

# Research Plan & Seminar

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Persons responsible: Part 1:** Supervisor, follow-up group and doctoral training committee. **Part 2:** Responsible persons of the relevant Majors/fields of doctoral studies.