

DCSC 17. (1) *Students (with the exception of those applying for a programme based on individual preparation) may apply to take the complex examination by 15 April or 15 November of each year. The application shall be rejected if the student fails to demonstrate (especially by way of publications accepted and pending, confirmed conference papers, or in some other credible way) that he or she is likely to earn at least 120 credit points by the end of the fourth semester. The Doctoral Council of Social Sciences shall decide on the subjects of the complex examination and the composition of the complex examination committee by the end of the course period.*

(2) *It shall be a condition of the starting of the complex examination that the student earn at least 120 credit points during the first four semesters of the programme (also including the credit points earned in the last semester), and that he or she obtain all “course credits”. If the student fails to satisfy the above condition of the starting of the complex examination by the day preceding the complex examination at the latest, the Doctoral Council of Social Sciences shall, based on the proposal submitted by the head of the doctoral school, determine at its next meeting that the status of the student shall be terminated without taking the complex examination.*

(3) *The complex examination may only be taken in the examination period, and between 21 August and 10 September. The date of the complex examination shall be published on the website of the doctoral school at least two weeks before the complex examination.*

(4) *The organisation of the complex examination, as well as checking compliance with the conditions of being allowed to take the complex examination shall be the tasks of the secretary of the doctoral school.*

DCSC 17/A. *A failed examinations may be reattempted by the examinee once, in the same examination period.*

DR 13. (1) *In the theoretical part of the complex examination, the examinee shall take an oral examination partly in the subject “The foundations and main methodological directions of research in legal and political sciences. Disciplinary theory and disciplinary methodology”, and partly in a subject related to his or her research topic.*

(2) *The subjects that may be chosen for the complex examination shall be the following: constitutional law; theory of state; criminal law; the law of criminal procedures; European law; philosophy of law; legal sociology; history of law; commercial law; environmental law; science of public administration; public management; public policies and financial law; labour and social law; international law; international private law; civil law; law of civil procedure; Roman law. In addition, any other subject included in the educational plan of the doctoral school may also be chosen as a subject of the complex examination.*

(3) *For the “dissertation part” of the complex examination, the examinee shall submit, in advance, a research summary or partial study of at least 2-3 author’s sheets (80,000-120,000 characters) of length, related to the subject of the dissertation and presenting the research progress of the candidate or a part of the same, and further, a research plan of at least one half author’s sheet (20,000 characters) of length, pertaining to the second stage of the doctoral programme, and the time schedule of the preparation of the dissertation, three weeks before the date of the complex examination, in print and*

electronic versions, to the secretary of the doctoral school, who shall immediately forward the same to the members of the examination committee.

(4) The complex examination committee shall consist of three members; the appointment of its chairperson and members shall be recommended by the council of the doctoral school and approved by the doctoral council of the disciplinary area. The dissertation supervisor of the candidate may be present at the “dissertation part” of the complex examination, but shall not be a member of the examination committee. The dissertation supervisor shall evaluate, in the form of a written report, the work of the candidate in the first four semesters of the programme, as well as the status of the research project, and on the basis of the above, make a recommendation for the approval or the rejection of the completion of the dissertation part of the examination.

(5) The complex examination may only be held in an examination period, and its venue may only be the official premises of the University of Debrecen. The organization of the complex examination shall be the task of the secretary of the doctoral school. The secretary of the doctoral school shall, not later than on the day preceding the date of the complex examination, check if the student has satisfied the conditions of being allowed to take the complex examination. If the student has not satisfied the conditions of being allowed to take the complex examination (including, in particular, earning the required number of credit points), the complex examination may not be taken.

(6) When retaking an unsuccessful complex examination, the part of the examination evaluated with a passing degree shall be considered as completed.

(7) The student status shall be considered as terminated if the doctoral student fails to pass the complex examination, on the date of the failure to perform the obligation or the date of the unsuccessful examination.

(8) In case of applying to retake the complex examination, the candidate shall pay a procedural fee of HUF 25,000.