Evaluation arrangements of PhD students in the field of Science and Technology

Student's research progress is expressed in credit points.

The research component of the PhD program is 180 ECTS credits, which will be assessed as follows:

1. Detailed plan of the PhD work, and its feasibility assessment will be presented by the end of the first semester up to 12 ECTS.

2. For published or accepted papers and/or parts of monographs up to 123 ECTS. One publication, which will be part of the PhD thesis, is worth up to 41 ECTS. The recommended partitioning is as follows: 18 ECTS – if substantive work has been done (results obtained); 15 ECTS – if the text is ready to be submitted; the last 8 ECTS – upon acceptance by the publisher.

3. Other scientific activities for up to 37 ECTS. This may include e.g. adoption of new methodologies, presentations at international or local conferences and seminars (unless already credited under tuition subjects), co-authorship in other research papers, editorial work in academic publications, popular science.

4. Submitting and defending PhD dissertation – 8 ECTS.

The supervisor advises the evaluation committee on the amount of credited points. The evaluation committee confirms or modifies the amount of points awarded.
Implementing provisions applicable to PhD students of the Institute of Ecology and Earth Sciences

1) The adoption of methodologies referred to in cl. 3 and the substantive work referred to in cl. 2 of the rules, if the paper has not been completed yet, must be described in a report of up to 3 pages.

2) At the beginning of the second year of study, the following requirement is included in the doctoral student’s second-year plan: by the end of the academic year the doctoral student will submit the manuscript of at least one relevant article that meets the standards of an international scientific journal, and the doctoral student’s contribution to the article is at least one third. The manuscript must be in proper format and at least two-thirds completed, comprising an introduction, background to the research, description of material and methodology, breakdown of results and at least the main points of discussion and conclusion. Upon failure to comply with the plan, the research component will be deemed insufficient and evaluated accordingly by the progress review committee.

3) At the beginning of the third year of study, the following requirement is included in the doctoral student’s third-year plan: by the end of the academic year the doctoral student will have submitted the first two articles for publication, incl. one article in which the doctoral student is the first author. If the student fails to comply with the plan, the research part will be deemed insufficient and evaluated accordingly by the progress review committee.