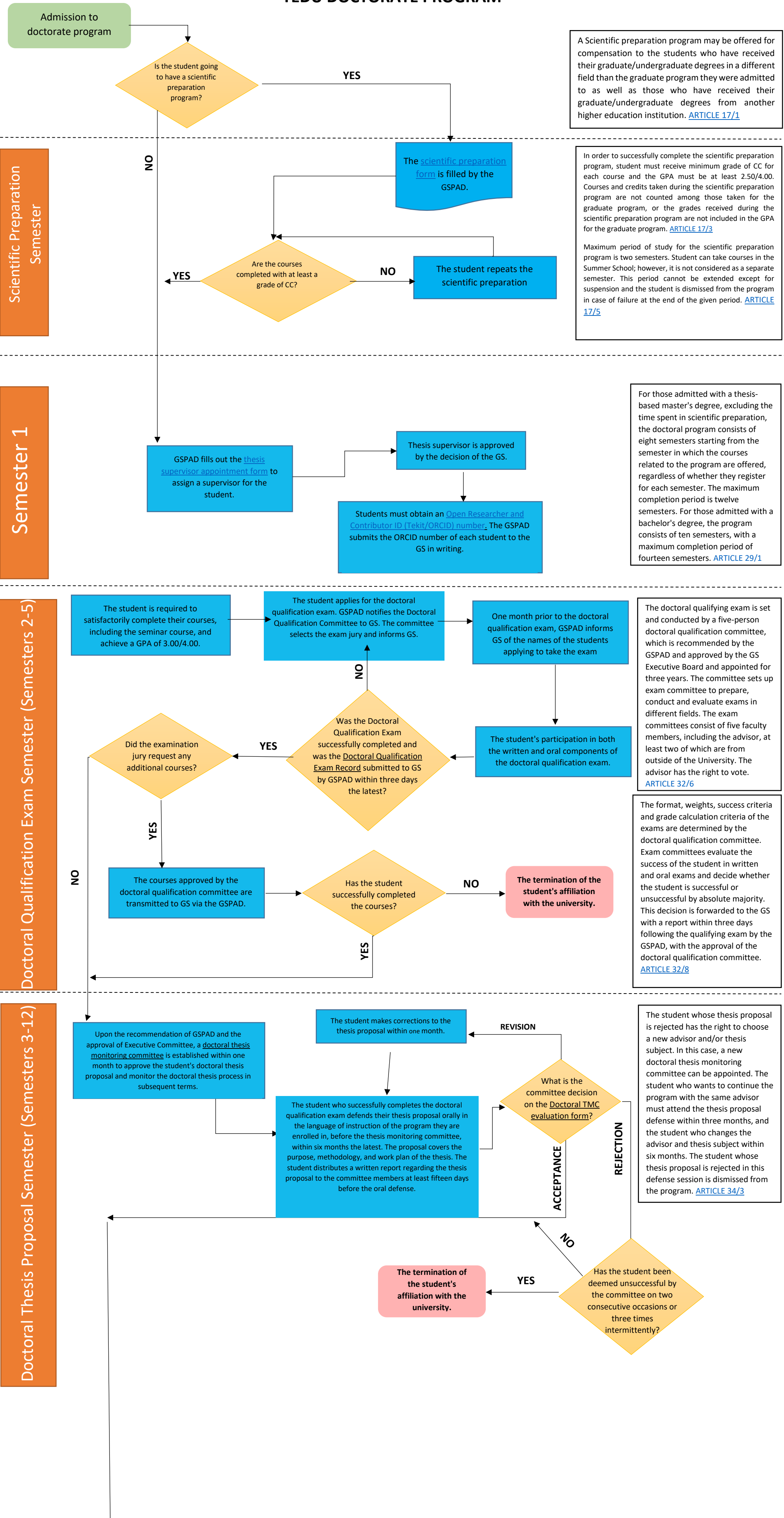


TEDU DOCTORATE PROGRAM



A Scientific preparation program may be offered for compensation to the students who have received their graduate/undergraduate degrees in a different field than the graduate program they were admitted to as well as those who have received their graduate/undergraduate degrees from another higher education institution. [ARTICLE 17/1](#)

In order to successfully complete the scientific preparation program, student must receive minimum grade of CC for each course and the GPA must be at least 2.50/4.00. Courses and credits taken during the scientific preparation program are not counted among those taken for the graduate program, or the grades received during the scientific preparation program are not included in the GPA for the graduate program. [ARTICLE 17/3](#)

Maximum period of study for the scientific preparation program is two semesters. Student can take courses in the Summer School; however, it is not considered as a separate semester. This period cannot be extended except for suspension and the student is dismissed from the program in case of failure at the end of the given period. [ARTICLE 17/5](#)

For those admitted with a thesis-based master's degree, excluding the time spent in scientific preparation, the doctoral program consists of eight semesters starting from the semester in which the courses related to the program are offered, regardless of whether they register for each semester. The maximum completion period is twelve semesters. For those admitted with a bachelor's degree, the program consists of ten semesters, with a maximum completion period of fourteen semesters. [ARTICLE 29/1](#)

The doctoral qualifying exam is set and conducted by a five-person doctoral qualification committee, which is recommended by the GSPAD and approved by the GS Executive Board and appointed for three years. The committee sets up exam committee to prepare, conduct and evaluate exams in different fields. The exam committees consist of five faculty members, including the advisor, at least two of which are from outside of the University. The advisor has the right to vote. [ARTICLE 32/6](#)

The format, weights, success criteria and grade calculation criteria of the exams are determined by the doctoral qualification committee. Exam committees evaluate the success of the student in written and oral exams and decide whether the student is successful or unsuccessful by absolute majority. This decision is forwarded to the GS with a report within three days following the qualifying exam by the GSPAD, with the approval of the doctoral qualification committee. [ARTICLE 32/8](#)

The student whose thesis proposal is rejected has the right to choose a new advisor and/or thesis subject. In this case, a new doctoral thesis monitoring committee can be appointed. The student who wants to continue the program with the same advisor must attend the thesis proposal defense within three months, and the student who changes the advisor and thesis subject within six months. The student whose thesis proposal is rejected in this defense session is dismissed from the program. [ARTICLE 34/3](#)

Admission to doctorate program

Is the student going to have a scientific preparation program?

YES

NO

The scientific preparation form is filled by the GSPAD.

Scientific Preparation Semester

Are the courses completed with at least a grade of CC?

YES

NO

The student repeats the scientific preparation

Semester 1

GSPAD fills out the thesis supervisor appointment form to assign a supervisor for the student.

Thesis supervisor is approved by the decision of the GS.

Students must obtain an Open Researcher and Contributor ID (Tekit/ORCID) number. The GSPAD submits the ORCID number of each student to the GS in writing.

Doctoral Qualification Exam Semester (Semesters 2-5)

The student is required to satisfactorily complete their courses, including the seminar course, and achieve a GPA of 3.00/4.00.

The student applies for the doctoral qualification exam. GSPAD notifies the Doctoral Qualification Committee to GS. The committee selects the exam jury and informs GS.

One month prior to the doctoral qualification exam, GSPAD informs GS of the names of the students applying to take the exam

Did the examination jury request any additional courses?

Was the Doctoral Qualification Exam successfully completed and was the Doctoral Qualification Exam Record submitted to GS by GSPAD within three days the latest?

The student's participation in both the written and oral components of the doctoral qualification exam.

The courses approved by the doctoral qualification committee are transmitted to GS via the GSPAD.

Has the student successfully completed the courses?

The termination of the student's affiliation with the university.

Doctoral Thesis Proposal Semester (Semesters 3-12)

Upon the recommendation of GSPAD and the approval of Executive Committee, a doctoral thesis monitoring committee is established within one month to approve the student's doctoral thesis proposal and monitor the doctoral thesis process in subsequent terms.

The student makes corrections to the thesis proposal within one month.

The student who successfully completes the doctoral qualification exam defends their thesis proposal orally in the language of instruction of the program they are enrolled in, before the thesis monitoring committee, within six months the latest. The proposal covers the purpose, methodology, and work plan of the thesis. The student distributes a written report regarding the thesis proposal to the committee members at least fifteen days before the oral defense.

What is the committee decision on the Doctoral TMC evaluation form?

ACCEPTANCE

REJECTION

NO

YES

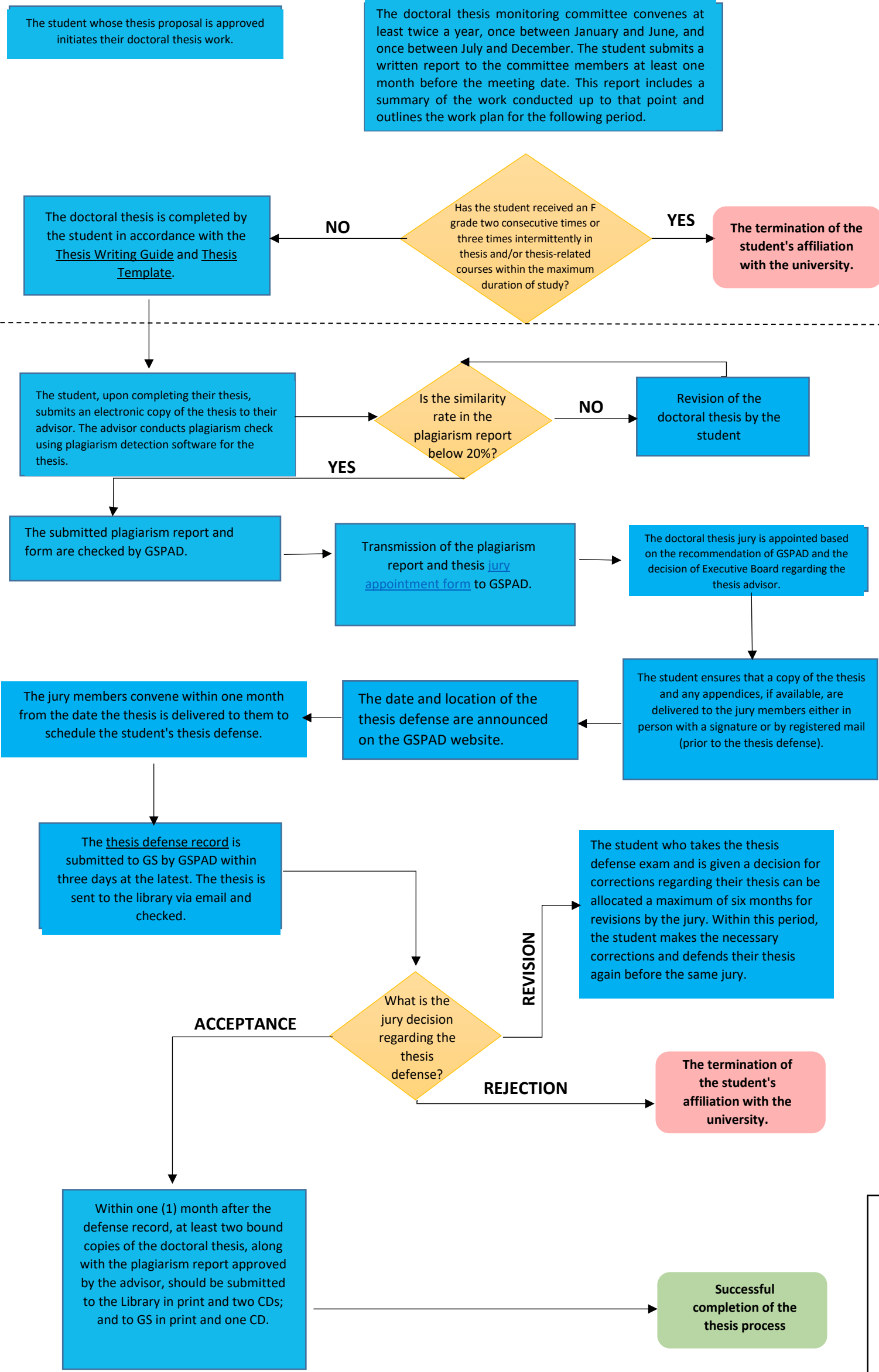
The termination of the student's affiliation with the university.

Has the student been deemed unsuccessful by the committee on two consecutive occasions or three times intermittently?

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Semesters of Thesis Work

Semester of Thesis Defense



In order for the student's thesis to be finalized, at least three doctoral thesis monitoring committee reports must be submitted. [ARTICLE 34/6](#)

Students must successfully complete their thesis study within the maximum period of study. The student who does not participate in the thesis defense at the end of the maximum study period is dismissed from the program. [ARTICLE 35/2](#)

The thesis must be written in the medium of instruction of the program in which the student is registered. [ARTICLE 35/4](#)

The deadline for attending thesis defense sessions is indicated in the academic calendar. [ARTICLE 35/5/\(c\)](#)

The doctoral degree thesis committee is appointed with the proposal of the thesis advisor and the relevant GSPAD and by the approval of the GS Executive Board. The committee is composed of five faculty members including the advisor, three of which are also members of the thesis monitoring committee, and at least two members from outside of the University, and two substitute members. One of the substitute members must be from outside of the University. Only substitute members appointed from outside of the University can replace the full member from outside of the University. The advisor has the right to vote. If there is a second thesis advisor, he/she can also participate in the committee without right to vote in addition to the existing five members. [ARTICLE 35/5/\(c\)](#)

Committee members must gather for a thesis defense session attended by the student within one month at the latest following the date the thesis is submitted to them. Thesis defense is to be held in the medium of instruction of the program in which the student is registered. The meeting consists of thesis presentation and question/answer sections and is open to the audience. The audience is to be taken outside the venue during the decision session of the committee. [ARTICLE 35/5/\(e\)](#)

The thesis delivery period can be extended for up to one additional month upon request of the student, and the proposal of the relevant GSPAD and by the approval of the GS Executive Board. A student cannot receive his/her diploma until the conditions are fulfilled and cannot benefit from student rights, and is dismissed from the program if the maximum study period is reached. [ARTICLE 35/8](#)