

The training component of the PhD programme at the Faculty of Psychology, UiB.

With reference to the PhD programme at the Faculty of Psychology, UIB, adopted by the Board of the University of Bergen on April 11th 2019. Revised by the board of the Faculty of Psychology May 8th 2019.

The training component comprises a total of 30 credits (ECTS) and includes mandatory and elective courses/activities. The mandatory part totals 15 credits and the elective part totals 15 credits. The mandatory part consists of: The PhD obligatory course in the design and conduct of research; dissemination and a midway evaluation. The elective part consists of: Methods and subject specific courses.

Mandatory part

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| a. PhD obligatory course in the design and conduct of research | 8 ECTS |
| b. Dissemination | 6 ECTS |
| c. Midway evaluation | 1 ECTS |
- a. PhD obligatory course in the design and conduct of research. Includes topics relating to the philosophy of science, research ethics and scientific methods. Equivalent courses at other academic institutions can be approved by specific application.
- b. Dissemination activities equivalent to 6 ECTS (PS902 2 credits + 4 credits other dissemination activities) are simultaneously approved by application. All activities must be documented. View the table below for an overview of which activities can be approved and how they must be documented.
- c. Midway evaluation is mandatory for candidates in the PhD programme. An approved midway evaluation awards 1 ECT in the training component and may not be included as a dissemination activity.

Elective part

In addition to mandatory courses and activities, the candidate must complete research courses/activities worth a fixed number of ECTS, as listed below. The courses may be organized by the Faculty of Psychology or other faculties at UiB, or another university/research community in Norway or abroad. Research courses that are offered by the faculty's graduate schools or other discipline specific courses should preferably be included in the elective part. The elective part totals 15 ECTS.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| a. Methods | 6 – 10 ECTS |
| b. Subject specific courses | 5 – 9 ECTS |

An overview over which type of courses and activities that can be included is provided below.

Other activities which can be included in the elective part:

Courses without standardized credits

Participation in research courses that do not have standardized credits, for example courses taken abroad, may be approved by application to the Research and Researcher Training Committee. The approval is conditional on sufficient documentation regarding the content, level and scope of the

course. Course credits are calculated according to ECT norms (a 25–30-hour workload will count for 1 ECT).

Laboratory animals

Training in the use of laboratory animals is mandatory for candidates with research projects involving laboratory animals. Equivalent courses from other institutions may be approved by application. A maximum of 6 ECTS can be approved for this type of course under the category “Methods”.

Individual curriculum

If no courses are available within the relevant field of research, it is possible for the candidate to apply for the approval of an individual curriculum. A total of approximately 1000 pages awards 3 ECTS. The description of the curriculum must provide information about the content, level and scope of the curriculum. The examination is carried out by the supervisor and an examiner appointed by the Research and Researcher Training Committee.

Master’s degree courses

Master’s degree courses may, in special cases, be approved as part of the training component. However, this must be assessed on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with the supervisor. A maximum of 3 ECTS can be achieved with master’s level courses.

Research stay at another institution

If the candidate stays at another institution to learn techniques, conduct tests or for other academic activities, the research stay can be approved under the elective part of the training component. A minimum two week stay is required to be able to achieve credits. Following the stay a report must be submitted (signed by candidate and supervisor), as well as confirmation from the host institution regarding the duration and purpose of the stay.

Specialist education courses

Approved specialist education courses or equivalent are awarded 5 credits under subject specific courses (elective part).

Category	Activity	ECT	Description
Mandatory part	PhD obligatory course [PS901]	8	Philosophy of science, research methods and ethics.
Mandatory part	<p>Dissemination Must be simultaneously approved by application (PS902 2 credits + 4 credits other dissemination activities)</p> <p>PhD seminar [PS902]: participation and presentation</p>	6	Each element must be documented. Conference presentations and lectures must be documented with the presentation itself or by confirmation by the conference organizer. Written dissemination must be documented with the written body of work as well as the guidelines for the publication channel.
	Participation and presentation (lecture or poster) at a national or regional conference with participants from more than one institution.	2	Mandatory for all candidates. The faculty recommends participation as early as possible in the PhD period.
	Participation and presentation (lecture or poster) at an international conference with participants from more than one country.	0-3	1 ECT per original presentation.
	Original academic or popular scientific lecture	0-4	2 ECTS per original presentation.
	Popular scientific written article / chronicle within field of research (min. 1000 words)	0-3	1 ECT per lecture (single or double lecture awards the same credit), duration 30-90 minutes.
	Original academic or popular scientific lecture	0-2	1 ECT per article/chronicle. The article/chronical must be editorially reviewed.
Mandatory part	Midway evaluation (within 2/3 of the PhD period)	1	Obligatory for candidates admitted to the PhD programme after January 1st 2015.

Category	Activity	ECT	Description
Elective part	Method courses (PhD level) at a university or college university	6-10	Research courses with standardized credits (ECTS) will award the equal amount of credits in the elective part.
Elective part	Subject specific courses PhD courses within a relevant field of research at a university or university college. A maximum of 1 ECT can be obtained through participation at PhD seminars arranged by local/national graduate schools.	5-9	Research courses with standardized credits (ECTS) will award the equal amount of credits in the elective part. Participation and presentation at PhD seminars arranged by a graduate school can be awarded 0,5 ECT pr. hour. Participation in a seminar series without a presentation can award 0,5 ECT. Specific requirements for the seminars are set by each individual graduate school.
Elective part: Other activities which can be included in the elective part	Courses without standardised credits		Participation in research courses that do not have standardized credits, for example courses taken abroad, may be approved by application to the Research and Researcher Training Committee. The approval is conditional on sufficient documentation regarding the content, level and scope of the course. Course credits are calculated according to ECT-norms (a 25-30 hour workload will count for 1 ECT).
	Laboratory animals	6	Training in the use of laboratory animals is mandatory for candidates with research projects involving laboratory animals. Equivalent courses from other institutions may be approved by application. A maximum of 6 ECTS can be approved for this type of course under the category "Methods".
	Individual curriculum	3	If no courses are available within the relevant field of research it is possible for the candidate to apply for the approval of an individual curriculum. A total of approximately 1000 pages awards 3 ECTS. The description of the curriculum must provide information about the content, level and scope of the curriculum. The examination is

Category	Activity	ECT	Description
	Master's degree courses	3	<p>carried out by the supervisor and an examiner appointed by the Research and Researcher Training Committee.</p> <p>Master's degree courses may, in special cases, be approved as part of the training component. However, this must be assessed on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with the supervisor. A maximum of 3 ECTS can be achieved with master's level courses.</p>
	Research stay at another institution	1,5 stp./ uke	A minimum 2 week research stay abroad/at another national institution is required to be able to achieve credits. Following the stay a report must be submitted (signed by candidate and supervisor), as well as confirmation from the host institution regarding the duration and purpose of the stay. Maximum 6 ECTS can be achieved for a research stay.
	Specialist education courses	5	Approved specialist education courses awards 5 ECTS.