

Faculty Board's working committee

Extension of doctoral studentships due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak

The Higher Education Ordinance states that a doctoral studentship may be extended so that it is longer than four years if special grounds exist (chapter 5, section 7, paragraph 4). Such grounds may be constituted by the doctoral student, due to the consequences of the coronavirus epidemic, not being able to work full-time for a long period. An extension is therefore to be granted in those cases where a doctoral student has been delayed due to components in the programme not being able to be completed or replaced with other relevant assignments.

At the Faculties of Humanities and Theology, the following applies for an extension of a doctoral studentship due to the consequences of the coronavirus epidemic:

- No general extension is granted to all doctoral students. An extension may only be granted after an assessment of each individual case.
- An extension is granted in those cases where studies have been delayed due to components in the programme not being able to be completed or replaced with other relevant assignments and provided that the doctoral student, in consultation with the supervisor, has actively investigated other solutions.
- Changes in the programme are to be clearly documented in the doctoral student's individual study plan.
- The doctoral student is to apply for an extension to the faculty office in accordance with the regular processing of extensions. The doctoral student has the possibility to apply for an advance ruling on an extension due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak once per year by 1 October at the latest.