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## **Rigorous Procedure**

- A graduate of master study can take a rigorous examination which comprises a defence of a rigorous thesis in the study program Social and behavioural sciences or in a similar study field. The similarity is decided by the dean of the faculty.
- A rigorous examination can be taken also by a graduate of a study program Social and behavioural sciences or a similar study program that graduated in abroad and meets the requirements defined by law.
- A rigorous procedure starts by a written admission of an application for a rigorous examination by the dean.
- A written application for a rigorous examination must be submitted to the dean together with a proposal of a theme.
- The application is judged by the dean and, if admitted, is confirmed in a written form within 30 days from the delivery date. The dean announces the applicant the name of the consultant to negotiate the theme of the thesis. In the same term the dean returns the application in case the applicant had not submitted required documents or had not met other conditions for undertaking a rigorous examination at the Faculty of Social Sciences of UCM.
- A rigorous procedure at FSS UCM is provided in the following study programs:
  - Public administration
  - Public policy
  - Political science
  - Social services and counselling
  - European studies

## **Rigorous Thesis**

- The dean can decide about writing the thesis and taking the rigorous examination in a foreign language.
- The applicant submits a rigorous thesis in a recommended extent of 70 to 90 pages (126 000 to 162 000 characters) in writing processed by the text editor, in 2 hard copies and in an electronic medium. The author is obliged to proceed according to the valid regulations of the Guideline on writing theses at UCM.
- The opponents of a rigorous thesis are obliged to submit written opponent reviews that are delivered to the applicant by the faculty 7 days before the rigorous examination at the latest, usually in an electronic form.
- The examination can be taken also in the case when both opponents do not recommend the thesis to the defence.



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## **Rigorous Examination and Defence of a Rigorous Thesis**

- The date and place of the rigorous examination is announced to an applicant by the dean 15 days before it at the latest.
- The rigorous examination consists of the defence of the thesis and oral examination.
- The commission votes on the results of the rigorous examination at non-public voting on the day of the examination. The chairman of the commission announces publicly the results of the rigorous examination by means of the assessment „passed“ or „failed“ for both parts of the examination.
- After a successful passing a rigorous examination the university issues a diploma with the indication of a study program and the academic degree „doctor of philosophy“ (abbreviation PhDr.) provided the fee is paid in a given term.
- The student who failed at the examination retakes only the subject or subjects which are assessed by „failed“.

### **Fees**

- The fee for the rigorous procedure and the diploma is 500 €.
- The fee for the rigorous procedure must be paid within 30 days from the delivery of the confirmation of the admission of the application in accordance with the regulations of the Department of academic activities of UCM.