



Summary of Changes to the Doctoral Degree Regulations

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Below a short summary of the changes between the versions “vastgesteld op 22 november 2005, gewijzigd 10 maart 2011” (in English: “1 February 2006 [...] As amended on 10 March 2011”) en “vastgesteld op 13 juni 2013” (in English: “as amended on 13 June 2013”).

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Requirements for the PhD candidate and supervisor

1. Article 5.1 is more explicit the kinds of (familial) “ties” not allowed between the PhD Candidate and the Supervisor(s). Article 13 also introduces a similar requirement regarding the Assessment Committee.
2. Article 10 specifies the duties of the Supervisor with regards to the scientific integrity of the research.

Content dissertation

1. Article 8 further explicates the minimum requirements of a dissertation.
2. Article 17.3 deals with the content of a dissertation based on articles. If co-authors contributed to these articles, you must be able to prove your individual contribution.
3. Article 18.7 is new and states that your dissertation cannot contain advertising material.

Assessment Committee

1. Article 14.1 states that the Assessment Committee must consist of five members, as opposed to 4 or 5. One of the members must also be a non-UU member.
2. Article 15.2 has been altered. If the majority of the Assessment Committee intends to cast negative votes in the voting procedure, the Dean must be consulted before voting commences.
3. Article 15.3 states that a member of the Assessment Committee cannot be excluded from voting based on their intended negative vote.

"*Cum Laude*" Doctorates

1. Article 16.1 is further explicated by stating that the quality of the dissertation is among the top 3 to 5 percent in the relevant field of research worldwide.
2. Article 24.3 has changed the voting procedure of the Assessment Committee in relation to "*cum laude*". If votes in the Assessment Committee are equally divided, the "*cum laude*" designation shall not be awarded.