



General Conditions for Membership in the Graduate School Biological Sciences (GBS)

- 1) Upon acceptance as a doctoral researcher of the Department of Biology, the doctoral committee of the Department of Biology assigns a Thesis Committee (TC). The TC consists of the Supervisor and a minimum of one Co-Supervisor.
- 2) The doctoral researcher meets with the TC after 6, 18 and 30 months to report on the project in an oral presentation. At least one week before the TC meeting, the doctoral researcher must submit the 6-Month, 18-Month or 30 Month Report to the GBS office. The GBS office distributes the report to the TC. The results of the TC meeting are documented in a TC meeting report. Scheduling of the yearly meetings as well as returning the TC meeting report to the GBS office lies in the responsibility of the doctoral researcher.

06 months	18 months	30 months
06-Month Thesis Committee Meeting (presentation of project aims and work plan)	18-Month Thesis Committee Meeting (presentation of results achieved to date and work plan)	30-Month Thesis Committee Meeting (presentation of results achieved to date and work plan until submission of thesis)
06-Month Report* (proposal)	18-Month Report* (abstract)	30-Month Report* (progress report) or first-author publication

* Report guidelines are available on the GBS homepage

- 3) The TC discusses and validates the progress of the project and helps to confirm or modify the proposed research plan for the next year. In cases of no or little progress, the TC can decide about a change of the topic of the doctoral thesis or can recommend discontinuation of the doctoral thesis. The TC also advises the doctoral researcher on scientific and career issues.
- 4) A doctoral researcher is required to attend twelve talks during the doctoral thesis, whereof at least six must be out of the regular seminars of the Department of Biology ("FBs-Seminar"). Further talks can be chosen from seminars of the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Konstanz. Additionally, a doctoral researcher is required to participate in three continuing education (CE) courses. Of these CE courses, at least one has to cover "transferable skills" and "scientific skills", respectively. The third course can be a "transferable skill" or "scientific skill" course or can be replaced by tutoring undergraduate students, attending summer courses, teaching a course within the GBS course programme or giving a poster/oral presentation at a conference. Additionally, the participation in a "Good Scientific Practice" course is mandatory within the first six months. During the doctoral thesis a doctoral researcher is required to participate actively in at least one GBS poster session.

Activity	Time
1x Good Scientific Practice Course	within first six months
1x Scientific Courses**	within three years
1x Transferable Skills Course*	within three years
1x Course free of choice or equivalent	within three years
1x GBS poster session	within three years
12x Talks	within three years

*if you attend a course that is not offered by the Graduate School please check prior to the course whether the course is accepted

- 5) Ethical behaviour is prerequisite for entry and continuation of the doctoral thesis. This includes rules of good scientific conduct, practice, originality, proper documentation, and reproducibility of the results generated as well as confidential treatment of privileged communications originating from own and other laboratories.