REGULATION OF THE PhD PROGRAMME
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Supervision of PhD Thesis - Three-member Advisory Committee

1. The General Assembly of the Department appoints a three-member Advisory Committee, for the guidance and supervision of the PhD Candidate in the writing of his/her Thesis. The Advisory Committee is composed by the Supervisor and two members. The supervisor can be a Professor, Associate Professor or Assistant Professor of the same or other Greek University or a researcher of A, B or C level of research centers of the article 13A of Greek law 4310/2014, Academy of Athens research centers included. The two members can be Professors, Associate Professors or Assistant Professors of the same or other Greek University, faculty members of accredited Higher Education Institutions abroad (holders of a PhD degree), researchers of A, B or C level of research centers of the article 13A of Greek law 4310/2014, Academy of Athens research centers included, or from accredited research centers or institutes abroad, who have the same or similar discipline with the examining PhD Thesis. At least one (1) person of the three-member Advisory Committee must be a faculty member of the Department where the PhD Candidate is enrolled and he/she must be either a Professor, Associate Professor or Assistant Professor.
2. In case the supervisor is unable to respond to his/her supervision duties for a period of more than a year due to justified inability or grant of unpaid leave or duty suspension, the General Assembly of the Department appoints another supervisor, upon the PhD Candidate's request and the agreement of the suggested supervisor, even if this leads to the exceedance of the maximum number of supervisions allowed per supervisor. In case the supervisor moves to another University or retires, he/she continues the supervision of the PhD Theses already appointed to him/her and the PhD degree is awarded by the University where the PhD Thesis started.
3. Each faculty member is allowed to supervise up to 5 PhD theses at the same period.

Duration of PhD studies

1. PhD Candidates cannot be awarded the PhD degree earlier than the completion of three (3) full years since the date their Three-member Advisory Committee was

appointed. The maximum period of study allowed in a PhD Program is six (6) years since the date the Three-member Advisory Committee was appointed (suspension periods, due to health issues or other serious reasons, are excluded).

2. PhD candidates have the right to ask for suspension of studies once during their studies. This suspension cannot be more than two (2) years long. The General Assembly of the Department considers the reasons of the suspension and if they are approved, the PhD Candidate can resume his/her studies after the suspension period, but under the conditions currently in force. If not, the PhD Candidate leaves the PhD program.
3. Change or specification of the Thesis title is possible, if the Three-member Advisory Committee justifiably ask for it and the General Assembly of the Department approves it. If the change leads to a new subject and new scientific area, the usual procedure regarding PhD admissions is followed.

PhD Candidates Rights

1. PhD Candidates pay no fees for their studies.
2. During the first five (5) years since their first registration, PhD Candidates have all the rights and benefits of the students of the 2nd cycle of studies (postgraduate) as defined on the relevant Regulations. After completing their PhD Thesis, the PhD Candidates maintain their right to access, borrow and use the electronic services of the University libraries for five (5) more years.

PhD Candidates Obligations

1. PhD Candidates must renew their registration per academic year.
2. PhD Candidates each academic year, and within a month since their three-member advisory committee notice, must make a presentation and also submit a detailed report of their Thesis progress to the committee. A copy of the report, accompanied by the supervisor's or/and the committee's comments, is submitted by the supervisor to the Secretariat of the PhD program until the end of May of each academic year and it is filed on the PhD Candidate's records.
3. PhD Candidates must present the stages of their research on seminars organized by the Department each academic year for that purpose.
4. PhD Candidates must show extrovert orientation and communication with the international academic community by participating in PhD candidates' seminars or scientific congresses and by pursuing the recognition of their research by publishing in peer-review journals.
5. PhD Candidates must attend and be examined successfully in courses or seminars offered by the Department for them.
6. PhD Candidates are required to offer supplementary teaching and research services to the Department.

Dismissal of PhD Candidates

The General Assembly of the Department can decide for a PhD Candidate that he/she must leave the Program, upon his/her three-member advisory committee request. Among others, the reasons for the dismissal are:

a) Plagiarism (use of other people's ideas, methods and results without mentioning that they are theirs)

b) Inappropriate behavior or acts that expose and harm the University or the Department he/she is enrolled in.

c) Insufficient progress that is proved by negative comments of the three-member advisory committee in at least two (2) continuous progress reports.

d) No response in teaching and research activities assigned by the Department.

e) No renewal of enrollment after a reminder by the Secretariat has been made.

f) PhD Candidate's wish to leave the program.

g) Failure in successfully completing the courses as referred in paragraph 5 of the obligations section (as above)

PhD Studies Completion

1. Upon completion of the PhD Thesis writing, the Three-member Advisory Committee accepts or declines the PhD Candidate's application for its defence and assessment. Within two (2) months the Three-member Advisory Committee writes an analytical essay regarding the PhD Candidate's application and submits it to the General Assembly of the Department. In case the Three-member Advisory Committee accepts the PhD Candidate's application, it asks from the General Assembly of the Department to appoint the Seven-Member Examining Committee to assess the PhD Thesis. In case the Committee declines the PhD Candidate's application, it must justify its decision and suggest the necessary corrections, additions and changes, so that the PhD Candidate's application becomes acceptable.
2. The Seven-Member Examining Committee consists of the Three-member Advisory Committee and four (4) more members, who can be Professors, Associate Professors or Assistant Professors of the same or other Greek University, faculty members of accredited Higher Education Institutions abroad (holders of a PhD degree), researchers of A, B or C level of research centers of the article 13A of Greek law 4310/2014, Academy of Athens research centers included, or from accredited research centers or institutes abroad, who have the same or similar discipline with the examining PhD Thesis. At least four (4) members of the Seven-Member Examining Committee must be faculty members of which at least two (2) must belong to the Department where the PhD Candidate is enrolled. All members of the

Seven-Member Examining Committee must have the same or similar discipline with the examining PhD Thesis.

3. The PhD Candidate defends the PhD Thesis publicly before the Seven-Member Examining Committee, which then assesses the PhD Thesis as “successful” or “unsuccessful”. At least five (5) members of the Seven-Member Examining Committee must assess the PhD Thesis as “successful” for the PhD Candidate to be awarded the PhD degree.
4. After assessment of the Thesis as “successful”, the PhD Candidate is proclaimed as Doctor of the Department of Economics of the Athens University of Economics and Business at the next General Assembly of the Department and is awarded a “Ph.D. in Economics” degree.
5. Prerequisite for awarding the “Ph.D. in Economics” degree is the prior electronic submission (by the Doctor) of the Thesis to the Institutional Repository “Pyxida” of AUEB’s library and, also, to the “National Archive of PhD Theses” of the National Documentation Centre (EKT).
6. After successful completion of the Thesis defence and before the proclamation takes place at the General Assembly of the Department, the PhD Candidate has the right to ask for a certificate of successful completion of studies.