Research Plan & Seminar

Course code (Oodi): 920004J

Name of course: Research plan and seminar

ECTS credits: 4 ECTS credits

Language of instruction: English (or other, when appropriate)

Timing: All full-time students whose doctoral study rights started on, or after 1 January 2012 must complete part 1 of the course during their first year of doctoral training. Part 2 of the course must be completed within two years of starting the doctoral training. All part-time students must complete parts 1 & 2 of the course before the end of the second year.

All doctoral students registered in the University of Oulu Graduate School who were awarded doctoral study rights before 1st August 2011, but who wish to follow the new requirements for the doctoral degrees established by UniOGS in Spring 2012 must complete part 1 of the course as part of their application to transfer to the new requirements. Part 2 of the course must be completed within one year of transferring to the new requirements.

Type of course: Obligatory “field-specific” studies.

Learning outcomes: After the course the student knows how to develop and present a doctoral training plan and research progress in written and oral forms, and has learned how to critically discuss the research of others. The student has established a realistic four-year plan (including content, schedule and funding) for his/her doctoral training.

Contents: The course includes two parts:

Part one: (920004J-01) 3 ECTS credits. The establishment and writing of the full doctoral training plan, which includes detailed research and study plans. The student should also include a brief outline of his/her career development plan; The presentation of the doctoral training plan to, and its recommendation for acceptance by, the student’s Doctoral Training Follow-Up Group. The plan is formally accepted by the student’s Doctoral Training Committee;

Part two: (920004J-02) 1 ECTS credit. Public presentation of the research in the form of a public Research Plan Seminar, or a Research Seminar.

Mode of delivery: personal work, written and oral presentations.

Learning activities and teaching methods: establishment and writing of the doctoral training plan, its written and oral presentation to the Doctoral Training Follow-up Group, and its eventual revision following the recommendations of the Doctoral Training Follow-up Group; presentation and discussion of the research plan, or the research progress, to senior scientists/professionals (Follow-up Group meeting) and doctoral students (Research Plan Seminar, or Research Seminar).

Prerequisites and co-requisites: The student must have been granted study rights for doctoral training at the University of Oulu Graduate School and must have a Doctoral Training Follow-up Group.

Recommended/required reading: Background literature of own research field.

Assessment methods and criteria: Submission and approval of the full doctoral training plan by the doctoral training follow-up group; acceptance of the doctoral training plan by the student’s Doctoral Training Committee; public presentation of the research plan/results in a Research (Plan) Seminar.

Recording of the activities and credits: The three study credits for the completion of part 1 are awarded when the Doctoral Training Committee has approved the full doctoral training plan of the student. The study credit for part 2 is awarded by the responsible person for the Field/Major, or a person designated by the latter, after the successful completion of the research plan seminar, or research seminar by the student.

Grading: pass/fail