

PEF Fact Sheet 2: Thesis Committee

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Legal basis: Award Regulations of the University of St Gallen, November 7, 2016 (PromO 17), Course Regulations for the Doctoral Studies in Economics and Finance of November 14, 2016, and Implementation Provisions of May 2, 2017.

Thesis Committee Members

Typically, each PEF Thesis Committee consists of three members:

1. Supervisor.

If a PhD student does not have a supervisor, the Programme Committee has to appoint a supervisor within one year of the start of his/her PhD study.

2. A member of the current Programme Committee or a member of the Programme Committee at the time of submission of the research proposal – he/she has to be appointed by the Programme Committee;
3. Co-Supervisor (external supervisor) – he/she has to be a full professor at another university, is suggested by the supervisor and has to be approved by the Programme Committee.

An additional member in the thesis committee is required for those thesis chapters which are co-authored with the supervisor and not yet published in a peer reviewed journal. He/she has to be a professor at the University of St. Gallen.

Supervisor

The Supervisor has to be:

- a) a full professor of the University of St.Gallen;
- b) a member of the faculty with an established recognised (habilitation-equivalent) research record who at the time of the official start of the Ph.D. programme is working as a permanent lecturer at the University of St.Gallen or holds another permanent appointment at the University of St.Gallen;
- c) persons as defined in (a) and (b) of this provision who have reached the age limit by the end of the semester during which they had their 67th birthday. The reference point for their appointment shall be the date of the official start of the student's Ph.D. studies or re-matriculation.

The formation and tasks of the thesis committee are stipulated in the new Award Regulations PromO 17 (see § III, Art.9-14, 17 2 and 36).