

Information on the deadline for submitting the dissertation in the case of students beginning their studies in or after September 2016

General rules

(the relevant provisions of the legislation and the university regulations are set out in the Annex)

Regarding the deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation, the general regulations contain the following elements:

- The doctoral student – in the same way as a student of any other programme – can suspend the student status several times but the consecutive interruption of the student status cannot last longer than two semesters; however, it can be extended for reasons of equity. (A different rule applies to the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral training.)
- The student status is terminated when the doctoral student receives the absolution, that is when the doctoral student has completed the requirements of the doctoral training, obtained all the necessary courses credits, research credits and teaching credits, and also completed the complex exam.
- The second phase of the doctoral programme (following the complex exam) is the four-semester-long research and dissertation phase. The student can spend a maximum of two semesters in the passive status during the research and dissertation phase. This period cannot be extended, not even for reasons of equity.
- **The deadline to submit the doctoral dissertation is counted from the completion of the complex exam.** The doctoral student must submit their dissertation within three academic years following the complex exam. The deadline is 31 August in all cases, independently from the day of the complex exam. (This deadline is also independent from the student status, whether it was spent in active, passive, or with no legal status (i.e. after receiving the pre-degree certificate).
- At the request of the doctoral student, the three-academic-year period of the submission obligation may be extended by a maximum of one academic year for reasons of equity, based on the decision of the disciplinary doctoral council. The request must be submitted before the original deadline expires.

Rules in connection with the epidemiological preparedness

Based on the legal provisions related to epidemiological preparedness, the spring semester of the academic year 2019/2020 is to be ignored in the case of the interruption of the student status for a maximum duration of two semesters. Because of the pandemic, **those who passed their complex exam between 1 February 2018 and 31 August 2021 have to submit their doctoral dissertation within four academic years after the complex exam.** The last day of the academic year is 31 August. These students may suspend their student status in the research and dissertation phase (the phase after the complex exam) for a maximum of four semesters in total (two semesters consecutively).

With reference to this, the university has adopted the provisions set by the university's Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body (official Hungarian abbreviation: JOKT) on temporary special study and examination regulations. Based on the legal provisions, the 2019/2020 spring semester should be ignored in the case of the two-semester limit of the suspension of the student status in the research and dissertation phase.

The doctoral students concerned will automatically receive the extra time due to the change in the deadline calculation, they do not have to apply for it separately and they do not have to submit a request of equity. In addition to this, students may request a maximum of one-year extension for reasons of equity.

Examples for the deadline of submission depending on the semester of the complex exam with and without a granted request for further extension.

Example 1: the student passed the complex exam in January 2019. In their case, the deadline to submit the dissertation is the end of the fourth academic year counted from the complex exam. Thus, the deadline to submit their dissertation is: 31 August 2023.

Example 2: the student passed the complex exam in June 2019. They requested a one-year extension from the Doctoral Council, which the Doctoral Council granted them. In their case, the deadline to submit the dissertation is the end of the fifth academic year counted from the complex exam. Thus, the deadline to submit their dissertation is: 31 August 2024.

Example 3: the student passed the complex exam in June 2021. In their case, the deadline to submit the dissertation is the end of the fourth academic year counted from the complex exam. Thus, the deadline to submit their dissertation is: 31 August 2025

Example 4: the student passed the complex exam in January 2022. In their case, the deadline to submit the dissertation is the end of the third academic year counted from the complex exam. Thus, the deadline to submit their dissertation is: 31 August 2025

Example 5: the student passed the complex exam in June 2022. In their case, the deadline to submit the dissertation is the end of the third academic year counted from the complex exam. Thus, the deadline to submit their dissertation is: 31 August 2025.

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Legal and regulatory background

Act CCIV of 2011 on national higher education

Article 45 (1) The student's status shall be interrupted if the student declares that he/she does not intend to fulfil student obligations during the next semester, or fails to register for the next semester. The total combined duration over which the student may interrupt his/her studies may not exceed two semesters. Students may suspend their status several times, in accordance with specifications stipulated in the Academic and Examination Regulations.

(2) Pursuant to the request of the student, the higher education institution may equally authorise the suspension of student enrolment

a) for a combined period exceeding the duration laid down in Paragraph (1) [...]

on condition that the Student is unable to fulfil obligations ensuing from his/her student status for reasons beyond their control, because of child-birth, an accident or illness, or other unforeseen reason.

Article 53. (2) The doctoral student take part in the doctoral procedure by completing the research and dissertation phase following the complex exam aiming the obtainment of the doctoral degree.

4) Doctoral students shall submit their doctoral dissertations within three academic years from the comprehensive examination, as set out in the doctoral rules. In cases deserving special consideration, provided for in Article 45(2), this time limit may be extended by not more than one academic year, as set out in the doctoral rules. During the procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree, student status shall not be suspended for a period of more than two semesters.

Article 59. (1) The student status shall be terminated [...]

d) on the last day of the semester in which the student obtained the pre-degree certificate (absolutorium).

Article 117/G. (1) Notwithstanding paragraph (4) of Article 53, a person who has passed the complex examination between 1 February 2018 and 31 August 2021 shall submit a doctoral thesis within four academic years of the complex examination, as specified in the Doctoral Regulations. In cases of special equity, this deadline may be extended by a maximum of one year, as laid down in the Doctoral Regulations.

(2) In the case of a doctoral student as defined in paragraph (1), the maximum period of interruption of the student's status shall be four semesters.

Act LVIII of 2020 on certain rules relating the termination of the state of danger and to epidemiological measures

Section 79 (4) The spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year shall not be taken into consideration when applying the rules in connection with the suspension of the student status in Article 45 (1) and when applying the Article 53 (4) of Act CCIV of 2011 on national higher education.

Doctoral Regulations [2016]

Section 33 (2) Regulations on the conditions of granting students permission to suspend their student status for a period of more than two semesters shall be laid out in the individual faculty doctoral regulations.

Section 59 (1) The decision on the extension of the deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation prescribed by Section 53 (4) of Nftv. under the application of special equity shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council at the request of the Student or former Student (hereinafter jointly referred to as Doctoral Candidate).

(2) The request must be submitted before the expiry of the deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation. Any documents that may support the need for the application of special equity and a statement of approval from the topic supervisor must be attached to the request.

Doctoral Regulations [2016] Annex 6/4 Doctoral Regulations for the Faculty of Education and Psychology

Section 15 (4) The Dean, based on the opinion of the management of the DIT and at the written request of the Student, may allow for the suspension of studies in the training and research phase of the programme for a combined period more than two semesters,

a) if the Student is pregnant, or is raising a child younger than three years of age,

- b) if the Student has suffered an accident or suffers from a prolonged illness and is temporarily unable to continue his/her studies,
 - c) if the Student taking part in a state-funded programme wishes to establish an employment status with another employer for a definite period,
 - d) if the Student is working abroad,
 - e) with respect to any other personal circumstance of the Student warranting special equity.
- (5) The doctoral studies may not be suspended for a period longer than six consecutive semesters even in the cases laid out in paragraph (4).
- (6) The Student may not be allowed to suspend his/her student status in the research and dissertation phase of the programme for a combined period longer than two semesters even out of reasons warranting equity.

[Amendments to Eötvös Loránd University's temporary special academic and exam regulations pertaining to the hybrid education model enacted in view of the state of epidemiological preparedness covering regulations on student assessment \(22 October 2020\)](#)

Special Regulations of the Doctoral Regulations (2016) Annex 6 of the ARS (Academic Regulation for Students) in a state of epidemiological preparedness

1. Under Article 79 (4) of Act LVIII of 2020, the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year shall not be taken into consideration when applying Article 53 (4) of Act CCIV of 2011 on national higher education and Section 33 of the Doctoral Regulations.
3. Under Article 79 (4) of Act LVIII of 2020, the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year shall not be taken into consideration when applying Article 53 (4) of Act CCIV of 2011 on national higher education and Section 59 of the Doctoral Regulations.