

Deviations from the provisions stipulated in Section 12 of the Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Sciences at FAU (FPromoNat) with respect to doctoral examinations

Implementation provisions

[based on the Regulations of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) concerning Deviations from Degree Programme and Examination Regulations and the Doctoral Degree and Habilitation Regulations due to Restrictions to Teaching and Examinations imposed as a result of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2
– Coronavirus Regulations –]

Passed by the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences on 20 April 2020

1) The public may not attend whilst the doctoral candidate defends their doctoral thesis, gives their presentation and sits the doctoral examination. Only the doctoral candidate, the two examiners and the chairperson may attend. The notification period for the oral examination shall therefore be shortened to five working days.

2) The oral examination shall be held in one of two ways:

2.1) If everyone involved in the examination agrees and it is possible for them to travel to the location where the examination will be held, the examination can be held privately in a sufficiently large room, provided the rules and regulations stipulated by the Robert Koch Institute are complied with. All those attending the examination should send their notice of consent informally by e-mail to the Office of Doctoral Affairs.

2.2) Alternatively, the examination can be held online as a video conference, after sending an informal application to the chairperson of the Doctoral Affairs Committee stating the reasons for the request. In this case, it is obligatory that the camera is switched on and a video conference tool provided by FAU is used. This type of examination should be chosen if it can be proven that the doctoral candidate cannot travel to the examination as a result of the measures implemented in respect of the coronavirus pandemic. If examiners are not able to attend the examination in person on account of these restrictions, the Office of Doctoral Affairs should be notified informally without delay and a replacement examiner nominated. Before the examination, the doctoral candidate must submit a declaration to the Office of Doctoral Affairs

(<https://www.nat.fau.de/forschung/forschende/promotion/> -> weitere Downloads -> Versicherung Video-Konferenz) stating that no other person will be present in the room during the examination and that no other aids will be used apart from the computer required to give the presentation and take part in the video conference. The declaration can be submitted electronically as a PDF file. The original must be submitted at a later date. The Office of Doctoral Affairs shall provide the members of the examining committee with the doctoral thesis and all documents required for the examination electronically in good time before the examination. The head of the examining committee shall invite participants to attend the video conference and shall keep a written record of the examination proceedings. His or her signature serves as confirmation of the grade awarded. The examination may not be recorded or attended by anyone other than those listed under no.1 above. If the audio-visual connection is interrupted for any length of time, the head of the examining committee shall discontinue the examination and it shall be repeated at a later date.

3) These implementation regulations shall cease to be valid automatically as soon as the Coronavirus Regulations are revoked.

4) These implementation regulations shall be published in two ways. Firstly, they shall be sent by e-mail to all those entitled to award doctoral degrees at the Faculty with the request to forward them to

the affected doctoral candidates. Secondly, they shall be published on the Faculty's website <https://www.nat.fau.de/forschung/forschende/promotion/>.