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**First Policy  
Regarding the Amended Doctorate Rules and  
Regulations of the Department of Biology,  
Chemistry, and Pharmacy of Freie  
Universität Berlin**

**Preamble**

The expanded faculty council of the Department of Biology, Chemistry, and Pharmacy has, based on Section 14, para. 1 No. 2 of the partial basic regulation (trial model) of Freie Universität Berlin from October 27, 1998 (FU Notification 24/1998) in connection with Section 70, para. 5 of the Higher Education Act in the State of Berlin (Berliner Hochschulgesetz - BerHG) in the version of the bulletin on the revised version dated February 13, 2003 (GVBl. p. 81), most recently amended by the law of July 12, 2007 (GVBl. p. 278) issued the following first policy on the amended doctorate rules and regulations of the Faculty for Biology, Chemistry, and Pharmacy of Freie Universität Berlin dated January 10, and July 11, 2007 (FU Communication No. 52/2007) on December 12, 2007:\*

**Article I**

1. Section 1, para. 1, sentence 2 shall be worded as follows:

“The written doctoral work shall consist of a scientific paper (dissertation) or several individual papers (cumulative papers) and an exam colloquium (oral exam) in the doctoral subject.”

2. A (new) paragraph 5 shall be added to Section 1 with the following wording:

“For doctoral procedures in which the written doctoral work consists of several individual papers, the meanings of the rules and regulations for the dissertation apply”.

3. Section 7, para. 1 to 3 shall be worded as follows:

(1) The written doctoral work shall prove the qualification for independent in-depth scientific work and should strive to be an advancement of scientific findings.

(2) The written doctoral work to be submitted in German or English, may consist of:

a) An unpublished or completely or partially published paper that must contain an integrally closed presentation of the research and its results. Prior publications are only allowed if jointly agreed upon by the doctoral student and the supervisor.

or

b) A cumulative paper consisting of published and/or unpublished individual papers, that, in toto, must represent a performance that is equal to a dissertation pursuant to lit. a). A cumulative paper that must have one overall title must also, in addition to the requirement listed under Section 7, para. 5, contain a list with the titles of the individual papers and an introduction and connective text that summarily interprets, assesses, and discusses the individual papers of the cumulative paper.

(3) Regarding written doctoral work pursuant to para. 2 that were developed in cooperation with other scientists, the part of the doctoral student must be clearly defined and assessable. The doctoral student must present the part he or she has played in the design, execution, and drafting of the research findings.

4. Section 7, para. 6 shall be worded as follows:

“The dissertation must be submitted in three printed copies. Each reviewer shall be provided with one copy, and one copy shall remain with the Faculty and will be archived. Previous publications of parts of the paper must also be submitted as reprints in triplicates.”

Paragraph 7 does not apply.

5. A (new) sentence 3 shall be added to Section 14, para. 3 with the following wording:

“Completely or partially published papers and individual papers of a cumulative paper that were previously published do not require publication within the context of a doctorate procedure.”

**Article II**

This policy shall become effective on the day after it was published in the Communications (Official Register of Freie Universität Berlin) and applies to all doctorate rules and regulations that are initiated after this date by submission of an application for admission to the doctoral procedure pursuant to Section 4.

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\* This regulation was approved on January 21, 2008 by the Senate Committee for Higher Education.