

The present English translation of the official document „Satzung zur Änderung der Promotionsordnung des hochschulübergreifenden Promotionszentrums Digitale Technologien und ihre Anwendung an der Technischen Hochschule Deggendorf in Kooperation mit der Technischen Hochschule Augsburg und der Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften Landshut in der bisherigen Fassung vom 31.01.2024“ is not legally binding and serves for information purposes only.

Amendments to the Doctorate Regulations of the cross-university *Promotionszentrum DigiTech* (Digital Technologies and their Application) of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology in cooperation with the Technical University of Applied Sciences Augsburg and Landshut University of Applied Sciences superseding the version dated 31 January 2024

dated 02 April 2025

Based on Art. 9 sentence 2 in conjunction with Art. 96 (7) sentences 1 and 2, and in conjunction with Art. 97 (1) sentence 3 of the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (BayHIG) of 5 August 2022 (German law and ordinance gazette (GVBl.) p. 414, BayRS 2210-1-3-WK), last amended by Section 14 of the Act of 23 December 2024 (GVBl. p. 605) and by Section 8 of the Act of 23 December 2024 (GVBl. p. 632), the Deggendorf Institute of Technology hereby enacts the following regulations:

Section 1 Amendments

The Doctorate Regulations of the cross-university *Promotionszentrum DigiTech* (Digital Technologies and their Application) of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology in cooperation with the Technical University of Applied Sciences Augsburg and Landshut University of Applied Sciences dated 31 January 2024, are amended as follows:

1. In the table of contents, the title of Section 28 “Entry into force” shall be replaced by “Doctorate in joint supervision with a domestic or foreign university (cotutelle procedure)” and a new “Section 29 Entry into force” shall be added.
2. Section 4 is amended as follows:
 - a) In the first sentence, the term “Master-Prüfung” is replaced by “Masterprüfung”.
(Note: This orthographic change has no effect on the existing English version.)
 - b) After the phrase “that were achieved after completion of the degree programme”, the phrase “the doctoral committee of the relevant *Promotionszentrum* shall decide on this” is deleted and replaced by a full stop.
 - c) Immediately following the new phrase “that were achieved after completion of the degree programme.”, the new sentence “The decision as to whether a qualification

comparable to a Master's degree examination was obtained shall be made by the Doctoral Committee of the *Promotionszentrum*” is added.

3. Section 6 (1) is amended as follows:
 - a) in item no. 1 the phrase “with a verification code and/or as an officially certified copy” is deleted without substitution.
 - b) in item no. 5 the phrase “of approx. 3–5 pages “ is replaced by the phrase “consisting of 3–10 pages,“.
4. Section 11 (1) is amended as follows:
 - a) in item no. 4 the phrase “a declaration by the applicant in accordance with Annex 4“ is replaced by the phrase “a statutory declaration by the applicant“.
 - b) in item no. 8 the phrase “issued no more than one year ago“ is added after “valid police clearance certificate“.
5. In Section 14 (3) the sentence “Individual grades are not weighted.” is added after “This is calculated from the arithmetic mean of the individual grades given.”
6. Section 24 is amended as follows:
 - a) in item no. 1, in the final sentence the conjunction “and“ is replaced by “or“ after the phrase “deemed to be publication”.
 - b) in item no. 2 the phrase “(Din A 4 or Din A 5, bound)“ is deleted without replacement.
7. Section “28 Entry into force” is replaced by the following:

“Section 28 Doctorate under joint supervision with a domestic or foreign university (“cotutelle” procedure)

 - (1) A doctoral procedure conducted jointly with a domestic or foreign university requires that
 - a) the doctoral candidates meet the prerequisites for admission to the doctorate proceedings (Section 3) and for acceptance as a doctoral candidate at the Promotionszentrum DigiTech (Digital Technologies and their Application),
 - b) the domestic or foreign university is entitled to award doctoral degrees under its national legislation and the academic degree it awards is recognised in accordance with Section 1 (2), and
 - c) an agreement is concluded with the domestic or foreign university on the implementation of the joint doctorate proceedings, setting out the details of the joint doctorate proceedings.

- (2) The responsibility for conducting the proceedings may lie with either the Promotionszentrum DigiTech or the domestic or foreign university as stipulated in the agreement on the implementation of the joint doctorate proceedings. The agreement on the joint implementation of the joint doctorate proceedings governs in particular the jointly managed doctorate proceedings involving the responsible bodies of the Promotionszentrum DigiTech and the responsible bodies of the domestic or foreign university, regulations regarding the number of copies to be submitted and the required deposit copies to be submitted in the event of a successful doctorate. In addition, the agreement on the implementation of the joint doctorate proceedings must contain a regulation on the minimum period of residence at both institutions, with at least 12 months of on-site research at one of the universities participating in the Promotionszentrum DigiTech. The agreement on the joint implementation of the doctorate proceedings also contains regulations on the joint examination, assessment and grading of the academic achievements by a joint examination board including its composition, the preparation of the expert reviews, the format, the language of the dissertation, the duration and language of the oral examination and the language and content of the doctoral degree certificate. Doctoral candidates shall receive a copy of the agreement.
- (3) The dissertation must be submitted to the institution in charge. A dissertation that was submitted to one of the participating universities and was either accepted or rejected before the agreement on the joint doctorate proceedings was concluded cannot be the subject of the joint doctorate proceedings.
- (4) During the work on the doctorate, supervision shall be provided by one professor from the Promotionszentrum DigiTech and one professor from the domestic or foreign university. The reviews must be written in German or English. Once received, the reviews and the dissertation are submitted to both institutions with the authority to award doctoral degrees. Each institution decides independently on whether to accept the dissertation or not. If one of the two institutions rejects the dissertation, the joint proceedings are terminated. If only the domestic or foreign university rejects the dissertation, the proceedings shall continue at the Promotionszentrum DigiTech under its current Doctorate Regulations.
- (5) If the dissertation has been accepted by both institutions, the oral examination shall take place at the institution in charge. Equal representation of both institutions in the Doctoral Examination Board must be ensured. If the representatives of either institution refuse to accept the performance in the oral examination, the joint proceedings shall be terminated; paragraph 4 sentence 6 shall apply accordingly.

- (6) Upon successful completion of the doctorate proceedings under joint supervision of a domestic or foreign university, a joint doctoral degree certificate signed by both institutions shall be issued, stating that the degree constitutes a doctoral degree for academic achievement jointly awarded by the participating institutions. The agreement on the implementation of the joint doctorate proceedings must also ensure that any additional certificate awarded contains a reference to the joint doctorate proceedings within the Promotionszentrum DigiTech."

8. Section "28 Entry into force" becomes "Section 29 Entry into force"

Section 2 Entry into force and transitional provisions

1. These amendments shall enter into force on 2 April 2025.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, these amended Doctorate Regulations shall not apply to doctoral candidates who commenced their doctoral project before this date. The regulations on the cotutelle procedure shall apply to all doctoral candidates.

Issued based on the resolution of the Senate of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology dated 19 March 2025 and the approval of the President of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology dated 02 April 2025 (ref. no.: 0404).

Signed

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President

The Amendments to the Doctorate Regulations of the cross-university *Promotionszentrum DigiTech* (Digital Technologies and their Application) of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology in cooperation with the Technical University of Applied Sciences Augsburg and Landshut University of Applied Sciences in its version of 31 January 2024, was put into writing at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology on 2 April 2025. The filing was duly posted on the notice boards on 2 April 2025. The day of announcement is therefore the 2 April 2025.