Progression Rules: PhD Text and Event in Early Modern Europe (TEEME)

(An Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate)

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# Length of Course

Three years of full-time study. Additionally, candidates may, at the discretion of the Academic Board, be permitted a fourth year of registration at continuation status, for the purpose of writing-up the thesis.

## Academic Year

1 September - 31 August.

# Credit Volume

Credit volume is 180 ECTS. Each year of successful study contributes 60 ECTS to the overall total required. Candidates who progress through all three years of the course and achieve 180 ECTS may, at the discretion of the Academic Board, be considered eligible to submit a thesis for examination.

# Course Structure

Each year of study is structured into two semesters. Candidates take a variety of curriculum elements in the respective research and skills strands of the course to a total of 30 ECTS in each semester. These curriculum elements may include taught courses, workshops, online publication, project work, placements and such other activities as set out in the course specification. Credits for these elements will be awarded for successful completion of the relevant assessments, active participation by the candidates and, where required, satisfactory attendance. Candidates may apply, upon production of appropriate evidence, for exemption from elements of the skills strand, provided that equivalent training has already been completed prior to, or outside of the courses. Credit for no more than 50% of the credits available for the skills strand for the course may be awarded through this means.

# Monitoring and Progression Points

The progress of candidates will be formally reviewed by the relevant supervisory boards at the end of the first academic year and thereafter in both mid-year and end of year reviews. While the mid-year review will primarily have a function of monitoring student progress, it may nonetheless contribute to a recommendation to the Academic Board to withdraw a candidate where there is evidence of severe or persistent underperformance. The key function of end of year review will be to determine whether a candidate may proceed into the next stage of the course. Accordingly, the supervisory board is required to make its recommendation to the Academic Board as to whether the candidate in question should either (i) be permitted to continue on the course; or (ii) when in semester 6, be permitted to submit a thesis for examination; or (iii) be required to withdraw.

# Progression Requirements

To be considered for progression, candidates must achieve 30 ECTS in each semester, to a total of 60 ECTS in each academic year. Candidates who have achieved a minimum of 20 ECTS by the end of the first semester of the academic year may, at the discretion of the relevant supervisory board, be permitted to make up the shortfall in the second semester of that year. Candidates who have achieved a minimum of 50 ECTS by the end of the academic year (i.e. 31 August) may, at the discretion of the relevant supervisory board, be granted an extension to make up the shortfall by a final deadline of 30 September in that year.

## Other Areas for Consideration

While the satisfaction of the credit requirements for each semester and for each academic year is a necessary condition for progression, it is not in itself a sufficient condition. The supervisory board will also take into account the quality of the candidates’ work as produced for each of the formal progress reviews. For example, for each progress review in Year 3, candidates are expected to present newly written chapters or sections of the thesis of about 20,000 words in length. Further guidance on the requirements for the progress reviews can be found in the detailed course description.

# Final Examination

Candidates permitted to submit a thesis for final examination will be examined in accordance with the requirements as set out in the course specification. It should be noted that, while the thesis is not credit-bearing, it remains the crucial piece of work for determining whether a candidate has met the requirements for the award of the PhD.

# Recommendations

Recommendations for the award of credit, on progression and on the conferment of academic awards are subject to ratification by the Academic Board, with the latter also subject to the approval of the relevant academic committees of the Universities that conducted the examination of the thesis.

# Academic Appeals

Students may appeal against decisions of the Academic Board as per the agreed appeals structure (see the [Academic Appeals Policy](https://www.kent.ac.uk/education/regulatory-framework/policies-and-procedures-examinations-guidance/policies)).