

# **SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR THE PhD DEGREE IN NORDIC LINGUISTICS AND NORDIC LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AGDER**

*Adopted by the Board of Agder University College on 17 December 2003, as amended on 20 February 2007, pursuant to the Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at the University of Agder.*

The numbered sections refer to the corresponding sections in the *Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at the University of Agder*.

## **2. Admission**

### **2.1 Applicants' formal qualifications**

Applicants for the PhD programme must normally hold a higher degree in Nordic literature or Nordic linguistics or qualifications considered by the Faculty to be equivalent.

### **2.2 Application and admission**

Applications are to be written on a special form and be submitted to the Faculty. Applications shall be considered and decided by the Faculty Board on the basis of a recommendation from the Faculty Research and Research Education Committee (hereinafter called the Research Committee) pursuant to the provisions in force at any time relating to the application's academic level, scope and progression. The Research Committee must find an appropriate supervisor and, if relevant, a co-supervisor, and the Faculty must ensure that all material resources required are available.

## **3. Agreement**

The agreement is to be signed by the candidate, the supervisor(s) and the Dean. Any substantial changes to the agreed terms are subject to approval by the Faculty on the basis of a recommendation from the Research Committee.

## **4. The PhD programme**

### **4.2 The training component**

The objective of the doctoral degree work is to continue the academic and scientific training from the Master's degree programme or equivalent, and to take the PhD candidate up to the research front in the relevant subject area. This will be done primarily through the candidate's work on the dissertation, but also through active participation in a training component.

The purpose of the training component is on the one hand to provide support for the candidate's work on his/her dissertation, in particular with respect to providing insight into fundamental problems and theoretical-methodological issues, and on the other hand to provide the candidate with a broader academic perspective and thus prepare him/her for future academic work.

The responsibility for providing instruction lies with the Faculty of Humanities. As each PhD candidate should be given the opportunity, as far as possible, to set up a programme adapted to his/her individual requirements the Research Committee should draw up a plan for the training

component in cooperation with the supervisors.

A PhD candidate who carries out a substantial part of his/her PhD training abroad, shall give an account of the instruction received there, and may apply to the Faculty of Humanities for having this approved as part of the training component.

The training component shall constitute one semester's work (30 credits) and comprise the following three components: (1) theory of science, including ethics (10 credits); (2) research presentation (5 credits); (3) subject-relevant or freely chosen courses or seminars (15 credits). For details relating to content, documentation requirements and conditions please refer to the programme curriculum. Final approval of the training component for each PhD student is subject to decision by the Research Committee.

### **4.3 Supervision**

The Faculty shall appoint a supervisor and, if relevant, a co-supervisor on the basis of a proposal from the Research Committee. The Research Committee is responsible for the follow-up of the PhD candidate. The candidate and the supervisor shall prepare a progress report every year.

The PhD programme is a supervised research education programme. Consequently, the candidate should be present at the University during the greater part of the course of study unless otherwise required due to special circumstances.

## **5. Dissertation**

The dissertation shall include a summary. If the dissertation is written in Norwegian, Swedish or Danish, the summary shall be in English. If the dissertation is written in English or another language, the summary shall be in Norwegian.

## **7. Submission**

Applications for having the dissertation evaluated shall be submitted to the Faculty. Applications shall be accompanied by five copies of the dissertation. If the dissertation is found to be worthy of public defence, another 50 copies of the dissertation must be submitted.

## **8. Appointment of evaluation committee**

The members of the evaluation committee shall be appointed by the Faculty on the basis of proposals from the Research Committee.

## **9. The committee's report and further procedure**

The report from the evaluation committee shall be considered by the Faculty Board on the basis of recommendations from the Research Committee. The Dean may approve a committee report when a unanimous committee has concluded that the PhD candidate may be given permission to defend his/her dissertation.