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PMA 16 & PMA 17: Schemes for Selection of Courses

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PMA 16 & PMA 17: Structure of the Programme

- The PMA programme's curriculum is split into two phases, which are the coursework stage and the research stage
- The coursework stage consists of two components:
 - compulsory courses according to the respective sub-programme
 - methodological courses (offered either by HSG or GSERM)
- During the coursework stage the following workload must be obtained:
 - at least one compulsory course of the relevant sub-programme
 - a second compulsory course of any of the sub-programmes
 - at least two methodological courses
- During the dissertation phase the following workload must be obtained:
 - at least two doctoral colloquia
- As a further achievement either a third doctoral colloquium or a third methodological course must be obtained.

Generic Example

According to the curriculum the doctoral program is defined as follows

Components	Characteristics for Ph.D. students	Min. Credits	Max. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	12	12	For each sub-programme two compulsory courses (6 ECTS each) must be obtained. One compulsory course of the relevant sub-programme must be chosen while the second one may be of any of the sub-programmes. The attendance of a third* compulsory course is facultative.
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	8	8	Two methodological courses with a total value of 8 ECTS must be obtained. A third methodological course may substitute a doctoral colloquium. The attendance of a fourth* methodological course is facultative.
Total coursework stage		20	20	
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	0	4	One methodological course may replace a doctoral colloquium.
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	8	12	In total, doctoral colloquia with a total value of 8 ECTS must be obtained after the research proposal has been completed. One doctoral colloquium may be substituted with a methodological course.
Total research stage		12	12	
Total programme		32	32	

* In the transcript, achievements which are relevant for the completion of the degree will be marked with an asterisk (*). Facultative achievements will also be listed, however, not be marked with an asterisk.

Possible Combinations

Standard case: Example for the sub-programme «Accounting»:

Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	12	Both selected compulsory courses are courses offered for the sub-programme «Accounting»
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	8	Two methodological courses were attended
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	12	Three doctoral colloquia were attended
Total Programme		32	

Flexible choices: Example for the sub-programme «Accounting»:

Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	6	Only one compulsory course is a course offered for the sub-programme «Accounting»
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	6	The second compulsory course is offered for another sub-programme (e.g. Business Innovation).
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	8	Two methodological courses were attended
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	4	Substituting one doctoral colloquia, a third methodological course was attended.
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	8	Only two doctoral colloquia were attended.
Total Programme		32	

Not Accepted Combinations

Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	12	Two compulsory courses were attended (at least one of the relevant sub-programme) → correct
	Compulsory courses	6	It is not possible to attend a third compulsory course for credit → A third compulsory course is always valued as a facultative* achievement.
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	4	It is not possible to only attend one methodological course → the minimum number is two courses (which equals 8 ECTS)
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	12	Three doctoral colloquia were attended → correct
Total Programme		34	More credits than necessary were obtained, however, in the wrong combination. In the present case, it is technically not possible to progress to the research stage as the minimum requirements for the coursework stage were not fulfilled.

Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	12	Two compulsory courses were attended (at least one of the relevant sub-programme) → correct
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	16	It is not possible to attend four methodological courses for credit. → The maximum number is three. A fourth methodological course is always valued as a facultative* achievement.
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	4	It is not possible to attend only one doctoral colloquium → The minimum number is two.
Total Programme		32	The number of obtained credits is correct and progression from coursework stage to research stage was possible. However, one more doctoral colloquium must have been attended.

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Possible Combinations – Time Dimension

Standard case:

Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	12	
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	8	
Research proposal	Research proposal		
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	12	
Total programme		32	All courses are attended in the designated order (three doctoral colloquia are attended only after completion of the research proposal).

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Flexible choices:

Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	6	Compulsory course of the relevant sub-programme
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	6	Compulsory course of another sub-programme
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	8	
Optional achievements / doctoral colloquia	Methodological courses or doctoral colloquium	4	There are 2 options before completion of the research prop.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A third methodological course is attended, which substitutes for a doctoral colloquium • One doctoral colloquium is attended in advance
Research proposal	Research proposal		
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	8	At least two doctoral colloquia must be attended only after the completion of the research proposal
Total programme		32	

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Not Accepted Combinations – Time Dimension

Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	12	
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	8	
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	4	It is not possible to attend a third methodological course AND a doctoral colloquium in advance before completion of the research proposal. One of these achievements is valued as a facultative* achievement.
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	4	
Research proposal	Research proposal		
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	4	
Total programme		32	

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Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	12	
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	8	
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	8	It is not possible to attend more than one doctoral colloquium in advance before completion of the research proposal.
Research proposal	Research proposal		
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	4	
Total programme		32	

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Crediting of external achievements – Time Dim.

Standard case:

Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	12	Crediting for external achievements not possible
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	8	Courses offered by GSERM are considered equally to HSG courses. The majority of methodological courses must be attended at HSG.
Research proposal	Research proposal		
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	12	The majority of doctoral colloquia must be attended at HSG.
Total programme		32	

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Flexible choices:

Components	Characteristics	Min. Credits	Remarks
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	6	Crediting for external achievements not possible
Compulsory field sub-programme	Compulsory courses	6	Crediting for external achievement not possible
Optional achievements	Methodological courses	8	Crediting for one external methodological course is accepted. Crediting of an independently conducted scientific project as a second methodological course is also possible.
Optional achievements / doctoral colloquia	Methodological courses or doctoral colloquium	4	Prior to completion of the research proposal crediting is possible for a maximum of one external methodological course and one external doctoral colloquium.
Research proposal	Research proposal		
Doctoral colloquia	Colloquia	8	
Total programme		32	

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