) that applied at the time of admission and which have been completed, will be recognised as meeting the requirements of the new programme description in full.
- Any remaining mandatory activities will follow the new programme description and the associated procedures and supplementary guidelines.
- Individually recognised elements will be specified in the transcript.

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The following applies to candidates who have completed part of the training component and some of the mandatory activities:

- Activities that have been completed will be incorporated into and deemed to meet the corresponding requirements in the new programme description in full.
- Remaining activities will follow the new programme description, procedures and supplementary guidelines.
- The course PRO9002 Practical knowledge (5 ECTS credits) can replace the new mandatory course PRO9014 Science of Professions, with a focus on language, relationships and actions (7.5 ECTS credits). The remaining 2.5 ECTS credits are normally taken as elective courses or other types of training that the Doctoral Committee finds relevant and that are in line with the learning outcomes and are at a sufficiently high academic level.
- If PRO9002 is not completed, this can be replaced with PRO9014. PRO9002 was mandatory in programme descriptions pre-dating 1 April 2016 and was reintroduced on 1 January 2018.
- Individually recognised elements will be specified in the transcript.

The following applies to candidates who have not yet started the training component:

- The candidate will follow the training plan in the new programme description.
- The candidate will complete the mandatory activities in line with the new course description.