

## **Dissertation defence**

The study in the doctoral study program ends with the elaboration of a dissertation (hereinafter referred to as "DiP") and its public defence, the conduct of which is conditioned by the previous successful passing of the SDZ.

The dissertation can be written in English.

The dissertation must contain a thorough search of the current international state of knowledge and its original scientific knowledge. It may consist of previously published related scientific articles (most of which must be indexed in the international WoS and Scopus databases) supplemented by a comprehensive summary.

The student can apply for a DiP defence at the moment when he/she has successfully passed the SDZ and completed the so-called small defence at FSE UJEP, from which he/she will submit the enrollment.

A small defence is a general exam for the final defence of DiP. It takes place as a private event with the participation of members of the department, respectively. opponents and other guests. The student submits a finished work. The Vice-Dean for Science and Research is responsible for organizing the small defence.

The application for the defence of DiP is submitted by the student together with the final version of DiP through the study department. The application for the defence of DiP is approved by the guarantor of the study, while the approval of 3 opponents is also a part of the approval.

The student submits the final version of the dissertation at the study department of the faculty together with the application for public defence and theses.

The method of submission, scope, form and requisites of the dissertation and its theses are determined by the Dean's directive.

The dissertation is given for assessment to two opponents (at least one of them outside UJEP), which the subject council proposes to the dean.

It is not possible to appoint an opponent who is directly superior to the student. If the opponent does not prepare a report within two months from the date of appointment, the Dean may appoint another opponent.

Opponents' opinions must be sent to all members of the defence committee and the student at least 15 days before the public defence.

The date of the defence and the staffing of the defence commission is set by the dean and the student is acquainted with them no later than 15 days before the defence.

The subject council will propose a commission for defence, which has at least five members. The supervisor is not a member but has an advisory voice. At least two members are outside UJEP. The chairman of the defence commission and its members are appointed by the dean.

The defence of DiP takes place in the form of a public debate with members of the commission, or with guests from the public.



In the public part of the defence, the student acquaints those present with the basic theses of his work and the achieved results, listens to the opinions of opponents (with whom he is acquainted in advance) and supervisors and responds to them.

The final rating was defended - did not defend. A majority of the present members of the commission must speak to successfully defend the dissertation.

After successfully defending the dissertation, the student is awarded the academic title "Doctor" (abbreviated to "PhD" after the name).

In case of unsuccessful public defence of the dissertation, the student can repeat it after completing the dissertation. It is possible to repeat the public defence only once, at the earliest in half a year and no later than one year from the date of its unsuccessful conduct.

An extraordinary correction date of the public defence is not allowed.

If the student does not defend the dissertation even during its repetition, the procedure for termination of studies is initiated with him according to § 56 par. b) of the Act. The procedure for deciding on this matter is governed by Section 68 of the Act.