

Procedure for compensating Master's degree grades insufficient for admission to UniOGS.

Doctoral study rights are awarded only to those who meet the minimum requirements for admission to the University of Oulu Graduate School (UniOGS). Applications from candidates that do not meet the requirements for admission to UniOGS will not be evaluated further by the Doctoral training Committees.

If the grades obtained for the courses and/or for the thesis of the Master's degree (or equivalent) do not meet the minimum requirements for admission to UniOGS, and if the prospective Principal Supervisor nevertheless wishes the highly motivated applicant to be allowed to undertake doctoral training under his/her supervision, the applicant will be asked to carry out extra studies, or other concrete actions, in order to compensate for the insufficient grades. The process to be followed by the student in order to do this is described below (1 – 6).

1. Check the [requirements for admission](#) to UniOGS;
2. Show the cause for the insufficient grade(s) to your prospective Principal Supervisor;
3. Agree with your Principal Supervisor and with the Responsible Person for the Major of the doctoral training applied for ([see UniOGS web pages](#)) about any extra studies or other concrete actions that you must complete in order to demonstrate that the cause of the low grade has been rectified and will not be an obstacle to the efficient and timely completion of your doctoral training;
4. Do the extra studies required and obtain documents/certificates demonstrating that you have completed them successfully;
5. Ask your Principal Supervisor and the Responsible Person for the Major to co-sign a letter:
 - a. Detailing the cause(s) for the low grade(s) (e.g. course grades, or the scientific content and/or "writing skills" contributing to the Master's thesis grade),
 - b. Listing the extra requirements for compensating the low grade(s),
 - c. Confirming that the extra requirements have been fulfilled satisfactorily, and
 - d. Explaining why you should be allowed to compensate for the low grade(s).
6. Apply for admission to UniOGS. You must include the documents/certificates and letter detailed in 4 and 5 above in your application.

When the extra requirements include courses/activities for which the applicant must have non-degree study rights ("*erillinen opinto-oikeus*"), the latter should be applied for from the faculty providing the required education. UniOGS cannot grant non-degree study rights.

All studies, or other actions, required to compensate for low grades must be completed successfully before submitting an application for admission to UniOGS.

Note that all other requirements and conditions must also be fulfilled in order to be granted admission to the graduate school.
