DEPARTMENT OF MULTIMEDIA AND GRAPHIC ARTS PH.D. STUDY PROGRAM

CLARIFICATION This guide concerns internal Rules and procedures for the doctoral program of the Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts as anticipated by paragraph 5.1 of the applicable Studies and Student Affairs Regulations of the Cyprus University of Technology. Accordingly, this guide does not replace the central Studiesand Student Affairs Regulations of the Cyprus University of Technology. The in-dividual Rules/instructions hereof are in effect only to the extent that they do not contradict the applicable Studies and Student Affairs Regulations of the Cyprus University of Technology. In case of conflicts or inconsistencies between between the present guide and the Studies and Student Affairs Regulations of the Cyprus University of Technology or any future revision thereof, the latter always have priority.

AIM	1
ADMISSION CRITERIA	1
POSTGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE	2
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	2
APPOINTMENT OF THE SUPERVISOR AND THE SUPERVISION	
COMMITTEE	2
PROGRAM STRUCTURE	3
QUALITY ASSURANCE PRINCIPLES FOR THE PH.D DISSERTATIONS	8
SUSPENDING AND DISCONTINUING STUDIES	8
AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF THE STUDIES OF A PHD STUDENT	9
APPENDIX	9
Note	11

AIM

The Ph.D. Program of the Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts aims at the education and the scientific preparation of high-level researchers. Graduates of the Program will be able to pursue positions in universities and research institutions in Cyprus and abroad, as well as in major private sector companies. The creation of a dynamic research community in Cyprus University of Technology aims at elevating the level of research in Cyprus and at enriching the public dialogue on issues in the field of Multimedia and Graphic Arts as well as related fields with scientific arguments and analysis.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Minimum requirements for admission to the Ph.D. Program are:

- 1. Postgraduate Degree in Multimedia or Graphic Arts or a related field (e.g., Computer Science, Sociology, Visual Arts, Art History, Media Studies, Music, Performance Studies, Cinema). Students who have completed postgraduate studies may be exempted from all, or part of the taught part.
- 2. Very good knowledge of the English language. For non-native speakers, this knowledge should be certified by international examinations such as GCE, TOEFL, IELTS, or diploma, or postgraduate degree from a recognized English-speaking uni versity, or research institute.

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

The graduate programs of each Department are supervised by a Three-member (at least) Postgraduate Studies Committee (PSC), which is appointed for two years. The committee is appointed by the Department's Council, which takes care of the rotation of the members of the Committee. Members of the Three-member committee may be members of the academic staff of the Department who serve at the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or Lecturer.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The Department accepts students for the Ph.D. program each year on the announced dates and according to the procedures that are provided within the relevant university rules. Prospective students submit an application which includes:

- Curriculum vitae
- Transcript of undergraduate and postgraduate records by the time the application is submitted.
- Description of the objectives and expectations of the Ph.D. candidate, specifying the motives and objectives of the candidate, plans for possible area of emphasis and expectations from Ph.D. studies.
- At least two recommendation letters of which at least one is from an academic professional who is familiar with the candidate's previous academic activity and are able to evaluate their future potential.
- Portfolio (in case the candidate holds a degree in the field of graphic arts, music, visual arts, or other primarily practice-based discipline).
- Other supporting evidence that indicates the candidate's academic achievements.

Each academic who has suggested a doctoral topic examines the respective applications for the topic, individually and in collaboration with other academics, with a view to selecting the suitable candidate(s) for postgraduate studies at a PhD level.

The evaluation of the applications is based on criteria such as the applicants' performance in undergraduate and postgraduate studies, current and projected research potential, activities and the relevance of their research interests with those of the Department's faculty members. The academic has the right to invite candidates for inter- view, without being required to do so for all candidates. PSC supervises the evaluation process and its documentation.

The documentation of decisions is submitted to the Department as a suggestion. The Department's Council has the final responsibility for the acceptance of PhD Students in the program and the appointment of supervisors. It reserves the right not to fill allvacant positions.

APPOINTMENT OF THE SUPERVISOR AND THE SUPERVISION COMMITTEE

For students who already hold a recognized Master's degree, during the evaluation procedure of the applications for admission to the Ph.D. program, the Department's Council appoints the Supervisor for each admitted student to the program. It is understood that the PSC has a prior arrangement with the specific Supervisor. The Supervisor monitors the student's research or other work and provides the necessary guidance. The Supervisor is registered in the student register kept by the Service for Academic Affairs and Student Welfare. The appointment of two Supervisors to a doctoral student from the same Department is permitted, provided that one of them is appointed as the lead supervisor. The student together with the Supervisor select an appropriate dissertation topic and agree on the rest of the study plan. By the end of the first semester of the Ph.D. program, the Department's Council also appoints the Three- member Supervision Committee for each doctoral student, upon request by the Super-visor, who chairs this Committee. The composition must be ratified by the Department's Council.

Three Member Supervision Committee

As defined by the University regulation, the Supervision Committee is composed by three members:

- Student Supervisor (Chair of the committee). Provided that, in the case of two supervisors, this provision concerns the principal supervisor. It is further understood that the co-supervisor may also participate as a member of the Three-member Supervision Committee.
- Two members from the academic staff of the Department or from another Department of the University in a related field or from another University or Research Center. It is understood that members from another University or Research Center are invited if, at the discretion of the Department, there are nomembers of the Department's academic staff or other Department of the University with expertise in the domain.

Four Member Supervision Committee

Taking into account the need to upgrade and strengthen the research part of doctoral programs and studies, where there is a real need, supervisors in doctoral theses may be non-permanently elected members of the academic staff, as long as the following applies:

The supervisors are renowned researchers, with international publications in the research field of the thesis and are permanent members at other universities or research centers. The supervisors are bound by a special agreement for the supervision and cooperation with the other members of the Committee for all the years of the duration of the thesis supervision and are approved by the Department. The Department appoints a co-supervisor who is a permanent faculty member of the University in which the student is enrolled, in which case the Committee has four members and includes:

- Main co-supervisors: (a) Researcher from another university or research center and (b) Faculty Member of the Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts. One of them chairs the supervisory committee.
- Two members from the academic staff of the Department or from another Department of the University in a related field of study or from another University or Research Center. It is understood that members from another University or Research Center are invited if there are no members from the academic staff of the Department or from another Department of the University related to the thesis topic.

Replacement of the Supervisor

The responsible Supervisor may be replaced by a PSC decision, at the documentedwritten request of the Ph.D. student or the Supervisor.

Dissertation supervision by supervisors who have left Cyprus University of Technology

In case that the Supervisor of a Ph.D student left CUT, he/she can may maintain (if desired) their position as a member of the Three-member Dissertation Committee, in agreement with the Department.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The study program at the Cyprus University of Technology is based on the European System for Transfer and Accumulation of Credits (ECTS). ECTS is a system that focuses on the student and is based on the workload required to achieve the objectivesof a program by acquiring European Credit Units (ECTS) for each course.

Overall, the workload leading to a Ph.D. degree in Multimedia and Graphic Arts requires the completion of at least 240 ECTS, a combination of postgraduate coursesand research work. This applies in the case that the Ph.D. studies begin directly after the undergraduate degree. For those who already possess a postgraduate degree, the Ph.D. Program consists of atleast 180 ECTS. The maximum time of study is in detail defined within the relevant University Rules. Since January 2022 the Department accepts applications only by MA/MSc holders. The main stages of the Ph.D. Program are the following:

1. Teaching Part of the Program
Compulsory Course Attendance - Research Methods Course (1 x 7.5 ECTS)

Attendance of Other Courses (7 x 7.5 ECTS) - Students who hold an MA/MSc can be excluded from the teaching part, apart from the Research Methods Course Total 60 ECTS

2. Conducting Research (4-10 Semesters)

Comprehensive Examination 10 ECTS

Research Stage I 20 ECTS.

Research Stage II 70 ECTS

Total 100 ECTS

3. Dissertation Writing (2 Semesters) and submission 80 ECTS

Total 80 ECTS

A. Attendance of Courses

For students who begin Ph.D. studies directly after their undergraduate degree the taught part of the Ph.D. Program is developed as proposed by the Supervisor for each student during the first study year. The taught part includes eight (8) courses and successful completion of at least 60 ECTS of postgraduate courses. Having a Master's Degree or an equivalent degree grants part or all, at the discretion of the Department, the student from this requirement. The required courses of the Doctoral Programs could include up to two undergraduate courses from any Department.

All PhD students must attend at least one compulsory course on Research Methodology (MA level). In order for the student to complete his / her comprehensive examination, he/she should be able to pass this course. In case the student fails two consecutive times in the relevant examination of the course, the Department will examine the possibility of terminating their studies. Students who have provided sufficient evidence that they have the relevant knowledge may be exempted from the obligation to attend this course with the approval of the department and the consent of the Three- member Supervision Committee.

Additionally, the Ph.D. student must attend any compulsory seminars organized by the Department.

B. Comprehensive Examination (10 ECTS)

The main condition for the Ph.D. dissertation's continuation is the student's success in a Comprehensive Examination. The purpose of the Comprehensive Examination is to assess the candidate's basic knowledge and skills in the study field, as well as more specialized knowledge relevant to the research topic. For this reason, the student must complete the literature review chapter (preferably on the subject of their dissertation). The student must submit their written text to their Dissertation Committee no later than one week before the set examination date.

Indicative outline:

- Title / Name of the student / Name of the Supervisor
 Summary (up to 150 words)
- 3. 5 keywords
- 4. Literature review that should be answering the following questions:
 - What is the subject of the dissertation?
 - II. Which are the most important theories and/or methodologies that appear inrelevant literature?
 - III. How does the proposed research relate to the existing literature as reflected in the review conducted? Which 2-3 theories / other relevant research could better aid in the development of the proposed research?
 - IV. What are the major gaps that have been found in relevant research and howdoes the proposed study aim in adding to the existing knowledge?
- 5. Brief reference to the purpose of the proposed dissertation, the initial researchquestions or/ and the motivations for conducting this research and the proposed methodology.
- 6. Indicative bibliography (minimum of references: 20)
- 7. Indicative timetable for the completion of the dissertation

At the Department, the comprehensive exam is oral. The oral presentation should not exceed 30 minutes, and afterwards 60 minutes are given for questions and discussion.

Each student is required to successfully pass the comprehensive examination, not be- for the third and not after the sixth semester of their studies. The student should be given the opportunity to take the comprehensive examination at least once every academic year. Each candidate has the right to take the comprehensive examination twice in total. In the case of a second failure or failure to carry out a comprehensive examination at the specified time, the PhD student is deleted from the program.

The examination committee for the comprehensive examination should be the Three-member Supervision Committee. A record of its decision must be kept and submitted to the Department's Council and registered in the student register kept by the Service for Academic Affairs and Student Welfare.

C. The first stage of research and research proposal submission (20 ECTS)

As far as four academic semesters after the student succeeds in the Comprehensive Examination and at least one year before the final defense of the Dissertation, the Dissertation proposal is presented and reviewed, as required by the relevant academic rule. Each Ph.D. student must prepare a written proposal for the proposed Ph.D. topic. The student must also make an oral presentation on the proposed research work, demonstrating understanding of the dissertation topic, the relevant literature and the techniques which will be used. The student should refer to the originality and academic contribution of their proposal. The goal of this procedure is to determine whether the candidate has successfully proceeded in the research of the topic and to assess the quality, quantity, and originality of the research work. The Three-member Committee that evaluates the student's proposal should be the same as the Three-member Supervision Committee and should submit a structured evaluation of the proposal, referring to both any agreements and disagreements insofar as the student's positions are concerned. Each student has two opportunities to present their proposal. The research proposal is not eligible for an incomplete grade. The report is forwarded to the Department and the Service for Academic Affairs and Student Welfare to update the student's register. The written proposal should be submitted to the Committee at least one week before the oral presentation. The oral presentation, which should not exceed thirty (30) minutes, is followed up by a sixty (60) minute discussion. If the Threemember Supervision Committee and the representative of the PSC are in doubt either regarding the proposal in its essence or their understanding of the topic, then the student will be given one month to prepare a second presentation focusing on the areas of doubt. Thispresentation will last fifteen (15) minutes, with additional 30-45 minutes for discussion. The student may continue the research only if the proposal is accepted. The decisions are taken by an absolute majority of the Dissertation Committee. The Three-member Supervision Committee evaluates the student's proposal and submits a structured assessment, referring both to the points of agreement, as well as disagreement in relation to the student's proposal.

Indicative outline:

Indicative Proposal Outline Adapted from: Mauch, J. E., and Birch, J. W. (1998). Guide to the successful thesis and dissertation (4th ed.). New York: Marcel Dekker.

- 1. Introduction
- 2. The problem

 - I. Rational, significance, or need for the studyII. Theoretical Framework for the proposed study
 - III. Statement of the problem
 - IV. Hypotheses, Theories, and Research Questions
 - V. Delimitations and limitations of the study
- 3. Review of the literature
 - I. The theory and empirical research literature specific to the topic
 - II. Research in similar areas relevant to the topic
 - III. Critic of the validity of appropriate theory and research literature
 - IV. Summary of what is known and unknown about the topic
 - V. The contribution this study will make to the literature
- 4. Research Procedures
 - I. Research Methodology

- II. Specific Procedures
- III. Research Population or Sample
- IV. Instrumentation
- V. Data collection
- VI. Treatment of the data / Analysis plan
- VII. Summary
- 5. References and Bibliography

Important Note - Ethical Research

All doctoral students doing research with participants are required to respond to any procedures necessary for ethical research, in coordination with their supervisor.

D. Second research phase: Implementation of Ph.D. research (70 ECTS)

The student conducts their research under the guidance of their Supervisor. Method may be primarily technical, theoretical, design-led, practice-based, and/or mixed, with respect to the particular research focus. A Ph.D. dissertation is required in all casesand must deal with current and valid scientific, artistic, design, or technical issues primarily through basic and/or applied research that will lead to the creation of new knowledge, or to the development of the respective artistic or creative field/corpus, that is not available to the academic community. Aspects of product development and/or services resulting from the research implementation may also be included as minor components of the dissertation. The aspects of the basic/applied research should be innovative, original and of high academic standards, making it acceptable for publication in internationally recognized academic publications.

The intellectual value of the dissertation is based on the research findings of the Ph.D.candidate, which are separated clearly from the work of others, demonstrate the candidate's personal contribution and knowledge, and recognize the contribution of others within or outside the University. Additionally, the wider impact and contribution of the research in relation to new scientific, artistic, and/or design subareas, and to the production of new applications and innovations, should be noted in the dissertation. In the case of practice-based research, the Ph.D. candidate should demonstrate their ability to develop creative and original responses to theoretical or practice-based problems and issues. Attention should be given to the dissemination of the results through publications and presentations in international conferences or scientific journals, and/or international artistic festivals.

The dissertation research can be carried out partly at the student's workplace, after agreement with the employer and the Supervisor, as long as the research program is a result of the Department's and the employer's collaboration.

E. Writing up and submission of dissertation (80 ECTS)

The submission of the dissertation and then the public presentation of the student's dissertation can be completed at the earliest during the 6th academic semester from the student's enrolment in the Doctoral Program.

The thesis is publicly supported by a three-member Examination Committee. This committee is appointed by the Department's Council upon the recommendation of the Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Department and the Supervisor and consists of:

- A member who is the student's Supervisor.
- A member of the academic staff of the University in a related subject at a rank of Professor or Associate Professor. In case there is no academic staff in a related field, s/he can be an Associate Professor or a Professor with a relevant expertise from another University or university-grade Research Center.
- A member from another University or university-grade Research Center in a related field of study at any academic level.

The Supervisor is responsible for the coordination of the examination, as well as the related requirements prior and after the examination. The second and third members of the Examination Committee should not be members of the three-member Supervision Committee.

The Ph.D. Dissertation defense process consists of three stages:

- Presentation of the Dissertation in an open lecture (not longer than one hour).
- Discussion of the dissertation with the Examination Committee members.
- Meeting of the Committee and formulation of final recommendations.

The standards for the content and the written presentation of the Dissertation text are set out in the Appendix. At least one month before the Dissertation defense, the candidate must provide a copy of the Dissertation to each member of the Dissertation Committee.

The external members of the Doctoral Dissertation Examination Committee must have specializations that are relevant to the subject of the dissertation and meet the restrictions set out in the Regulations. In addition, any conflict of interest between the student and their external evaluators should be avoided. To this end, a declaration of conflict of interest must be made by each member of the Examination Committee (except the Supervisor).

After the completion of the defense, the Examination Committee (excluding the student's Supervisor) submits a preliminary written recommendation to the Chair of the Department including possible suggestions for the Ph.D. candidate. These reports are attached as Annexes in the Commission's final report. The submission of a preliminary report by the student's Supervisor is optional. The Chair promotes the Committee's suggestion to the Senate for approval. All decisions are taken by absolute majority of the Three-member Examination Committee.

In the report provided by the Examination Committee to the Senate (the Examination Committee does not award the PhD title, but rather suggests to the Senate whether the title should be awarded or not) the suggestion must be convincingly substantiated. If the suggestion is positive, the report should analyze the significance and originality of the research conducted and therefore record its scientific contribution to its field.

The report provided by the Examination Committee should also refer to the dissertation's parts and data which are publicly available (articles, monographs, etc.). If some of these publications have already been published, then the list of publications should be attached with the relevant texts.

The report of the Examination Committee, the supporting documents and a copy of the dissertation should be submitted to the Senate Secretariat, and therefore made available to the members of the Senate for consideration. The copy of the dissertation is submitted to the Senate Chamber during the discussion of the Committee's report. All of the aforementioned documents are submitted with the responsibility of the Department's Chair and relevant School.

If the Examination Committee suggests changes or improvements, the final approval of the Senate for the title award of the degree is given when the responsible Supervisor supplies a written assurance that all the recommendations for changes or improvements, have been implemented. The candidate may be given an extension which cannot exceed one year.

In the case of rejection, the Examination Committee allows the doctoral candidate to resubmit their doctoral thesis one more time, as recommended by the Committee. In this case, the entire defense process is repeated. The conditions for re-submission are determined in writing by the Examination Committee. It is provided that the re-submission of the dissertation should take place within 8 (eight) academic years (sixteen semesters), which is the maximum duration of a PhD student's study.

Minimum time for obtaining a PhD are six (6) semesters. The total time for obtaining a PhD degree cannot exceed sixteen (16) semesters from the day of admission to a postgraduate program.

Upon successful completion of the examination the candidate must submit two original of the dissertation, one for the university library and one for the Department, as well as an electronic version of the Dissertation for the Department's files, for documentation and distribution.

Each Ph.D. student maintains their student status by registering each academic semester in the student register maintained by the Service for Academic Affairs and Student Welfare, according to the Ph.D. stage that they are currently in.

QUALITY ASSURANCE PRINCIPLES FOR THE PH.D DISSERTATIONS

The Department applies the quality assurance principles of Ph.D. Dissertations, as indicated in the relevant University Rules for Postgraduate Studies.

Annual Progress Report

The Ph.D. student is required to submit the Annual Progress Report for Ph.D., once every year and after completing one year in the program. This report is approved by their Three-member Supervision Committee and is submitted to the Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Department. The annual report is forwarded to the Service for Academic Affairs and Student Welfare for the update of the student's register. It is crucial for the student's PhD that the Three-member Dissertation Committee stays informed of their progress. In this manner, it will be possible to note whether the student presents significant progress and the necessary feedback will be given to the student. In the event that a student fails to deliver a progress report unjustifiably, or the progress report is not approved two consecutive times by the Three-member Supervision Committee, then the Department's Council examines the possibility of terminating the student's studies.

Colloquium Day

The Department hosts a colloquium day wherein its PhD candidates present their research work. The presentation day is hosted in an annual basis; all students having successfully completed their comprehensive exam may participate. Every Ph.D. candidate should participate at least once during their studies. The aim is to cultivate a research culture, to fuel the collaboration between the research community of the Cyprus University of Technology, and to provide Ph.D. candidates with feedback. It is noted that the Colloquium Day is also considered a Seminar and, as such, students are granted with 0.75 ECTS for every participation and presentation therein.

Teaching Assistants

Every PhD student should work as a teaching assistant for one semester during the PhD studies. The payment is at the discretion or/and the capabilities of the Department.

Maximum number of doctoral students per faculty

The maximum number of doctoral students per faculty member will initially be set at four (4) for quality assurance purposes. A faculty member is allowed to take more doctoral students if there are reasons (e.g. external funding) with appropriate justification and department approval.

SUSPENDING AND DISCONTINUING STUDIES

Suspension of studies

Each doctoral student can submit a well-documented application, accompanied by all the supporting documents (including the study suspension form), for a suspension of up to two semesters as a maximum period. The application is submitted to the Department's Council - after consultation with the student's Supervisor - where it is being reviewed, and forwarded for approval by the Council of the Faculty, which decides on it. The duration of the student's suspension (one or two semesters) is not counted, but it is counted towards the total duration of the student's study.

Temporary suspension of studies

The Senate may approve the request of any student to temporarily suspend their studies when serious health reasons prevent the student or the tutor from taking part in the procedures of the university. The semester during which the student has interrupted their studies is not counted as the student's time of attendance.

AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF THE STUDIES OF A PHD STUDENT

The studies of a Ph.D. student, who has not fully satisfied the program's requirements, are terminated automatically without the award of a Ph.D degree if:

- The student has completed a total of sixteen semesters (16) of study, provided that these semesters did not include semesters during which the student's attendance has been suspended or interrupted.
- The student did not pass the comprehensive examination, which is required by the program, within five semesters of study, provided that these semesters did not concern ones during which the student's attendance has been suspended or has been discontinued/interrupted.
- The student failed for a second time to successfully defend the Dissertation.
- The student has not been present at CUT for a semester, and any attempts by the CUT to communicate with the student were not successful.

There is a possibility of awarding a Master's Degree to Ph.D. students, who for special reasons interrupted their studies during their Ph.D. studies, provided that they meet all the requirements of the Department for the Master's Degree award. Further-more, Ph.D students who interrupted their studies, may be eligible for being awarded a certificate issued by the CUT stating the length of their Ph.D studies, the ECTS units they have acquired, the courses they passed, their successful comprehensive examination (if applicable) and any other formal obligations that the students have fulfilled until the day of the discontinuation of the Ph.D studies.

APPENDIX

Ph.D Dissertation Writing Guidelines

See: https://libquides.cut.ac.cy/etds/structure

The final copies (at least 2: one for the Department and one for the library of the University) should have a hard cover and the University's logo on the top. The dissertation should be submitted in electronic form at the Department's Secretary.

The text should be written using the text font "Times New Roman" (or an equivalent font) with font size 12 and space 1.5-2.0 lines. The page margins should be: top, bottom and right 2 cm and left 3.5 cm. Images and tables will be placed in the centre and should bear a caption below the image or table. The font size of the caption text should be 11 and its space 1.5 lines (italics, or any other type of font, or 1-line space could be used to differentiate the caption text from the rest). The structure of the text should include the following:

- Cover
- Internal page identical with the cover, indicating the names of the Three-member Examination Committee
- Foreword / Declaration (signed) regarding the intellectual property of the dissertation's content and of any experiments conducted
- · Acknowledgments (optional)
- Summary (abstract) of 500 words in Greek and in an international language, space 1.5 lines
- Contents
- · List of Illustrations (optional)
- List of Tables (optional)
- · Table of abbreviations and symbols

- Main part (the structure of the Dissertation's main part depends on the research topic)
- References should be indicated in accordance to a recognized academic/university system (APA, Harvard, etc.).
- Contents of the Appendix
- Appendix (if necessary). If it is extensive, it could be attached in electronic form (CD). The
 Appendix may include the following: e.g. (Primary) data presented through figures and tables,
 and which were not included in the results and discussion sections earlier. In such an Appendix
 the student may for example discuss, assess the errors, describe the algorithms of the data that
 were produced, etc.

A Ph.D dissertation must meet the following basic requirements:

- 1. It should include extensive bibliography and make a comprehensive and in-depth reference to international research on the subject of the dissertation, thus correlating the results of the doctoral dissertation with what has been achieved so far in the scientific field of interest.
- It should make explicit reference to the scientific contribution of the dissertation mainly in terms of expanding the specific field of knowledge, or development of the field/corpus, based on the research conducted. Therefore, the dissertation should make explicit reference to its originality.
- It must present an important contribution to knowledge and should not be limited to a simple application or solving a problem of local scope and importance. In other words, a doctoral dissertation should have a theoretical background and its effects should have a resonance within the broader scientific field.
- 4. The scientific contribution and originality of the dissertation should be summarized clearly in the dissertation's summary and analyzed more extensively in the main part of the dissertation.
- 5. Where the PhD involves creative work or other form of practice-based research, the work must be accompanied by a written thesis placing the material in its theoretical context. The written thesis should make explicit reference to how and why the conducted research contributes creative and original responses to theoretical or practice-based problems and issues.

Instructions for preparing the dossier for the Award of the Doctoral Degree to the PhD Candidate

The file of the PhD Candidate xxxxxxxx includes the following (in 1 PDF file with all the points):

- 1. Excerpts [cover, approval form, abstract, table of contents, list of publications] from the doctoral dissertation of the candidate.
- 2. Preliminary Reports of the two external members of the Examination Committee [submitted before the support of the dissertation].
- 3. A note from the supervising professor confirming the fulfillment of the requested changes in the candidate's dissertation, after the support of the dissertation.
- 4. Signed Evaluation Report [including the requested changes] of the Examination Committee, after the support of the dissertation.
- 5. Excerpts from the minutes of the POLYGRAT department in relation to the appointment of the Examination Committee.
 - I. Signed report of the Advisory Committee in relation to success of the PhD candidate in the examination for the Research Proposal as well as
 - II. an excerpt from the relevant minutes of the Department.
 - I. Signed report of the Advisory Committee in relation to success of the doctoral candidate in the examination for the Comprehensive Examination as well as
 - II. an excerpt from the relevant minutes of the Department.
- 8. Invitation to the public presentation of the support of the doctoral dissertation by the doctoral candidate
- 9. The curriculum vitae of the doctoral candidate
- 10. List of publications of the doctoral candidate

6.

7.

The file of the doctoral dissertation is submitted separately in final form (which includes the corrections / improvements as they arose from the requested changes) to be made available during the session of the Senate.

All the above are submitted to the Senate under the responsibility of the President of the Department to the relevant.

Note

The revised central Regulations of Studies and Student Affairs are posted on the https://www.cut.ac.cy/digitalAssets/79/79220_100III_Rules_Postgraduate.pdf (see Postgraduate Program Rules). The above text gives details of the PhD degree in the Department, without, however, cancelling the central Regulations. The above text has been approved at the 149th Meeting of the Department Council, January 2024.