Pursuant to point 2 of paragraph one of Article 21 of the Statute of the European Faculty of Law of New University (consolidated text of 28 September 2022), the Management Board of the European Faculty of Law of New University, at its 24th meeting on 29 September 2026, adopted amendments and supplements to the Regulations on Studies in Doctoral Study Programmes of the European Faculty of Law of New University of 27 May 2025, which, as amended and supplemented, read as follows:

REGULATIONS ON STUDIES IN DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAMMES OF THE EUROPEAN FACULTY OF LAW OF NEW UNIVERSITY

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

(Subject matter of the Regulations)

These Regulations govern doctoral study programmes, in particular the requirements for progression to a higher year, exceptional enrolment, re-enrolment in a year, parallel studies, student status, resumption of studies following an interruption, requirements for completion of studies, registration of the doctoral dissertation topic and appointment of a supervisor, preparation and submission of the doctoral dissertation, defence of the doctoral dissertation and withdrawal from the European Faculty of Law of New University (hereinafter: the Faculty).

Article 2

(Conduct of students and the Faculty)

In all procedures, students shall provide truthful information and shall not abuse rights granted to them by law and these Regulations. The Faculty and its employees shall act diligently and promptly in their dealings with students and other stakeholders, in their best interests and in compliance with legislation and the Faculty's internal acts.

Article 3

(Calculation of time limits)

Where a time limit is expressed in days, the day of service or notification, or the day of the event from which the time limit is calculated, shall not be included; the time limit shall begin on the following day. A time limit expressed in months or years shall expire at the end of the day in the relevant month or year bearing the same number as the day on which a document was served or notified or the relevant event occurred. If the last month has no such day, the time limit shall expire on the last day of that month.

Sundays, public holidays of the Republic of Slovenia and non-working days in the Republic of Slovenia shall not prevent time limits from commencing or running.

Where the last day of a time limit falls on a Sunday, a public holiday or other non-working day in the Republic of Slovenia, or on another day on which the authority before which the procedural action must be taken is closed, the time limit shall expire at the end of the next working day.

Time limits laid down by these Regulations for the Faculty Senate, Study Committee and other committees, and time limits for technical reviews, public presentations and defences, shall not run during the summer holidays specified in the academic calendar for the relevant academic year.

Article 4

(Grammatical form of expressions)

Expressions used in the masculine grammatical form in these Regulations shall be regarded as gender-neutral and shall apply equally to both sexes.

I. THIRD-CYCLE DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAMMES IN LAW AND IN LAW AND REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT

1. Progression to a higher year

Article 5

(Requirements for progression to a higher year)

To progress from Year 1 to Year 2, students in the third-cycle doctoral study programmes in Law and in Law and Real Estate Management must complete study requirements worth 60 credit points (CP), including the requirement 'Preparation of the Doctoral Dissertation Proposal'. That requirement shall be deemed completed on the day when the Faculty Senate approves the doctoral dissertation proposal.

To progress from Year 2 to Year 3, students in these doctoral study programmes must complete all requirements of Years 1 and 2. As part of 'Doctoral Seminar 2' in Year 2 in both programmes, the student shall prepare a paper/article in the field of their research and present it at an international doctoral scientific research conference. The requirement 'Preparation of the Doctoral Dissertation' shall be deemed completed when the Student Affairs Office receives the 'Preparation of the Doctoral Dissertation' form (Annex 1), signed by the supervisor, with a brief explanation of the student's progress in writing the dissertation.

Students shall enrol in a higher year by the deadline set annually by the Office for Study and Student Affairs (hereinafter: the Student Affairs Office), taking into account instructions of the competent ministry. This shall also apply to students repeating a year, enrolling in the additional year following the final semester, or extending student status.

Article 6

(Exceptional enrolment in a higher year)

Upon a student's application, the Study Committee may exceptionally authorise enrolment in a higher year for a student who has not fulfilled all progression requirements if the student demonstrates a justified reason.

The following circumstances, substantiated by appropriate credible evidence, may be considered justified reasons:

- motherhood or fatherhood;
- an illness lasting continuously for more than two months during examination periods, having regard to its nature;
- participation in top-level professional, cultural and sporting events;
- active participation in Faculty bodies (e.g. submitting initiatives, giving opinions and taking decisions in accordance with the Faculty Statute);
- exceptional family and social circumstances;
- recognised status as a person with special needs; or
- other justified reasons.

The student must demonstrate that the reason referred to in the preceding paragraph directly affected the fulfilment of study requirements, as assessed by the Study Committee.

The Study Committee shall decide on exceptional progression upon the student's application. As a rule, the student shall submit the application electronically through the higher education information system (hereinafter: VIS) no later than ten days before the deadline for enrolment in a higher year, i.e. by 20 September of the current year.

Article 7

(Accelerated progression)

On the basis of an electronic application submitted through VIS and a reasoned opinion of the Study Committee, the Faculty Senate may allow a student holding student status to progress more rapidly and complete studies in less time than prescribed by the study programme.

Accelerated progression shall be permitted if the student has performed all study requirements at an above-average level and has completed all requirements of the current and lower years during the year of enrolment.

2. Re-enrolment in a year

Article 8

(Requirements for repeating a year)

A student who has not completed all requirements prescribed by the study programme for enrolment in a higher year may repeat a year once during studies at an individual cycle of study, provided the student has not already repeated a year at that cycle.

The Study Committee shall decide on re-enrolment upon the student's application. As a rule, the application shall be submitted electronically through VIS no later than ten days before the deadline for enrolment in a higher year, i.e. by 20 September of the current year.

3. Parallel studies

Article 9

(Definition of parallel studies)

Parallel studies mean studying in separate study programmes. A student who successfully completes the requirements of all study programmes shall receive a separate diploma for each parallel study programme.

After successfully completing the first year of study, a student may enrol concurrently in another study programme if the enrolment requirements are met.

Article 10

(Requirements for parallel studies)

A student of the Faculty wishing to pursue parallel studies at another higher education institution shall submit an application for consent to the Study Committee electronically through VIS.

A student of another higher education institution wishing to pursue parallel studies at the Faculty shall attach to the enrolment application the consent of the higher education institution at which the student is already enrolled.

The Faculty shall lay down selection criteria in its rules in the event of restricted enrolment in parallel studies.

A student enrolled in parallel studies shall have the same rights and obligations as other students, regardless of rights and obligations already exercised at the home faculty.

4. Student status

Article 11

(Termination of student status)

Student status shall terminate:

1. when the student completes the third-cycle study programme;

2. if the student fails to complete the third-cycle study programme within 12 months after the end of the final semester;

3. if the student fails to enrol in a higher year during studies;

4. if the student withdraws; or

5. if the student has been expelled.

In the case referred to in point 3 of paragraph one, student status may be extended for justified reasons for a maximum of one year.

The following circumstances, substantiated by credible evidence, may be considered justified reasons for extending student status:

- motherhood or fatherhood: students who give birth during their studies and students who become fathers during their studies are entitled to an extension of student status for one year for each live-born child;
- an illness lasting continuously for more than two months during examination periods, having regard to its nature;
- participation in top-level professional, cultural and sporting events;
- active participation in Faculty bodies (e.g. submitting initiatives, giving opinions and taking decisions in accordance with the Faculty Statute);
- exceptional family and social circumstances;
- recognised status as a person with special needs.

The student shall demonstrate that the justified reason directly affected the fulfilment of study requirements, as assessed by the Study Committee.

Students who give birth during their studies and students who become fathers during their studies shall be entitled to an extension of student status for one year for each live-born child.

The Study Committee shall decide on an extension upon the student's application, as a rule submitted electronically through VIS no later than ten days before the deadline for enrolment in a higher year, i.e. by 20 September of the current year.

Article 12

(Completion of study requirements after loss of student status)

A student who fails to meet the requirements for enrolment in a higher year or for repeating a year, or whose period for completing studies has expired, shall lose student status and be recorded by the Faculty as a student without status.

To complete outstanding requirements (e.g. examinations, seminars, doctoral dissertation proposal, doctoral dissertation), a student without status shall pay the applicable fees in accordance with the Faculty's current price list.

The Student Affairs Office shall send the invoice for the outstanding requirement to the student.

Payment for an individual outstanding requirement shall entitle the student to take the relevant individual examination three times.

In particularly justified cases, the Management Board may decide otherwise.

5. Resumption of studies following an interruption

Article 13

(Calculation of interruption of studies)

An interruption of studies shall be calculated from the date on which student status terminated. The cases of termination of student status are laid down in Article 11 of these Regulations.

Article 14

(Interruption of studies)

If a student interrupts studies for less than two years, the student may resume and complete studies under the same study programme as was in force upon enrolment.

If more than two years have elapsed since the student interrupted studies, the student shall apply to the Study Committee for permission to resume or complete studies electronically through VIS. Following a favourable decision, an agreement on the resumption or completion of studies shall be concluded, specifying how outstanding requirements are to be completed, the deadline for completion, and the method of paying financial obligations in accordance with the current Faculty price list.

Upon payment for an individual examination, the student may take that examination three times.

If the study programme has changed during the interruption, the Study Committee may require differential examinations or other additional requirements as a condition for resuming or completing studies.

If, owing to developments in the field during a prolonged interruption, the knowledge required for an individual examination before the interruption has become inadequate, the Study Committee may decide that the student must retake individual examinations or other requirements already completed before the interruption.

6. Completion of studies

Article 15

(Requirements for completion of studies)

To complete studies and obtain the title of Doctor of Science, the student must complete all study requirements, successfully defend the doctoral dissertation and settle all financial obligations to the Faculty.

Article 16

(Requirements for obtaining the title)

The title doktor znanosti / doktorica znanosti (abbreviated 'dr.') shall be acquired by a student who fulfils all requirements for the completion of doctoral studies prescribed by these Regulations.

The Faculty shall issue a certificate or document confirming acquisition of the title after the student submits the required number of copies of the final bound doctoral dissertation and settles all financial obligations to the Faculty.

7. Registration of the doctoral dissertation topic and appointment of a supervisor

Article 17

(Language of the doctoral dissertation)

The doctoral dissertation shall be written in Slovenian. Exceptionally, a student may write the dissertation in a foreign language if the requirements laid down in the Regulations on the Preparation of Final Theses in a Foreign Language at New University are met. The student shall submit the application to write in a foreign language when registering the topic, electronically through VIS.

Article 18

(Supervisor)

A doctoral dissertation supervisor shall be an academically appointed higher education teacher holding the title of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Full Professor in the field covered by the dissertation topic. Where required by the content of doctoral studies, a co-supervisor meeting the same requirements may be appointed.

As a rule, the supervisor shall be a course coordinator or teacher on a third-cycle programme, but may also be another member of the Faculty's academic assembly, or an academically appointed higher education teacher holding one of the above titles who is not a member of the Faculty's academic assembly (external supervisor). A student may choose an external supervisor only exceptionally, for example where the Faculty does not have a suitably appointed higher education teacher in the selected field.

The supervisor shall provide appropriate, prompt and ongoing professional assistance and maintain regular contact with the student to ensure an appropriate scientific standard of the doctoral work.

A student may propose a member of the Faculty's academic assembly as supervisor or co-supervisor to the Study Committee. The proposal does not constitute selection or confirmation. Before considering the proposal, the Study Committee shall verify compliance with supervision requirements laid down in these Regulations and other applicable Faculty acts and assess the proposed supervisor's suitability for the field and anticipated dissertation topic.

If the proposed supervisor or co-supervisor meets the prescribed requirements, the Study Committee shall obtain their consent to undertaking supervision and propose confirmation to the Faculty Senate.

If the proposed supervisor or co-supervisor does not meet the requirements or is unwilling to undertake supervision, the Study Committee shall propose another suitable person to the student.

For an external supervisor or co-supervisor, the student shall submit a reasoned application electronically through VIS to the Study Committee. The Faculty Senate shall confirm the external supervisor or co-supervisor upon the Study Committee's proposal.

As a rule, a person may simultaneously supervise or co-supervise no more than five students enrolled in any New University doctoral programme. This number shall not include students who have completed all doctoral programme requirements except the defence and students for whom more than four years have elapsed since enrolment in the first year of the doctoral programme.

The Faculty Senate shall confirm the supervisor or co-supervisor upon the Study Committee's proposal.

Article 19

(Change of supervisor)

If, while preparing the doctoral dissertation, the student determines that cooperation with the supervisor or co-supervisor is no longer possible, the student shall request the Study Committee to propose another supervisor or co-supervisor (Annex 5). A supervisor or co-supervisor may also withdraw if cooperation with the student is no longer possible.

The Study Committee shall decide on the justification for the change at its next ordinary meeting. The entire procedure for registration of the doctoral dissertation topic shall then be repeated.

No more than one change of supervisor or co-supervisor is permitted during preparation of the doctoral dissertation.

Article 20

(Replacement of a supervisor)

If a supervisor is unable to continue supervisory duties due to death, termination of employment or cooperation with the higher education institution, retirement, prolonged absence or another reason, the competent body shall appoint a new supervisor without undue delay.

The new supervisor shall assume supervision on the date of appointment and shall have all rights and obligations of a supervisor under these Regulations and other acts of the higher education institution. The new supervisor may re-examine, assess and, if necessary, require amendments or additions to parts of the student's work already reviewed, approved or confirmed by the former supervisor, where necessary to ensure professional suitability and quality.

Replacement of a supervisor shall not in itself affect the validity of an already approved dissertation topic or title unless the new supervisor determines that a change of topic or scope is necessary for professional reasons. The competent body shall decide on such changes in accordance with these Regulations.

Article 21

(Registration and approval of the doctoral dissertation topic)

As a rule, the student shall submit an application to register the doctoral dissertation topic to the Study Committee in the first semester of Year 1.

The application shall be submitted in three copies and shall contain a request for acceptance of the proposed topic, indicating the proposed dissertation title, the field in which the student wishes to undertake the dissertation, and the proposed supervisor. The application shall be submitted on the 'Application for a Doctoral Dissertation Topic' form (Annex 3), signed by the student, together with a brief explanation of the topic.

Within seven days of receipt, the Student Affairs Office shall verify that the student meets all prescribed requirements and that the application is formally complete. If incomplete, the student shall be invited to remedy the deficiencies. Once complete, the application shall be forwarded to the Study Committee.

Items received at the Student Affairs Office no later than three days before a scheduled meeting shall be placed on the Study Committee's agenda. Meetings shall, as a rule, be held in the first week of each month.

The Study Committee shall verify whether:

- the proposed topic has not already been addressed in another doctoral dissertation;
- the topic is amenable to scientific examination;
- the topic offers sufficient scope for an independent and original scientific contribution to the relevant field;
- the proposed supervisor meets supervision requirements;
- a proposed external supervisor meets the requirements and the external appointment is justified;
- a proposed co-supervisor meets the requirements and the co-supervision is justified.

If the application is substantively incomplete or further information is required, the Study Committee shall invite the student to remedy deficiencies or provide further explanations or additions.

If the topic meets the requirements of these Regulations, the Study Committee shall propose to the Faculty Senate that it approve the doctoral dissertation topic and appoint the supervisor. The Faculty Senate may approve or reject the topic and/or proposed supervisor. No appeal shall lie against the Senate's decision.

If the proposed topic does not meet the requirements, the Study Committee shall reject the application. An appeal against the Study Committee's decision shall be permitted and decided by the Faculty Senate.

After the Senate approves the topic and appoints the supervisor, the student may begin preparing the draft doctoral dissertation proposal.

Article 22

(Validity of the doctoral dissertation topic)

An approved doctoral dissertation topic shall remain valid for four years from the date of approval by the Faculty Senate.

If the student does not submit the dissertation within four years, the student may, with the supervisor's consent and before expiry, apply for an extension electronically through VIS. The Study Committee shall consider the application and may propose to the Senate an extension of no more than one year.

Once the topic's validity expires or an extension is refused, the student must recommence the topic approval procedure.

Article 23

(Withdrawal from the doctoral dissertation topic)

If, during preparation of the dissertation, the student determines that it cannot be completed or wishes to change the topic, the student may apply to the Study Committee to withdraw from the approved topic (Annex 4).

If the Study Committee approves withdrawal, the student may register a new topic, and the entire topic registration procedure shall be repeated.

The student may request withdrawal from an approved topic no more than once.

Article 24

(Students' obligations during doctoral studies)

Students enrolled in the Faculty's doctoral study programmes must attend and actively participate, in each year of study, in at least five presentations of draft doctoral dissertation proposals, defences of doctoral dissertation proposals, doctoral dissertation defences or academic forums of New University. Attendance and active participation shall be recorded by the Faculty's Student Affairs Office.

8. Doctoral dissertation proposal

Article 25

(Draft doctoral dissertation proposal)

Within the compulsory course 'Doctoral Seminar 1' in the third-cycle doctoral study programmes in Law and in Law and Real Estate Management, the student shall prepare a draft doctoral dissertation proposal. The student shall begin preparing the draft after the Faculty Senate approves the topic and appoints the supervisor. In preparing it, the student shall follow the requirements laid down in Article 25 of these Regulations.

The completed draft, approved by the appointed supervisor, shall be sent in electronic form (PDF and Word) to the Student Affairs Office, which shall forward it to the Study Committee.

The Study Committee shall propose to the Senate the appointment of the members of the expert committee for the assessment of Doctoral Seminar 1, in accordance with Articles 26 and 27 of these Regulations.

Within fourteen days of the appointment of the expert committee, the Student Affairs Office, in cooperation with the committee, shall set the date and time of the presentation of the draft doctoral dissertation proposal.

During the presentation, the student shall present the theoretical foundations of the topic, the research plan with research questions or hypotheses and the methodology or research design. The student shall explain the anticipated scientific originality and relevance of the work, and the supervisor shall explain their assessment of its suitability. A discussion of the draft shall follow. After the presentation, the expert committee shall complete the form 'Preparation of Doctoral Seminar 1' (Annex 2), in which it may give the student binding recommendations to be taken into account when preparing the doctoral dissertation proposal.

In preparing the proposal, the student shall follow Article 26 of these Regulations.

Article 26

(Doctoral dissertation proposal)

The doctoral dissertation proposal must comprise:

a) Title of the doctoral dissertation

The doctoral dissertation is the result of the student's independent research work at the conclusion of studies. The student shall propose the topic in agreement with the supervisor. The topic must relate to the scientific field in which the student is being trained, and the title must reflect the contents of the doctoral dissertation.

b) Explanation of the topic

The student shall explain the topic and highlight significant facts relating to it.

c) Research problem, subject matter and research questions or hypotheses

The student shall define the field under consideration and the problem arising from it. The problem should be defined precisely and clearly and may include an explanation of its dimensions and the importance of addressing it. A properly defined problem and subject matter provide the basis for research questions or working hypotheses. The student shall clearly set out the principal assumptions, research questions or hypotheses, which form the starting point for examining the topic. Research limitations may be included in the dissertation, such as limited access to data, business or state secrets, lack of specialist literature or unwillingness of responsible persons to cooperate.

d) Purpose and objectives of the research

The purpose of the dissertation derives from the identified problem and involves answering a research question or testing a hypothesis. The student shall explain the purpose of the problem addressed and why the chosen topic is being analysed. Research purposes may differ, but must explain what the proposed research is expected to change. The objectives shall specify what must be done to achieve the research purpose; several objectives and sub-objectives may be set.

e) Assessment of previous research

The student shall review existing research related to the dissertation topic. This may encompass publications, documented events, statistical data, monographs, documents and other materials. The student shall explain how the dissertation differs from prior research and substantiate its originality.

f) Research methods

The student shall specify methods for achieving the research objectives. The proposed methods will be used to address the research problem and subject matter and answer the research question or test the hypothesis. The student will most often use a principal scientific research method alongside auxiliary methods. Merely listing methods is insufficient: the scope and manner of applying each method must also be stated.

g) Concise outline of the planned chapters

The student shall briefly describe the table of contents, including chapters and subchapters.

h) Expected research results

The student shall identify expected findings contributing to the understanding of particular issues.

i) Expected contribution to science

The student shall identify important expected research outcomes constituting a scientific contribution and explain the anticipated scientific originality and relevance of the work.

j) Application of research results

The student shall describe possible uses of the research results.

k) Core bibliography and sources (at least one hundred items)

The student shall list relevant sources and literature. The doctoral dissertation proposal must contain at least one hundred relevant bibliographic items, with emphasis on foreign-language and original literature.

l) Research data management plan

The student shall prepare a research data management plan in accordance with these Regulations. If the dissertation is exclusively theoretical and no research data will be generated, collected or existing data used in its preparation, the student shall explain and justify this in the plan.

m) Student's details (curriculum vitae), with emphasis on scientific development

n) Student's bibliography

When preparing the doctoral dissertation proposal, the student shall follow the Technical Guidelines for the Preparation of Final Theses of New University (hereinafter: the Technical Guidelines).

Article 27

(Procedure for submission of the doctoral dissertation proposal)

With the supervisor's consent, the student shall submit the proposal electronically (PDF and Word) to the Student Affairs Office.

The Student Affairs Office and a higher education teacher authorised by the Study Committee shall verify within five working days whether the proposal contains all required components.

The Student Affairs Office shall inform the student of compliance with the requirements and the technical review. If deficiencies are identified, the student must amend or correct the proposal as instructed and submit it for review again.

Once informed that the proposal is technically satisfactory, the student shall submit three double-sided printed copies to the Student Affairs Office. The Office shall forward the proposal, together with confirmation of technical compliance, to the Study Committee.

Items received at the Student Affairs Office no later than three days before a scheduled Study Committee meeting shall be placed on its agenda. The Study Committee shall, as a rule, meet in the first week of each month.

The Study Committee shall consider the proposal. If further substantiation or additions are necessary, it shall request them from the student. If the proposal is technically satisfactory and substantively suitable for further consideration, it shall propose to the Faculty Senate that an expert committee be appointed to assess the suitability of the doctoral dissertation proposal.

If the proposal is technically deficient and/or substantively unsuitable, or the student fails to respond appropriately to a request for further substantiation or additions, the Study Committee shall reject the proposal by a reasoned decision. An appeal against this decision shall be permitted and decided by the Faculty Senate.

Article 28

(Expert committee for assessment of the suitability of the doctoral dissertation proposal)

Within thirty days, the Faculty Senate shall appoint an expert committee to assess the suitability of the doctoral dissertation proposal (hereinafter: the Expert Committee), one of whose members shall be the supervisor.

As a rule, the Expert Committee shall monitor the student's work in the same composition until the doctoral defence.

The Expert Committee shall comprise three members, or four where a co-supervisor is also appointed, chosen from higher education teachers in the field in which the student wishes to obtain the doctorate. As a rule, one member shall be an academically appointed higher education teacher or researcher from another institution (external reviewer). The committee chair shall normally be appointed rapporteur and shall coordinate the work of all committee members, each of whom shall prepare an individual report on the suitability of the doctoral dissertation proposal.

Article 29

(Reports of Expert Committee members)

An Expert Committee member shall submit a report within one month of appointment, excluding the summer holidays.

In the written report, the member shall assess:

- whether the theses and initial questions to be addressed in the dissertation are evident;
- whether the proposed scientific research methods and instruments are appropriate;
- whether the title and field of the dissertation correspond to the intended content;
- whether the principal literature in the field to be researched is identified.

The written reports shall comprise:

- the proposed dissertation title, an assessment and description of the proposal;
- a statement and assessment of the research question or hypothesis and principal theses;
- an assessment of the proposed scientific method;
- a conclusion briefly explaining whether the proposal has been positively assessed and why that assessment, title and field are proposed;
- the date and signature of the Expert Committee member.

Article 30

(Approval by the Faculty Senate)

Once the Study Committee receives all assessments of the suitability of the doctoral dissertation proposal from the Expert Committee, it shall propose that the Faculty Senate approve the proposal.

If two negative reports have been received, the Study Committee may propose that the Senate adopt a negative assessment or may set a deadline within which the student must amend or supplement the proposal or otherwise take account of the Expert Committee's comments.

The student and supervisor shall be informed of the Senate's approval or rejection of the doctoral dissertation proposal. No appeal shall be permitted against the Senate's decision.

9. Preparation and submission of doctoral work

Article 31

(Submission of the doctoral dissertation)

No later than twelve months after the end of the final semester, the student shall submit to the Student Affairs Office three unbound copies of the doctoral dissertation (double-sided printing, spiral-bound) and two electronic copies (PDF and Word). All copies must include the author's signed 'Declaration of Authorship' (Annex 7).

Article 32

(Research data management plan)

Upon submission of the doctoral dissertation, the student shall also submit a research data management plan prepared when submitting the draft doctoral dissertation proposal and, where necessary, supplemented and updated during the research process.

The plan shall specify in particular the types of research data and how they will be collected, obtained or generated, stored, protected, accessed, preserved and published. The student shall deposit research data generated and collected for the dissertation in a data repository, thereby meeting the principles of verifiability, transparency and open science. Exceptions to fully open access to research data and other research outputs are permitted in duly justified cases.

If the dissertation is based exclusively on theoretical research and involves no collection, generation or use of research data, the student shall state and substantiate this in the plan.

Article 33

(Review of the doctoral dissertation)

The student shall submit a draft doctoral dissertation to the supervisor for review. Within thirty days of receipt, the supervisor shall provide written instructions for amendments or additions. For a dissertation written in a foreign language, the instructions must be in that language. The supervisor shall indicate whether the corrected dissertation must be resubmitted. If plagiarism is suspected, the supervisor shall submit the work to the library for preliminary checking in accordance with the applicable Technical Guidelines.

Before approving the work for defence, the supervisor shall ensure compliance with the Technical Guidelines. Before the supervisor finally confirms that the work is ready for assessment by the Expert Committee for Assessment and Defence of the Doctoral Dissertation, the supervisor and student must also ensure that the report produced by the Similarity Detection Programme (DPV) is satisfactory under the thresholds laid down in the Technical Guidelines. The student shall send the thesis to the Student Affairs Office for DPV checking; the Office shall forward it to the library. After checking, the library shall send the similarity report to the student, supervisor and Student Affairs Office. If the similarity percentage is satisfactory, the supervisor shall inform the Student Affairs Office that the dissertation is ready for submission to the Expert Committee and complete the 'Declaration of Suitability of the Final Thesis' (Annex 6), forwarding it to the Office.

The doctoral dissertation shall be deemed submitted when delivered by the student to the Student Affairs Office.

Article 34

(Doctoral dissertation assessment committee)

Upon submission of the dissertation, the Study Committee shall propose to the Faculty Senate that it appoint a doctoral dissertation assessment committee (hereinafter: Assessment Committee), whose composition shall, as a rule, be the same as the Expert Committee for assessment of the suitability of the doctoral dissertation proposal referred to in Article 28 of these Regulations. It shall comprise the supervisor, a chair and a member. The Senate shall appoint members from appropriately titled higher education teachers in the scientific field in which the student seeks to obtain the doctorate. As a rule, one member shall be an academically appointed higher education teacher or researcher from another institution (external reviewer).

Article 35

(Reports of Assessment Committee members)

Within two months of appointment (excluding summer holidays), the Assessment Committee members shall review the dissertation and send any comments to the student. Written instructions for dissertations in a foreign language shall be in that language. Within one month of receiving the comments, the student may correct, amend or supplement the dissertation. Within one month of receipt of the revised dissertation, each Assessment Committee member shall submit an individual written report to the Study Committee.

The doctoral dissertation assessment report must include:

- the heading 'Assessment of the Doctoral Dissertation' with the student's full name and dissertation title;
- an analysis of the dissertation structure and methods used;
- an assessment of the originality of the dissertation thesis, the validity of the argumentation and its scientific contribution;
- a final assessment stating whether the dissertation may be defended or, if not, whether it could be amended to become suitable for defence.

The Study Committee shall determine whether the reports are positive or negative. The report shall be considered negative if two of the three members submit negative reports. If one member submits a

negative report, the Study Committee shall propose to the Faculty Senate that an additional member be appointed to the Assessment Committee, who shall submit a report within one month.

If a second negative report is also received, the Study Committee shall propose to the Faculty Senate that it adopt a negative assessment and reject the dissertation, or decide to set a deadline of no longer than one year within which the student must appropriately amend, correct or supplement it.

The Assessment Committee members shall review the amended, corrected or supplemented dissertation again and prepare new reports, submitting them to the Study Committee, which shall refer them, with an appropriate proposal, to the Faculty Senate for renewed consideration.

If the student fails to amend, correct or supplement the dissertation appropriately within the prescribed period, the Study Committee shall propose to the Senate that it reject the dissertation. A rejected dissertation may not be resubmitted.

The Study Committee shall forward positive reports of the Assessment Committee members to the Faculty Senate for confirmation.

Article 36

(Proofreading and technical review of the doctoral dissertation)

The Student Affairs Office shall forward the dissertation approved by the Faculty Senate to the library for a technical review to establish whether it meets the Technical Guidelines. The library shall conduct the first review within ten working days. The library, student and supervisor shall cooperate directly to remedy technical deficiencies, and the student must resubmit the work for review within ten days of receiving corrections. No more than two months may elapse between initial submission for technical review and final library approval.

The library shall provide two free sample technical reviews, on the basis of which the student must comprehensively remedy all technical deficiencies. If the student fails to do so, the library shall refuse to confirm technical compliance. A third unsuccessful review and all subsequent reviews shall be charged in accordance with the applicable price list.

After the library approves the technical review, the student shall send the dissertation for proofreading within thirty days.

The proofreader shall ensure orthographic, grammatical and stylistic correctness. For a dissertation in Slovenian, the proofreader shall be a person with a university qualification in the Slovenian language, a teacher of Slovenian or a graduate in Slovenian studies. For a dissertation in a foreign language, the proofreader shall have a university qualification in that language. After proofreading, the student shall submit to the Student Affairs Office two electronic copies of the dissertation (PDF and Word), together with the completed and signed 'Proofreader's Declaration' (Annex 8).

11. Defence of the doctoral dissertation

Article 37

(Scientific article)

Before the defence, the student shall publish at least one original scientific article based on the doctoral research in a publication recognised for appointment to higher education teaching titles under the currently applicable New University habilitation criteria.

All publications relating to research carried out as part of doctoral studies must state the affiliation 'New University'. This means that the scientific publication must clearly identify New University as the author's institutional affiliation, either alone or together with another organisation. The affiliation must be stated in accordance with the selected journal's instructions and be evident in the published text. Otherwise the article shall not count as a qualifying publication.

Article 38

(Scheduling the doctoral dissertation defence)

If the dissertation has received a positive assessment, positive Assessment Committee reports have been confirmed by the Faculty Senate and the student has fulfilled the requirement referred to in Article 37 of these Regulations, the Faculty Senate shall appoint a chair and members of the doctoral dissertation defence committee (hereinafter: Defence Committee). As a rule, the Defence Committee shall comprise the members of the Assessment Committee.

The chair and members of the committee shall set the date of the defence in cooperation with the Student Affairs Office.

As a rule, the defence shall take place within thirty days of the student's submission of a technically satisfactory and proofread dissertation to the Student Affairs Office for forwarding to Defence Committee members, except during the summer holidays.

Article 39

(Announcement of the defence)

The doctoral dissertation defence shall be public. Its time and place, the author's name and the composition of the Defence Committee shall be published on the Faculty website five days before the defence.

Recording of the defence shall be permitted subject to the prior consent of the Faculty, student and members of the Defence Committee.

Minutes shall be taken of the doctoral dissertation defence, recording the questions put to the student.

Article 40

(Conduct of the defence)

The Defence Committee shall conduct the doctoral dissertation defence.

The chair shall open the defence by introducing the student (biographical and bibliographical details), the dissertation title and field, and the course of research to date. The student and chair shall stand during this introduction. The chair shall then give the floor to the student.

The student shall present the dissertation for 30 to 45 minutes and may use audiovisual aids.

After the presentation, the supervisor and other Defence Committee members shall present the main points of their assessments.

The Defence Committee members shall then put written questions to the student. With the chair's approval, other persons attending may also put written questions. The questions should be framed so that the student can answer them in no more than 45 minutes. Before answering, the student shall be entitled to a 30-minute break to prepare responses.

Article 41

(Decision on the success of the defence)

After the defence, the Defence Committee shall meet separately and decide whether the student has successfully defended the dissertation. It shall issue a written decision identifying the student and dissertation title, stating the decision and a brief explanation, the day and time of the defence, and the signatures of all Defence Committee members indicating their roles. All members shall sign the decision.

The chair shall read the decision to the student and those present at the defence, with everyone standing.

A final thesis supervisor who considers the dissertation to meet the requirements for an award or commendation shall submit a proposal with a brief explanation to the Study Committee. Before each degree-awarding ceremony, the Study Committee shall consider all proposals and select no more than three recipients of awards/commendations for above-average doctoral dissertations in each Faculty study programme.

Article 42

(Repeated doctoral dissertation defence)

Where the defence is unsuccessful, the Defence Committee shall adopt a decision recorded in the minutes, giving the student no more than three months to prepare for a repeated defence.

If the second defence is also unsuccessful, the Defence Committee shall issue a written decision identifying the student, dissertation title, reasons for the unsuccessful defence, date and time, and composition of the committee.

The student shall have the right to appeal against the decision referred to in the preceding paragraph to the Faculty Senate.

Article 43

(Certificate of doctoral graduation)

Following successful defence, and provided that all financial obligations to the Student Affairs Office and library have been settled, the Student Affairs Office shall record the result in the electronic student record and issue a certificate of completion of the doctoral study programme, replacing the original doctoral diploma until its ceremonial conferral.

The date of the successful doctoral dissertation defence shall be regarded as the date of acquisition of the professional title.

Article 44

(Copies of the doctoral dissertation)

Within fifteen days following the defence, the student shall submit five hardbound copies of the doctoral dissertation with an original handwritten signed Declaration of Authorship (Annex 7) and electronic copies (PDF and Word) to the Student Affairs Office. The Office shall give one copy to the supervisor and four copies, two bearing the official stamp, to the library. Pursuant to the Legal Deposit of Publications Act, the library shall forward two copies to the National and University Library. Identical electronic copies shall be delivered to the library for online publication.

Even if the student does not wish the full text of the dissertation to be made publicly accessible in the ReVIS repository, which must be appropriately justified, electronic copies in PDF and Word must be submitted. The dissertation shall be catalogued in COBISS and recorded and searchable in ReVIS, but its text shall not be publicly available. The library shall make one printed copy available for lending and retain one archive copy.

Article 45

(Doctoral graduate records)

The Student Affairs Office shall maintain a record for each doctoral graduate comprising all documentation relating to the course and completion of doctoral studies.

12. Conferral

Article 46

(Conferral)

The Dean shall confer the title of Doctor of Science. As a rule, the conferral ceremony shall be held once a year, be public and ceremonial, and the doctoral graduate shall receive the official document.

13. Withdrawal of a scientific title

Article 47

(Withdrawal of a scientific title)

Withdrawal of a scientific title shall be governed by the applicable Regulations on the Withdrawal of Professional or Scientific Titles at New University and its Member Institutions.

14. Withdrawal

Article 48

(Withdrawal from the Faculty)

A student who does not intend to complete studies may withdraw from the Faculty. An application for withdrawal shall be submitted electronically through VIS.

The Student Affairs Office shall check with the accounting department whether the student has settled all financial obligations.

Once all obligations to the Faculty are settled, the Student Affairs Office shall issue the student a written certificate of withdrawal.

15. Communication between students and Faculty bodies and working bodies

Article 49

(Communication through the higher education information system)

In procedures concerning consideration of and decisions on student applications, communication between students and the Faculty's bodies and working bodies shall take place through VIS.

Exceptionally, communication shall take place by sending documents in physical form by post. A student who cannot use VIS for objective reasons shall submit to the Student Affairs Office an application for written communication by post, stating the justified reasons for this procedure.

Article 50

(Submission of an application)

A student may submit an application electronically through VIS, identifying themselves using their username and password. Attachments may also be submitted in electronic (scanned) form by email.

If the student fails to submit an electronic application in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the Student Affairs Office shall inform the student by email of the proper submission procedure.

Article 51

(Issuing decisions in electronic form)

The Faculty's bodies and working bodies shall issue decisions on student submissions and other applications electronically. A decision shall be deemed electronically issued if signed by the authorised person using an electronic signature supported by a qualified certificate, or if issued in physical form and converted (scanned) into electronic form by the Faculty's Student Affairs Office.

Article 52

(Service)

Decisions of the Faculty's bodies and working bodies shall be served on students electronically through VIS or, exceptionally, in writing by post.

A document shall be deemed served on the third working day after the date it is recorded in VIS. The student shall be notified of service through VIS by text message and/or email. If exceptionally served by registered post, the document shall be deemed served in accordance with the General Administrative Procedure Act (hereinafter: ZUP).

If the student was unable to acquaint themselves with a document for justified reasons, the student may request restoration to the previous procedural position in accordance with ZUP.

16. Right to appeal

Article 53

(Appeal)

A student shall have the right to appeal against a decision made pursuant to these Regulations by a body or working body of the European Faculty of Law of New University that concerns the student.

The student shall file an appeal electronically through VIS within eight days of service of the decision.

The Dean shall decide on the appeal unless these Regulations provide otherwise. The Dean's decision shall be final.

A decision adopted by the Faculty Senate shall be final.

II. FINAL PROVISION

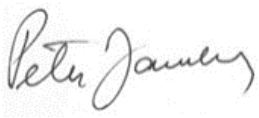
Article 54

(Entry into force of the Regulations)

The Regulations on Studies in Doctoral Study Programmes of the European Faculty of Law of New University of 27 May 2025 shall cease to be valid on the date on which these Regulations begin to apply.

These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their adoption by the Management Board of the European Faculty of Law of New University and shall apply from 1 October 2026.
These Regulations shall be published on the website of the European Faculty of Law of New University.

Nova Gorica, 29 September 2026



prof. dr. Peter Jambrek
Chair of the Management Board
European Faculty of Law of New University

ANNEXES

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Annex 1

PREPARATION OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Study programme: _____

Student registration number: _____

Candidate's surname and given name: _____

Title of the doctoral dissertation:

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Supervisor: _____

Date of approval of topic and supervisor: _____

Candidate's signature: _____

Supervisor's explanation of the student's progress in writing the doctoral dissertation:

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Assessment (circle): SUCCESSFUL UNSUCCESSFUL

Supervisor's signature: _____

Annex 2

PREPARATION OF DOCTORAL SEMINAR 1

Study programme: _____

Student registration number: _____

Candidate's surname and given name: _____

Title of the doctoral dissertation:

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Expert Committee for Assessment of Doctoral Seminar 1, comprising:

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Comments/recommendations of the Expert Committee following the student's presentation:

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Assessment (circle): SUCCESSFUL UNSUCCESSFUL

Signatures of Expert Committee members:

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Student's signature: _____

Annex 3

APPLICATION FOR A DOCTORAL DISSERTATION TOPIC

Student registration number: _____

Student (full name): _____

Address: _____

Telephone/mobile: _____ Email: _____

Study programme: _____

Enrolment in Year 1 - academic year _____/_____

Enrolment in Year 2 - academic year _____/_____

Enrolment in Year 3 - academic year _____/_____

I HEREBY APPLY TO REGISTER THE FOLLOWING DOCTORAL DISSERTATION TOPIC:

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I attach to this application for approval of the topic:

1. A brief explanation of the doctoral dissertation topic;

2. Any application for permission to write the text in English;

3. Identification of the proposed supervisor of the doctoral dissertation.

I confirm that, before registering the topic, I checked the Faculty website for lists of registered and approved topics and completed doctoral dissertations in order to avoid duplication.

Date: _____ Student's signature: _____

Annex 4

WITHDRAWAL FROM A DOCTORAL DISSERTATION TOPIC

Student registration number: _____

Student (full name): _____

Address: _____

Telephone/mobile: _____ Email: _____

Doctoral study programme: _____

Enrolment in Year 1 - academic year _____/_____

Enrolment in Year 2 - academic year _____/_____

Enrolment in Year 3 - academic year _____/_____

Title of the approved doctoral dissertation topic:

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Reasoned grounds for withdrawal:

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SUPERVISOR: _____ Signature: _____

CO-SUPERVISOR: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Student's signature: _____

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Date: _____ Dean's signature: _____

Annex 5

CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR OR CO-SUPERVISOR FOR A DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Student registration number: _____

Student (full name): _____

Address: _____

Telephone/mobile: _____ Email: _____

Postgraduate study programme: _____

Enrolment in Year 1 - academic year _____/_____

Enrolment in Year 2 - academic year _____/_____

Enrolment in Year 3 - academic year _____/_____

Title of the approved doctoral dissertation topic:

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Reasoned grounds for changing the supervisor or co-supervisor:

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Proposed new supervisor / co-supervisor: _____

SUPERVISOR: _____ Signature: _____

CO-SUPERVISOR: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Student's signature: _____

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Date: _____ Study Committee Chair's signature: _____

Annex 6

DECLARATION OF SUITABILITY OF THE FINAL THESIS

I, the undersigned supervisor, _____

(full name)

and co-supervisor, _____

(full name)

hereby declare that the student:

Full name: _____

Student registration number: _____

Study programme: _____

prepared a final thesis entitled:

_____

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in accordance with the approved final thesis topic, the Technical Guidelines for the Preparation of Final Theses of New University and my (our) instructions. I (we) find that the submitted doctoral dissertation meets the criteria set out in the Regulations on Studies in Doctoral Study Programmes of the European Faculty of Law of New University and propose the appointment of an Expert Committee to assess the doctoral dissertation.

Date and place: _____ Supervisor's signature: _____

Date and place: _____ Co-supervisor's signature (if any): ___

Annex 7

DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP

Student details:

Student registration number: _____

Student (full name): _____

Address: _____

Telephone/mobile: _____ Email: _____

Study programme: _____

Final thesis details:

Title of the approved final thesis topic:

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SUPERVISOR: _____

CO-SUPERVISOR: _____

By signing, I declare that:

- the submitted final thesis is exclusively the result of my own research work;
- the thesis was prepared in accordance with the Technical Guidelines for the Preparation of Final Theses of New University and the comments of the supervisor and committee members;
- I have ensured that works and opinions of other authors used in the submitted thesis are acknowledged or cited in accordance with Faculty guidelines;
- I am aware that plagiarism - presenting others' work, whether in the form of a quotation, verbatim paraphrase or graphic material, in such a way that others' thoughts or ideas are presented as my own - is punishable under the Copyright and Related Rights Act (ZASP), Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 16/07 - official consolidated text, as amended;
- the electronic version of the submitted thesis has been technically approved and is suitable, and I consent to the University Library of New University publishing the final thesis on its websites under terms permitting unlimited reproduction, distribution, making available to the public and adaptation for translation for non-commercial purposes, provided the authorship of the original work is duly acknowledged. If only part of the thesis is subsequently reproduced or disseminated, this must be clearly indicated. Authorisation for further transfer of rights granted under this indent shall also apply to transfers to openly accessible digital libraries and repositories;
- I have settled my obligations to the library.

Date: _____ Student's signature: _____

Annex 8

PROOFREADER'S DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, _____

(full name and professional title of the proofreader)

Date of birth: _____

hereby declare that the final thesis entitled:

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by: _____

(full name of the author of the final thesis)

is correct in terms of grammar, language and professional terminology.

Place and date: _____

_____

(Proofreader's signature)

*Note: The proofreader's declaration does not form part of the final thesis. The completed and signed declaration must be submitted to the Student Affairs Office.