

Deviations from the provisions stipulated in Section 12 of the Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology at FAU (FPromoPhil) with respect to oral examinations

Implementation provisions

[based on the Regulations of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) concerning Deviations from Degree Program and Examination Regulations and the Doctoral Degree and Habilitation Regulations due to Restrictions to Teaching and Examinations imposed as a result of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 – Coronavirus Regulations –]

Passed by the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology on April 29, 2020, supplemented on July 7, 2022

1. Oral examinations pursuant to Section 12 FPromO may be held in one of two ways provided the provisions in the FAU regulations on remote examinations on the basis of the Bavarian regulations for testing remote examinations (BayFEV) – EFernPO – are complied with:
 - a. If everyone involved in the examination agrees and it is possible for them to travel to the location where the examination will be held, the examination can be held privately in a sufficiently large room, provided the rules and regulations stipulated by the Robert Koch Institute and FAU's hygiene guidelines are complied with. All those attending the examination should send their notice of consent informally by e-mail to the Office of Doctoral Affairs.
 - b. Alternatively, the examination can be held online as a video conference, after the doctoral candidate sends an informal application to the chairperson of the Doctoral Affairs Committee stating the reasons for the request. In this case, it is obligatory that the camera is switched on and a video conference tool provided by FAU is used. The doctoral candidate must submit a written declaration with the application stating that no other person will be present in the room during the examination and that no other aids will be used apart from the devices required to take part in the video conference. The application can be submitted electronically. The signed original must be submitted at a later date.
2. The Office of Doctoral Affairs shall provide the members of the examining committee with the doctoral thesis and all documents required for the examination electronically in good time before the examination. The chairperson of the examining committee shall invite participants to attend the video conference and shall keep a written record of the examination proceedings. His or her signature serves as confirmation of the grade awarded. If the audio-visual connection is interrupted for any length of time, the chairperson of the examining committee shall discontinue the examination and it shall be repeated at a later date.
3. These implementation provisions shall automatically cease to be valid as soon as the Coronavirus Regulations cease to be in force.
4. These implementation provisions shall be published in two ways: (a) via e-mail to all university lecturers entitled to award doctoral degrees at the Faculty with the request

to forward them to the doctoral candidates in their department; (b) via the Faculty website and the Graduate Center's website.