



Information session PhD students Faculty of Business and Economics

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Faculty of Business
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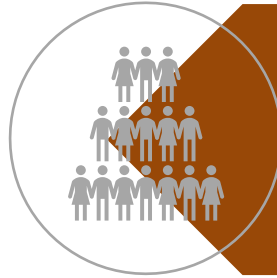
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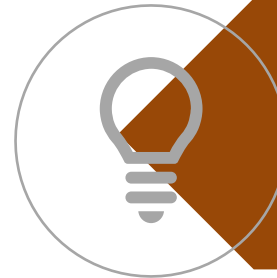
PhD @FBE at a glance



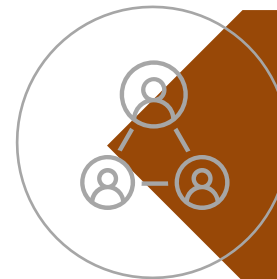
- Doctor of applied economics
- Doctor of management (Ex. PhD programme in collaboration with Antwerp Management School)
- + Joint PhD - Interdisciplinary degrees



- + 215 PhD students
- +/- 25 PhD defences per year



- 7 research groups (departments)



- Get to know your colleagues
- FBE: Young Research Network
- UAntwerp: MONDO, a social network for foreign staff members & students

PhD @UAntwerp

University level -
Antwerp
Doctoral School

central
coordination and
policy

Faculty level

coordination and
policy within the
faculty

Individual level

individual
guidance and
evaluation

Antwerp Doctoral School

ADS

Educational credit

- For each student who follows the doctoral programme
- € 1500 in total, released gradually (€ 500 per academic year)
- Procedure and conditions to be checked [online](#)

Course organization

- Not accepted for credits in the FBE doctoral programme
- Free of charge
- Listed on [website](#) - register through SisA

Joint PhD

Doctoral Day

- Twice a year, informative sessions
- Differs from FBE Doctoral Day!

PhD

Faculty of Business and Economics

FBE

Faculty Doctoral Committee

- Applications
- Doctoral study programme
- Individual questions
- IPC & Jury (advice)

Faculty Board

- IPC & Jury (decision)
- Faculty doctoral regulations

Faculty of Business and Economics FBE

- More information:
Organisation structure FBE



Faculty Board (FB)
Highest decision-making body in FBE
Chaired by the dean: Prof. Dr. Koen Vandenbempt



Faculty Doctoral Committee (FDC)
Chair: Prof. Dr. Marc Deloof



Research administration
Supervisor: Dr. Adelheid Ceulemans



Administrative coordinator doctoral programme FBE
Mrs. Nele Gernaey



Administration PhD defence & courses
Mrs. Aline Janssens



SisA administration
Mrs. Yana Shokh

PhD student

Every student is guided by an
Individual PhD Commission (IPC)

The IPC will be appointed by FB, after approval FDC

Composition IPC:

- Supervisor(s)
 - Chair (UAntwerp ZAP member)
 - External member
- One of the members is not directly involved in the PhD research
- All members hold PhD degrees



UAntwerp student account

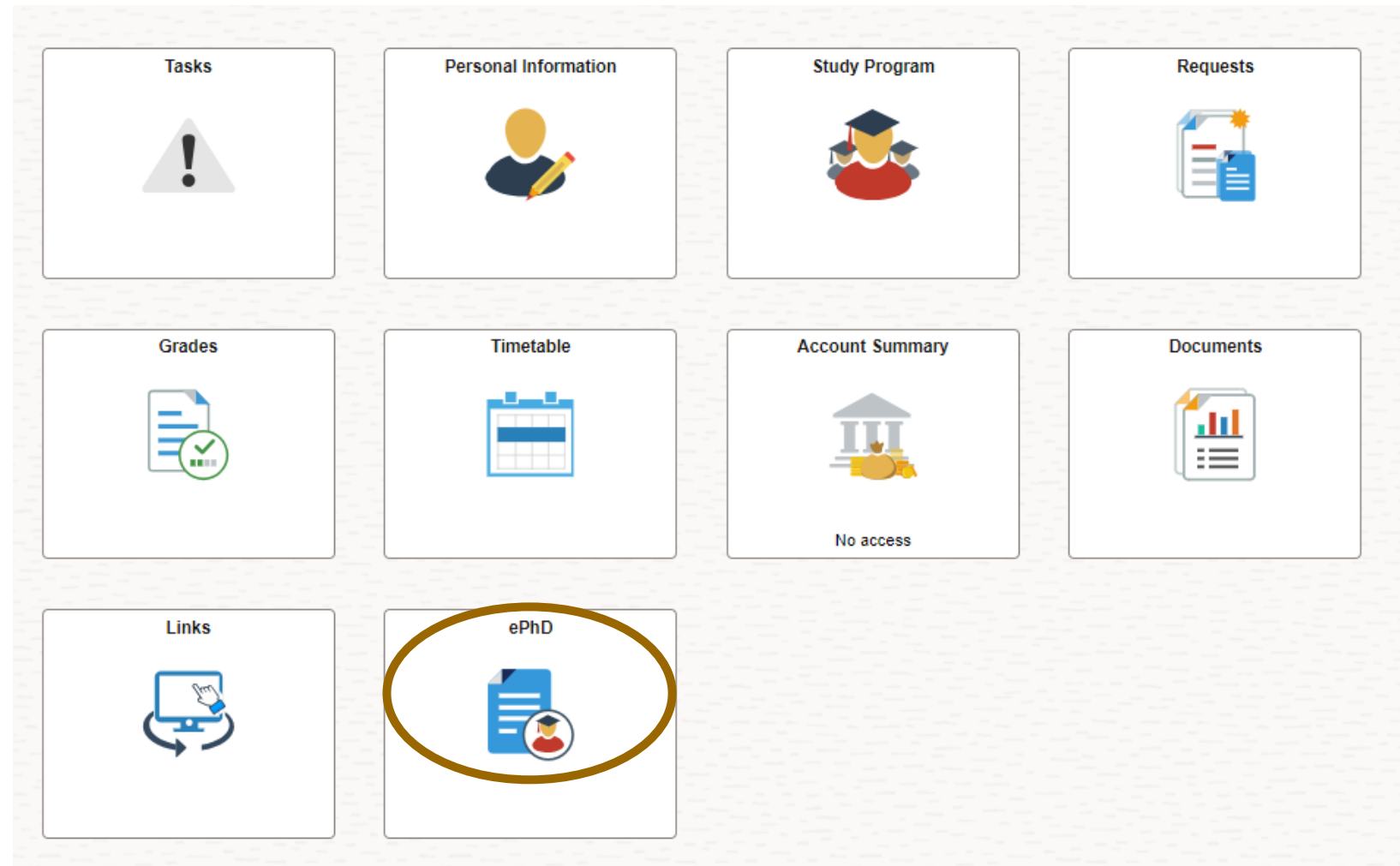
- **E-mail**


Check your UAntwerp student mail regularly! General announcements are communicated on this account.


Use 'rules' function in Outlook to automatically forward.


- **SisA self-service module**


- Personal details
- Manage your activities
- Enter and check reports
- Re-registration
- Enroll for ADS competence courses
- Check educational credit
- Defence phase




 My PhD Data

 Milestones

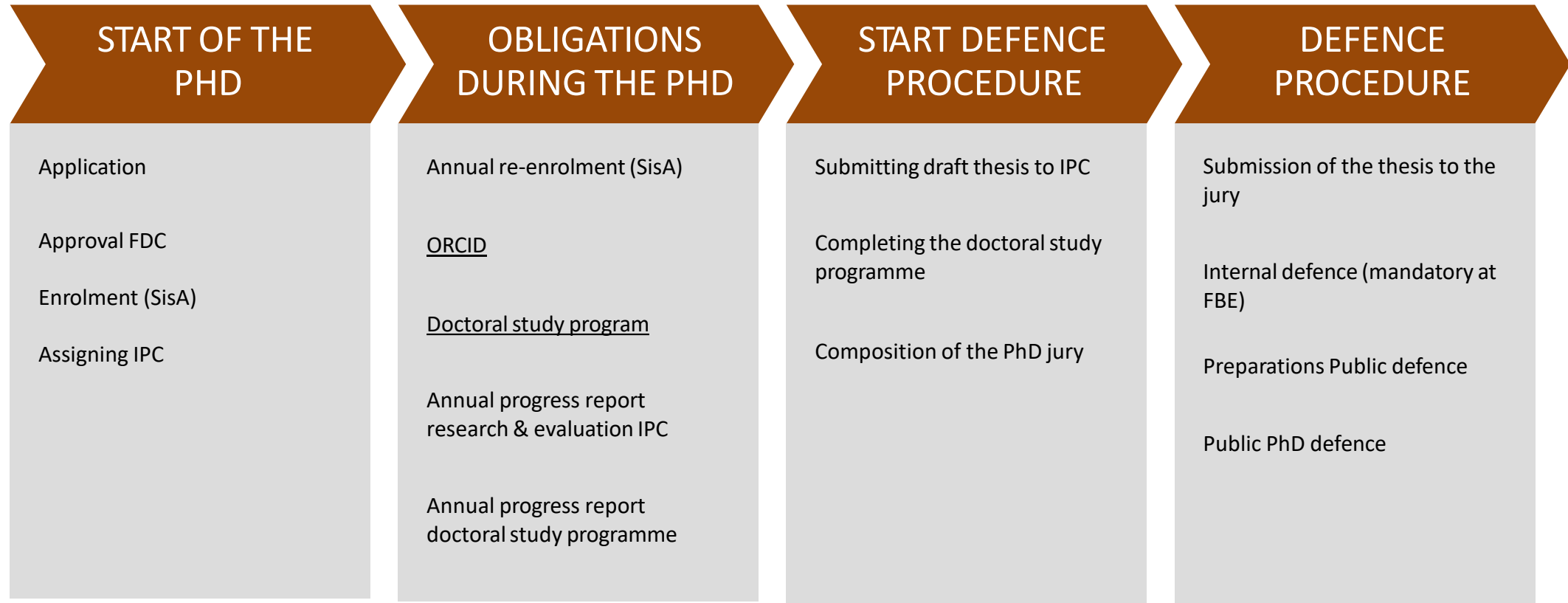
 Research progress

 Doctoral Training

 Defence

Milestones			
Phase: Start of the PhD			
1 row			
Description	Uiterste Datum	Status	Date Completed
Composition of the individual PhD commission	13/10/2023	Completed	25/10/2023
Phase: obligations during the PhD			
8 rows			
Description	Uiterste Datum	Status	Date Completed
Submit progress report PhD study programme	01/05/2024	Not Completed	
Submit progress report PhD research	01/05/2024	Not Completed	
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From application to PhD defence



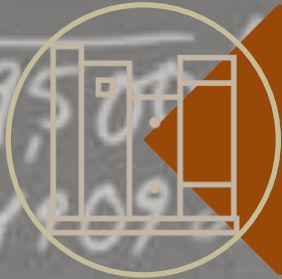
A high-angle, top-down photograph of a group of students sitting around a light-colored wooden desk. One student in a red shirt is leaning over, looking at a large open book. Another student's hands are visible, pointing at the book. There are various study materials on the desk, including a spiral notebook, a tablet, a laptop, and several loose papers. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a classroom or library environment.

Doctoral study programme

FBE has a specific doctoral study programme



Only activities directly related to your research recognized (clearly defined).



Flexible and individual. Not a fixed study programme but a set of activities to choose from depending on your research and needs.



30 credits

Minimum 4 different categories
Maximum number of credits per category
Mandatory credits in 2 categories



Fully integrated in the competence profile of ADS.
Develop the competences necessary to complete your research project & prepare yourself for your post-doctoral career (more info on the ADS website).

Which activities are allowed in the FBE doctoral study programme?

6 types of activities:

1. PhD courses related to your research - **mandatory**
2. Review of WoS manuscript
3. (Co-)supervisor of a research related Master's thesis
4. Publications
5. Presentations at academic conferences
6. Participation to FBE Doctoral Day (research day) - **mandatory**



1. PhD courses

Mandatory

Category A - Research skills and techniques

- 12 mandatory credits
 - Methodological course(s): 6 credits
 - Advanced (=discipline related) course(s): 6 credits
- Within the first two academic years of your PhD track

Additional (optional)

Category B - Adaptation to the research environment

- Additional PhD courses
- Maximum 6 credits (either advanced or methodological)
- During full PhD track
- Exception PhD level:
 - for an additional course in category B, exceptionally the upfront approval of an **advanced master course** can be requested ⇒ **worth half the credits**
 - Initial master courses are not accepted!

Which courses are eligible?



On offer

- Fixed list of courses - overview [online](#)
 - Faculty courses (list approved annually)
 - Some of the StatUa courses
 - KU Leuven: courses from PhD programmes in Economics and Business Economics
 - ECPR courses
- Free of charge (except ECPR)
- Registration deadline 2x per year

Individually selected courses

- PhD courses at national or international universities or institutions
- Course has to meet following criteria:
 - PhD level
 - Examination is mandatory
- PhD student asks upfront approval by informing doctoral administration on:
 - (URL to) course description
 - Number of ECTS (or contact hours)
 - Form of examination
 - Course taught on PhD level

➤ Register only **after approval!**

2. Review of WoS manuscript

Category A - Research skills and techniques

- Maximum 3 credits
- 1 credit per reviewed manuscript (also if multiple versions have been reviewed)
- The article does not have to be published
- Has to be for a Web of Science journal
- The PhD student must receive a personal invitation for the review

3. (Co-)supervisor of a research related Master's thesis

Category C - Research management

- Maximum 4 credits
- 1 credit per (co)-supervised Master's thesis
- Master thesis from UAntwerp or AMS
- The Master's thesis is research related - to be confirmed by your supervisor or chair

4. Publications

Category D - Personal efficiency

- Maximum 15 credits
- ONLY when recorded in the academic bibliography
- Peer-reviewed articles
 - in WoS journals = 6 credits
 - in VABB journals = 3 credits
- Other academic publications = 2 credits
 - Book, chapter in book, article not in VABB or without peer review, full paper in proceeding, working paper, scientific report
 - a maximum of 6 credits for these types of publications!
- Never credits for an (extended) abstract in proceedings, mainstream article, book review (even when included in the academic bibliography)



5. Presentations at conferences

Category E - Communication skills

- Maximum 8 credits
- 2 credits per presentation
- Different kind of presentations possible (paper, poster, ...)
- Only presentations on academic conferences



6. FBE Doctoral Day



Category F - Networking and teamwork

- Minimum 2 - maximum 4 credits
- 1 credit per active participation (discussant or speaker)
- The number of participation as presenter \geq number of participation as discussant
- No credits for participation at ADS Doctoral Day

6. FBE Doctoral Day

- PhD research day of the faculty, organized together with AMS
- A platform to present your (working) paper and receive comments from a discussant
- Opportunity to learn about the research of your fellow PhD students
- Workshops and network opportunity
- Participation is expected
- **Save the date! Next FBE Doctoral Day: Tuesday 15 October 2024**

Extra: Mind the GAP



- Training on research integrity
 - Mandatory for PhD researchers starting in academic year 2022-2023 or later
 - Accessible through Blackboard
 - No credit in the FBE doctoral study programme!
- <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/centres/antwerp-doctoral-school/doctoral-study-programme/training-offer/course-offer-interuniversity/#513594>



Progress and evaluation reports

- Mandatory annual process
- Deadline 1 May
- Two reports submitted in SisA

Progress & evaluation report - **Overview**

1 May 2024

Deadline to enter reports in Sisa:
1. Progress report doctoral study programme (activities)
2. Progress report doctoral research

31 May 2024

Deadline to invite all IPC-members for an interview
TIP! You can already set up a doodle now

May - June
2024

Interview with your IPC
Chair enters evaluation in SisA
Peer review of your activity report (doctoral administration)

16 June 2024

Evaluation available in SisA
Activity report peer reviewed

1. progress report doctoral study programme (activities)

- Enter activities: year round possible
- Submit activities: once per academic year
- Only completed activities
- Only activities recognized by FBE! In SisA, activities for all faculties are listed
- Dynamic screen: entry fields will vary per type
- Use the [FBE guidelines](#) to determine:
 - which category
 - credits
 - supporting documents

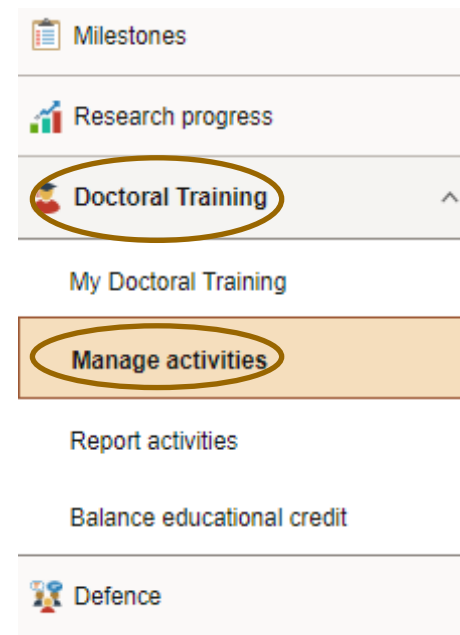
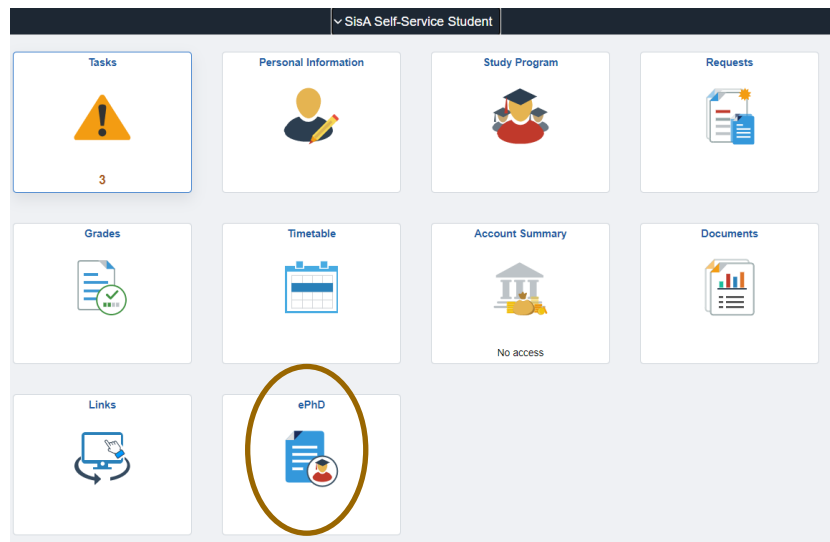
- Entering activities in detail:
https://studhelp.uantwerpen.be/ro_helpdesk/knowledgebase.php?article=206
- [FBE guidelines](#)



1. progress report doctoral study programme (activities)

Enter activities

<https://sisastudent.uantwerpen.be/>



Add the requested information for the activities that you have done for the doctoral training.

Crucial documents for adding activities in SisA (Phase 2, point 5, step 1A)

Add activity

Delete activity



→ Saving ≠ submitting!

[Copy uncertified activity](#)

→ If an activity was rejected the previous year, you can retrieve it here, adjust it and report it correctly

NEW

Date 25/03/2024

Activity ID 1

*Type

*Activity

*Competence category

*Title

*Points

Use a comma as separator for the decimals. You can enter only 1 decimal.

Remarks

Choose the activity that you want to add

Check FBE guidelines doctoral study programme

Supporting link

You can add 3 URLs here. A valid URL should start with http:// or https://

Supporting documents

[Upload attachment](#)

You can upload 3 supporting documents here. You can upload PDF- or .png files of maximum 5 MB. The file name cannot have more than 50 characters. You can convert an email to PDF in Outlook by choosing "Print" and then clicking on "Save as Adobe PDF". If you have provided an URL to certify your activity it is not compulsory to upload a supporting document as well. If you want to delete a file, tick the box next to your file and click on "delete file".

Check FBE guidelines doctoral study programme for the right supporting document !

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[Back](#) **Add activity** [Save](#)

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1. Courses & career develop.

- Attending artistic event
- Attending career-oriented event
- Attending research day
- Course
- Internship or work experience in a non-academic environment
- Lecture/workshop
- Networking
- Research stay
- Summer school

2. Education & (acad.) serv.

- Chairmanship board or committee
- Evaluation/Jury membership
- Formal mentoring systems, mentorship or ombudsperson
- Membership board or committee
- Peer review committee
- Supervision of Bachelor's or Master's thesis
- Supervision of a practical
- Teaching in higher education

3. Publ. & prod./creations

- Author
- Contributor
- Creator
- Editor or editorial board member
- Performer
- Reviewer of manuscript

4. (Academic) Communication

- Construction or maintenance of an academic website
- Giving a presentation
- Organization of scientific or science popularizing activity
- Participant in panel discussion
- Press conference or interview

5. Project prop. & recognitions

- Individual scientific prize
- Patent
- Project defence
- Writing a project proposal for FWO/VLAIO/BOF or similar
- Writing a project proposal for an individual PhD scholarship

Reporting activities

My PhD Data

Milestones

Research progress

Doctoral Training

My Doctoral training

Manage activities

Report activities

Balance educational credit

Defence

Report activities

Term	Date of submission	Date of finalization	Report status
Academic year 2023-2024			Not submitted
Academic year 2022-2023	01/05/23 21:54:22	17/05/23 10:16:22	Finalized

In a next screen you will be requested to confirm the submission.

The report status will change, and date of submission will appear

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Below you find a list of all the activities that you have entered on the page "Manage activities". The activities are grouped per competence category. You can select or select activities. Go to "Manage activities" to add more activities. If all the activities that you wish to report are selected on the list below, click on "Submit".

☐ I do not wish to submit activities this year

[Expand All](#) [Collapse All](#)

Competence Category A - Research skills and techniques - 9 Pt

Select	Title	Date Added	Points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Antwerp Rail School 2023	21/03/2024	3,00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Research Methodology	21/03/2024	6,00

Competence Category E - Communication skills - 4 Pt

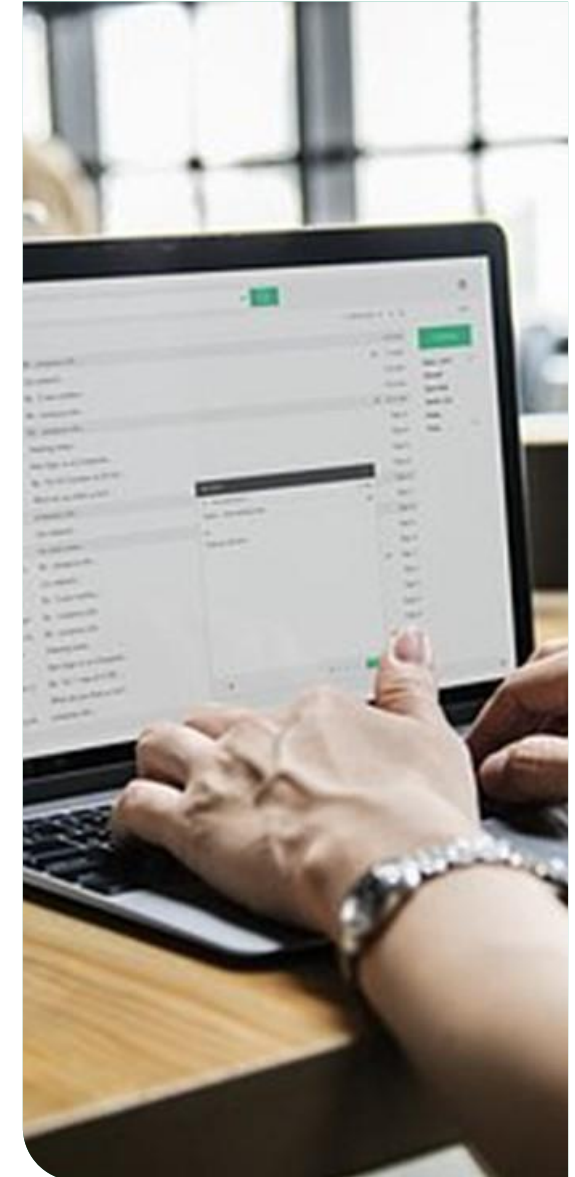
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Competence Category F - Networking and teamwork - 1 Pt

- ✓ You can only enter a report for the current academic year
- ✓ **1 May 2024**: HARD deadline - no extension possible
- ✓ Everyone submits: even if you do not have any activities to report
- ✓ After submitting - no changes possible!
- ✓ Activities without the right supporting documents will be rejected

Review

- By doctoral administration
- By 16 June
- General status will change to 'finalized'
- Categories and credits can be corrected before approval
- Without proof or without sufficient details: rejected → re-enter activity next academic year
- If changed or rejected: reason in the comments field
- ADS competence courses will be registered automatically without credits: code NVT (not applicable)



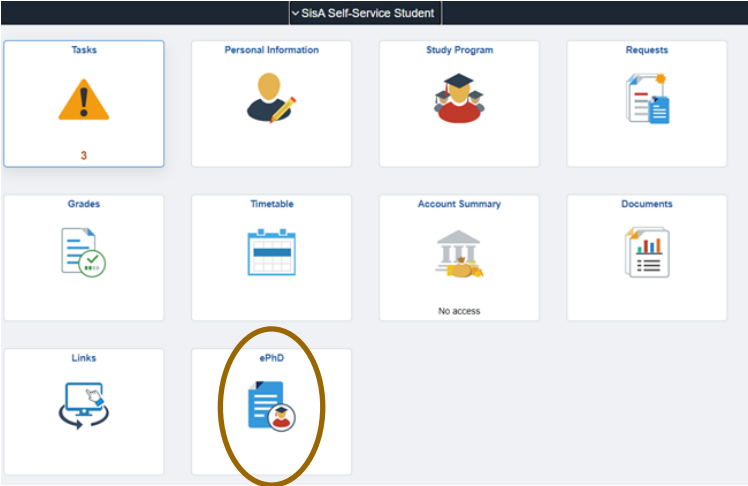


2. progress report doctoral research

- Deadline = 1 May 2024
- MANDATORY!
- No progress report = **NEGATIVE ADVICE = STOP PhD studies**
- Communication tool with your IPC
 - Report is sent to all IPC members
 - Enter all information you want to share with them
 - Also summarise the activities of your doctoral study programme
- Student invites IPC for meeting
- Chair of IPC will enter the evaluation in SisA after the evaluation meeting
- No email will be sent → check your evaluation in SisA under 'research progress'

Enter report

<https://sisastudent.uantwerpen.be/>



ePhD

My PhD Data

Milestones

Research progress

Doctoral Training

Defence

Research progress

2 rows

Term	Date of submission	Date of finalization	Report status	Evaluation
Academic year 2023-2024			Not submitted	>
Academic year 2022-2023	11/04/23 11:35:28	16/06/23 10:27:04	Finalized	Favourable >

➤ Entering report in detail:
https://studhelp.uantwerpen.be/ro_helpdesk/knowledgebase.php?article=77

Research progress

BackSaveSubmit

You can save your work intermittently. When your have submitted the report the status will change: 'submitted'

Relevant diploma

School

Date of degree

Start research

Official title

Overview to date

Overview of future planning

Meeting doctoral committee

Your plans for the next year:

- research
- doctoral study programme

What have you done up to now:

- research (conducted/in progress)
- activities in doctoral study programme

Attachment(s)

Upload attachment

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Doctoral committee

Type	ID	Name	Email Address
Admin			
Committee member			
Committee chairperson			
Promotor			
Promotor			

- Your PhD committee
- Report will automatically be sent to all members

Practicalities

- General correspondence: UAntwerp student email
- Contact info
 - PhD FBE: phd.fbe@uantwerpen.be
 - Administrative coordinator: nele.gernaey@uantwerpen.be
 - Antwerp Doctoral School: doctoralschool@uantwerpen.be
 - [PhD ombudspersons FBE](#)
- Useful links/info
 - Faculty webpages: www.uantwerpen.be/PhDFBE
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Thank
you for
attending

