

TRANSLATION of:

*Allgemeine Geschäftsbedingungen (AGB) der UMIT TIROL – Private Universität für Gesundheitswissenschaften und -technologie GmbH
Eduard Wallnöfer-Zentrum 1, 6060 Hall in Tirol/Österreich
FN 215003 g (LG Innsbruck) (Fassung vom 11.07.2019; tritt mit 01. August 2019 in Kraft)*

**The German Version is binding and prevails:
General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of
UMIT TIROL – Private University for Health Sciences and Health Technology GmbH (LLC)
Eduard Wallnöfer-Zentrum 1, 6060 Hall in Tirol/ Austria**

Company Registry Number FN 215003 g (Innsbruck Regional Court)
(as amended on 11.07.2019; shall enter into force on 01.08.2019)

1. Application:

Study contracts concluded between UMIT TIROL – Private University for Health Sciences and Health Technology GmbH (LLC) (hereinafter referred to as “UMIT TIROL”) and students are based on these “General Terms and Conditions of UMIT TIROL” (in short “GTC”). Notwithstanding, the individual study programs (i.a. Bachelor programs, Magister/Master programs, Doctoral programs, non-degree programs and university training courses (in particular university training courses for advanced training); in short “study program” or “study programs”) are also subject to the respective Study and Examination Regulations, Doctoral Degree Regulations or other conditions and declarations, such as e.g. the Plagiarism Guideline, the Moodle Terms & Conditions of Use and the General Guidelines and Procedures at the EWZ “EWZ Guidelines” currently in force (see www.umat-tirol.at → GTC/ Regulations).

2. Application for acceptance to study:

In general, there is a limitation to the number of students which can be admitted to the individual study programs offered at UMIT TIROL. Interested persons shall apply for the respective study program in writing (online, pre-registration of the e-mail address required). The application shall be made within the set time period by means of the respective “application for acceptance to study” (available online) and by submitting the application documents listed in the particular application form. By submitting the application form, the applicant accepts the GTC currently in force. Thus, the GTC become part of the contract. UMIT TIROL will acknowledge the receipt of the application for acceptance (or the pre-registration for a study program) via e-mail. For the processing of the application, the applicant shall transfer a service fee of EUR 45.- to UMIT TIROL’s bank account (see: www.umat-tirol.at → Imprint/Contact) stating the purpose of payment as follows: “service fee + full name”.

3. Acceptance or conditional acceptance to a study program (conclusion of contract), obligation to pay tuition fees:

3.1 Examination of the application for acceptance to study: Applications for acceptance to study (Pt. 2) will subsequently be examined by the respective academic committees in accordance with the regulations currently in force (i.a. the respective Study and Examination Regulations, Doctoral Degree Regulations); if necessary, candidates have to pass an interview, have to submit additional documents (additional certificates etc.) or have to pass examinations (supplementary examinations, study admission exam etc.).

3.2 Conditional acceptance to study: If documents have to be forwarded or exams have to be passed by the applicant, conditional acceptance will be granted subject to the occurrence of a condition subsequent (viz. „conditional acceptance to study”). Similarly, in the case of joint programs, where the acceptance to study is dependent on the fulfillment of further requirements by the respective cooperation partner, the acceptance is subject to a resolutive condition (“conditional acceptance to study”). A conditional acceptance to study implies the conclusion of a legally-binding study contract (3.3), as well as a payment obligation (see Pt. 3.3 and 5.7). If the documents required for unconditional acceptance are not submitted in time (winter semester by 30.11. at the latest and summer semester by 31.05. at the latest), or if the required exams are not passed successfully, or - in the case of joint study programs - the requirements for acceptance to study are not met by the respective cooperation partner, the study contract will be terminated and the student will be exmatriculated.

3.3 Conclusion of contract and payment obligation: If the applicant is admitted to the study program, the study contract will be concluded by sending him/her a “letter of acceptance” (conclusion of contract). With the conclusion of the contract (conditional acceptance and unconditional acceptance to study), the obligation to pay the tuition fees arises, which subsequently will be invoiced each semester (amount and payment terms as stated in Pt. 5). Each semester, following payment, the student will receive a “confirmation of enrollment”.



4. Instruction on the withdrawal from the contract according to § 4 in conjunction with § 11 Distance Sales Act - FAGG:
 - 4.1 Upon receipt of the written letter of acceptance (Pt. 3) and provided that the study contract was concluded at a distance, students shall have the right to withdraw from the contract within 14 days without stating any reasons. In order to exercise the right of withdrawal, the decision to withdraw from the contract shall be expressed in a clear statement (e.g. a letter sent by post or E-Mail). Hereto, the sample withdrawal form provided on UMIT TIROL's Homepage can be used, but its use is not mandatory. For exercising the right of withdrawal, it is sufficient that the notification of the exercise of the right of withdrawal is sent before the expiry of the withdrawal period. The notification of withdrawal shall be sent to: UMIT TIROL (for a prompt reply preferably to the attention of Student and Teaching Center), Eduard Wallnöfer-Zentrum 1, 6060 Hall in Tirol, Austria, or via E-Mail: studentservice@umit-tirol.at (for Bachelor, Magister/ Master study programs, university training courses and non-degree programs) or doktorat@umit-tirol.at (for Doctoral programs). The receipt of the declaration of withdrawal will be confirmed by UMIT TIROL immediately via E-Mail.
 - 4.2 Consequences of withdrawal:

In the case of a valid withdrawal from the contract, an already paid tuition fee will be reimbursed immediately, or at the latest within fourteen days from the day when UMIT TIROL receives the declaration of withdrawal, except for the service fee (see Pt. 2.). For reimbursement, UMIT TIROL will use the same modality of payment the applicant has used for the original payment, unless explicitly agreed otherwise with the student. In neither case the student will be charged a reimbursement fee. If the student, at his/her explicit wish, has already consumed services provided by UMIT TIROL prior to the expiry of the withdrawal period, the student has to pay a reasonable amount (in general, the aliquot semester fee for one month) in the event of withdrawal.
5. Payment obligation – payment terms – tuition fee/ student fee and special contribution to the Austrian Students' Union (ÖH):
 - 5.1 Tuition fees per semester, which apply for the offered study programs as from the following winter semester, are determined by the Executive Board every year no later than by the end of February and are made public accordingly hereafter. The tuition fees for individual students are based on the rates currently valid and announced at the beginning of their respective studies; these rates remain unchanged for the entire duration of their studies.
 - 5.2. The respective tuition fees will be charged to the students for each semester in advance (winter semester by 01.10.; summer semester by 15.02.) by means of an invoice via E-Mail to the assigned UMIT TIROL e-mail address – see also Pt. 9. The tuition fees are due within 14 days after invoicing without deduction in EUR, whereby the invoice date is decisive for the start of the deadline. The fees may also be paid monthly by direct debit authorization, except for study programs where the fees do not exceed a maximum amount of EUR 500. - per semester. In case of payment by direct debit authorization, the fees will be debited from the bank account by the 5th of each month. For each payment, the complete invoice number must be indicated. In the event of late payment, UMIT TIROL is entitled to charge interest on arrears at the statutory rate from the due date of the claim.
 - 5.3 Additionally, each semester students will be charged the student fee and a special contribution to the Austrian Students' Union (ÖH) „student's union fee“. Pursuant to § 38 Sect. 3 of the Austrian Student Union Act - HSG 2014 (Hochschülerinnen- und Hochschülerschaftsgesetz 2014 – HSG 2014), the chairperson of the federal representative body shall announce the student fee for the following academic year in appropriate form by 01 May of each year at the latest. If tuition fees are paid on a monthly pro-rata basis (aliquot) by means of direct debit authorization (Pt. 5.2), the student's union fee shall be included in the rates.
 - 5.4 Payments (tuition fee/ student's union fee) are to be made free of charge to UMIT TIROL's payment office. Usually, tuition fees and student's union fees will be prescribed directly by UMIT TIROL. In case of deviating procedures, the students of UMIT TIROL will be informed separately in the letter of acceptance. Certificates and diploma will only be issued upon full payment of all outstanding invoices.
 - 5.5 Tuition fees are due for all semesters that serve to complete (including any negative assessments) the examinations, course work and achievements specified in the respective curriculum. Already paid tuition fees will not be refunded, unless otherwise stated elsewhere. In particular, tuition fees are also charged for semesters that serve the purpose of writing final theses (e.g. Bachelor thesis, Magister/Master thesis or Doctoral thesis), completing an internship, studying abroad or similar purposes (e.g. attending Non-degree programs). In the case of stays abroad at cooperating universities or other universities within the framework of a UMIT TIROL study program, a maximum reduction of 50% of the tuition fees due for the respective semester may be granted, provided that the student submits a written request to Student and Teaching Center in due time. For such a request, the same time limits shall apply as for the leave of absence (Pt. 6). The crediting of study achievements has no effect on the amount of the prescribed tuition fee. The fact that a student who is not on leave of absence does not use the services offered by UMIT TIROL at all or only

partially, does not release him/her from the obligation to pay any fees and already paid fees will not be refunded in part or in whole.

- 5.6 Students who have already completed the regular period of studies (4 or 6 semesters), pay the tuition fee on a monthly pro-rata basis (aliquot) until the last examination. For each month commenced, the fee has to be paid in full. If the last examination is the oral final examination/defense of the thesis, UMIT TIROL only charges the tuition fees for the period until the submission of the final thesis plus one month, and, in case of doctoral study programs for the period until the submission of the doctoral thesis plus **three months**¹ – irrespective of the date of the final oral examination/defense of the thesis. For the period of any revision/withdrawal (if provided for in the valid Study and Examination Regulations/ Doctoral Degree Regulations and if approved by the responsible academic committees), tuition fees will be charged on a monthly pro-rata basis (aliquot).
- 5.7 Students who are accepted to the study program subject to the occurrence of a condition subsequent (resolutive condition; „conditional acceptance to study“ see Pt. 3.2) and who cannot present the required missing documents in time (winter semester by 30.11. at the latest; summer semester by 31.05. at the latest) or do not pass the required exams successfully, will be exmatriculated automatically in accordance with the respective Study and Examination Regulations currently in force. The study contract will be terminated (see 7.1). In this case, the student will be charged the tuition fees for one semester.
6. Leave of absence:
- 6.1 In principle, students are permitted to take a leave of absence for a maximum period of 2 (two) semesters, including consecutive semesters, in the course of their studies. However, a detailed statement of reasons by the student and the approval by the responsible academic committee are required. For a leave of absence, a written request (leave of absence form) shall be submitted to UMIT TIROL, Attn. Student and Teaching Center (see Pt. 4), prior to the beginning of the (first) semester for which a leave of absence is to be granted. For a leave of absence during the winter semester, the form must be submitted to UMIT's Student and Teaching Center no later than 31.08.; for a leave of absence during the summer semester the form must be submitted no later than 31.01. (the date of the postmark applies). In the case of joint programs, a leave of absence is always dependent on the fulfillment of further requirements by the respective cooperation partner. In the case of joint programs, a leave of absence granted by UMIT TIROL is therefore always a leave of absence granted subject to a resolutive condition ("conditional leave of absence from studies"). If a leave of absence is rejected by the respective cooperation partner, the leave of absence granted by UMIT TIROL will subsequently become invalid. A leave of absence results in a partial exemption from the tuition fee for the respective semester. In case of a leave of absence, 20% of the tuition fee will be charged as administrative and service fee, as well as the student's union fee in the full amount according Pt. 5.3. If, despite a leave of absence, a student continues his/ her studies even only partially, – such as, in particular, by attending courses, taking examinations, receiving supervision for his/her thesis and/or submitting scientific work – full payment of the tuition fee for the respective semester shall be due immediately and also any other study-related provisions (submission within the regular period of study or the maximum duration of study) shall become effective for this semester.
- 6.2 Students who have already been granted leave of absence for one semester shall apply in writing for a one-time extension of the leave of absence for the winter semester by 31.08. at the latest and for the summer semester by 31.01. at the latest (the date of the postmark shall apply). Otherwise, full payment of the tuition fee for the following semester will be due.
- 6.3 Status of student on leave of absence:
- 6.3.1 A student on leave of absence is not an enrolled student at UMIT TIROL. In the student statistics, the student will be listed in a separate category ("students on leave of absence") and is not assigned to any study program ("enrollment").
- 6.3.2 Periods of leave of absence are not part of the regular period of study. They cannot be included in the calculation.
- 6.3.3 In particular, students on leave of absence are only entitled to the submission and (interim) assessment of final theses (e.g. Bachelor thesis, Magister/Master thesis and Doctoral thesis) if they pay the tuition fee due for the respective semester in full.
- 6.4 Resumption or termination of studies:
- 6.4.1 The resumption of studies shall be immediately approved by the responsible academic committee if an appropriate study place is available at that point of time. In the case of joint programs, the availability of a study place must also be confirmed by the cooperation partner.

- 6.4.2 If no study place is available, the student on leave of absence shall be informed about the potential waiting time as soon as possible. In case of a waiting period – max. one semester - no tuition fee will be charged; the status of “student on leave of absence” will continue.
- 6.4.3 When resuming their studies, students who have been on leave of absence shall be given priority over new applicants in the admission process (priority over new admissions).
- 6.4.4 Students on leave of absence who will not resume their studies, may terminate their study contract at the end of the respective semester and will thus leave UMIT TIROL (see Pt. 7.3 “Termination of the study contract”).
- 6.4.5 Students who have been on leave of absence are entitled to finish their studies - and the required examinations - if the number of enrolled semesters equates at least to the number of semesters of the regular period of study (4 or 6 semesters). In exceptional and duly justified cases, a shortening of the regular period of study is possible for former students on leave of absence with the approval of the responsible academic committee.
7. Termination of the study contract:
- 7.1 The contractual relationship is terminated automatically upon the positive evaluation of the last examination required for graduation, or upon the **negative evaluation**² of the last permitted repetition of an examination required for graduation, or by exceeding the maximum duration of study. In the case of joint programs, the study contract is terminated if the necessary requirements of the respective cooperation partner are not met (e.g.: expiration of admission to regular studies according to the University Act 2002). In case of a conditional acceptance, the contract also terminates upon non-fulfilment of additional admission requirements within the set time frame (see Pt. 3.2 “Conditional acceptance to study”).
- 7.2 The study contract may be terminated prematurely by the student at any time for good cause without compliance of dates and deadlines. This is only possible in exceptional cases. In this case, a written request (deregistration form), citing detailed reasons, shall be submitted to UMIT TIROL, Attn. Student and Teaching Center (see Pt. 4.). Such requests will then be evaluated by the responsible academic committees. Within the framework of this evaluation, the submission of certificates and evidence may be required. Subsequently, approval will be given in writing and a retroactive exemption from study fees will be granted from the date of receipt of the request on a monthly pro-rata basis (aliquot). For each month commenced, the fee has to be paid in full. If the responsible academic committee does not approve of the reason for a premature termination of the contract, the request for premature termination shall be deemed to be a termination as referred to in Pt. 7.3 and the study contract will terminate in compliance with the dates and deadlines specified therein.
- 7.3 Students may terminate the study contract at any time without giving reasons (“termination of the study contract”) by submitting a written notification (deregistration form) to UMIT TIROL, Attn. Student and Teaching Center (see Pt. 4.). In order to become effective, such a request shall be received by 31.08. for the winter semester (deregistration by 30.09.) or by 31.01. for the summer semester (deregistration by 31.03.). The date of the receipt stamp of UMIT TIROL shall apply in each case. If a request arrives after these deadlines, it will be considered submitted for the subsequent semester. The dissolution becomes effective only with the following semester and the tuition fee is to be paid in full until the effectiveness of the dissolution.
If such a request is received after 31.08. but before 30.09. or after 31.01. but before 28/29.02., and if the submitter has not yet attended any courses, 50% of the tuition fee will be charged for the **first semester** (until the dissolution becomes effective) in the sense of a cancellation fee and forfeit money.
- 7.4 The study contract may be terminated by the responsible academic committees at any time for “good cause”. Important reasons include, in particular, a delay in the payment of tuition fees or other fees, the non-observance of the Study and Examination Regulations, **Doctoral Degree Regulations**³, other terms and declarations, such as the Plagiarism Guideline, the terms of use for the learning platform and the General Guidelines and Procedures at the EWZ (“EWZ Guidelines”) currently in force, as well as any type of disturbance during courses, repeated unexcused absences from courses which require attendance and criminally liable acts. An early termination of the study contract shall be issued in writing and sent by registered mail, stating the reason. As soon as UMIT TIROL has posted the respective notification (date as per postmark), the study contract is terminated. If the contract is terminated prematurely with good cause during the semester, the tuition fee for the current semester has to be paid monthly on a pro-rata basis (aliquot) until the study contract terminates. For each month commenced, the fee has to be paid in full.

8. Modification of services:
- 8.1 For organizational reasons, UMIT TIROL reserves the right to cancel a study program before its scheduled beginning or to postpone parts of it, especially if the minimum number of participants has not been reached. In case of cancellation, tuition fees or any other fees that have already been paid will be reimbursed, except from the service fee (see Pt. 2). Any further claims of any kind are excluded. Further, UMIT TIROL reserves the right to adapt or modify a study program to such an extent that neither the training objective nor an accreditation of the study program will be endangered, particularly within the framework of and with regard to international developments in science, teaching, research and economy. Such adaptations or modifications do not entitle students to withdraw unilaterally from the contract.
- 8.2 Not yet accredited study programs:
UMIT TIROL continuously offers new study programs, following the latest developments in economy and science. As a private university, UMIT TIROL is subject to the Austrian Act of Quality Assurance in Higher Education HS-QSG and the Austrian Private University Law PUG (both covered by the Austrian Quality Assurance Framework Act QSRG, Austrian Federal Gazette No. I 74/2011, as amended). Therefore, new study programs must be approved by the respective authority. By adding the information "subject to approval by the respective authority", UMIT TIROL has repeatedly promoted and has accepted pre-registrations for new study programs prior to their final approval by the competent authority. Applicants who have had themselves registered for not yet accredited study programs shall be entitled to reimbursement of already paid tuition fees, except for the service fee (see Pt. 2.), in case of a final negative decision by the responsible authority. Any further claims of any kind are excluded
9. Exchange of information and course material:
Upon registration, students will be assigned a UMIT TIROL e-mail address. From the time of assignment and at any time during the on-going contractual relationship, this e-mail address shall be exclusively used for all communication, in particular for information about postponements, sending of course material, tuition fee invoicing (Pt. 5.2.), etc. Students commit themselves to manage this e-mail account and to retrieve information regularly. Furthermore, students commit themselves to use UMIT TIROL's learning platform in accordance with the offered curriculum. Any changes to a student's personal data must be immediately communicated to UMIT TIROL's Student and Teaching Center (see Pt. 4).
10. Liability for items:
UMIT TIROL shall assume no liability for theft, loss of or damage to students' personal belongings including valuables. The Guidelines and Procedures at the EWZ ("EWZ Guidelines") in the current version shall apply (see www.umat-tirol.at → GTC/Regulations).
11. Place of performance and jurisdiction:
The exclusive place of jurisdiction for any disputes between UMIT TIROL and its students shall be the local court responsible for UMIT TIROL's headquarters (Hall in Tirol), unless mandatory legal provisions provide otherwise.
12. Applicable law:
Any acts of legal significance between UMIT TIROL and its students shall be exclusively governed by Austrian law, excluding the conflict-of-law rules.
13. Severability Clause:
If parts of the provisions of this GTC prove to be void or legally ineffective, the remainder of the provisions of this GTC shall still apply. The contractual partners commit themselves in good faith to replace the provision rendered ineffective by a legally valid provision with equal economic effect.
14. Data Protection:

Information on data protection and on the processing of personal data:

- a) **Processing for study reasons under Art. 6 (1) b) GDPR (initiation/performance of the study contract):** With the application to UMIT TIROL - Private Universität für Gesundheitswissenschaften und -technologie GmbH (Eduard Wallnöfer-Zentrum 1, 6060 Hall in Tirol, Austria), personal data (e.g.: name, address, date of birth, phone number, e-mail address, study-relevant data, bank details, certificates, CVs etc.) which are being forwarded by the applicant **via computer** (= computer-assisted) to UMIT TIROL in its capacity as controller pursuant to Art. 4 (7) GDPR will be processed. This processing is required **for the fulfilment of contractual obligations and the performance of the study contract** and it includes the UMIT TIROL-internal, as well as UMIT TIROL-external forwarding of personal data required for **study and billing purposes** via the IT systems used by UMIT TIROL. This also includes, in particular, the forwarding of data, to the necessary extent, to internal and external teachers (name, e-mail address, student number, study-related data), other students (name, e-mail address, study-related data), persons who are involved in the organization of the studies, as well as joint controllers and processors; as for

studies that take place in cooperation with other higher education institutions, data will be forwarded, pursuant to § 8 Sect. 9 Private Universities Act (PUG) (Federal Law Gazette I Nr. 31/2018), to the respective educational institution (currently the University of Innsbruck (www.uibk.ac.at/impressum/)) in its capacity as joint controller. Data exchange with joint controllers and processors is based on contracts pursuant to Art. 26, 27 and 28 GDPR. As private university, UMIT TIROL is legally obliged to store examination data pursuant to § 3 Sect. 11 Private Universities Act (PUG) (Federal Law Gazette I Nr. 31/2018) for at least **80 years** after completion of the studies and not to delete it. Thus, UMIT TIROL graduates have life-long access to their study-related data (designation of examinations and topics of scientific or artistic works (theses), the earned ECTS credits, results and names of the examiners or reviewers, the date of the examination or the result, as well as the student's registration number). The storage of further personal data, in particular of applicants who do not start their studies at UMIT TIROL, is carried out in accordance with the respective legal regulations and based on the resolution of the Austrian Private Universities Conference (ÖPUK) (see www.umat-tirol.at → Data Protection).

- b) Processing for UMIT TIROL marketing purposes under Art. 6 (1) f) GDPR (legitimate interests pursued by the controller):** name and address data (UMIT TIROL-internal or otherwise specified e-mail address data) are automatically processed for UMIT TIROL marketing purposes (information about current developments, newsletter, brochures, information letters etc.) to the extent of up to six times per year UMIT TIROL internally, but also UMIT TIROL externally.

Data exchange with joint controllers and processors is based on contracts pursuant to Art. 26, 27 and 28 GDPR. This processing takes place after completion of the studies **until an objection is filed** (Art. 21 (1) GDPR) to: datenschutz@umat-tirol.at.

- c) Processing for research purposes** under Art. 6 (1) e) GDPR (**performance of a task carried out in the public interest**) in conjunction with the Research Organization Act (FOG, Federal Law Gazette I Nr. 31/2018): UMIT TIROL is a scientific institution pursuant to § 2b (12) FOG and is, as such, pursuant to Art. 89 GDPR and § 2f FOG, authorized to process data (in particular health-related data and health data) for research purposes. For research purposes, name and address data (UMIT TIROL-internal or otherwise specified e-mail address data) will be forwarded to UMIT TIROL-internals, but also to UMIT TIROL-external persons at scientific institutions (§2b (12) FOG), provided that fields of research of UMIT TIROL and its cooperation partners are concerned. Although, this processing is not required for the performance of the study contract, it is conducted in the public interest for research purposes. For this purpose, name and address data will be processed after completion of the respective studies **until an objection is filed** (Art. 21 (1) GDPR) to: datenschutz@umat-tirol.at.

As for **the duty of information in accordance with Article 13 of the GDPR**, please refer to UMIT TIROL's Privacy Statement which is published on UMIT TIROL's Homepage (see www.umat-tirol.at → Data Protection).

Data subject rights (right of information, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, revocation of consent, data transfer): It is possible to make use of the stated data subject rights according to GDPR via the following UMIT TIROL e-mail address. You can contact UMIT TIROL's data protection officer at: datenschutz@umat-tirol.at.

Right to appeal: If the processing of personal data violates the data protection law, a complaint can be filed with the Austrian Data Protection Authority. For further information, please refer to the Austrian Data Protection Authority's Website - <https://www.dsb.gv.at/>

15. **Additional oral agreements:**

Any amendments to the contractual relationship shall be made in writing in order to be legally effective. This shall also apply to the renouncement of the written form requirement. Any additional oral agreements shall be ineffective.

16. **Changes to the GTC:**

UMIT TIROL's GTC can be changed at any time and changes are also effective for existing contractual relationships, provided that the modifications are reasonable, especially if they are minor and justified. Students will be informed about the modification and have the right to object to the change to the GTC within 4 weeks of receiving notification of the change, else the modified GTC will be deemed accepted. The current version is available on our Website www.umat-tirol.at → GTC/Regulations (or will be sent to the student upon request).

¹Average duration of the proceedings as from the date of submission of the thesis four to five months.

² UMIT TIROL cannot guarantee the successful completion (positive assessment) of examinations or of the entire study program and thus of the awarding of an academic title or degree.

³ The doctoral thesis agreement can be terminated unilaterally, it is, however, a prerequisite for the acceptance as doctoral candidate. The absence of a doctoral thesis agreement entails deregistration from university.