

## BGSE COMBINED RESEARCH MASTER AND DOCTORAL PROGRAM RULES OF GOOD STANDING

<b>M.Sc. Economics/ Economic Research (two years)</b>	<b><i>Rules of Good Standing / Prerequisites for funding and for proceeding to the Doctoral Program</i></b>	
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> semester</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Ph.D.-level basic courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, plus mathematics for economists – all 4 courses with a passing grade (i.e. 4.0 or better in every course)</li> </ul>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> semester</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 level-II courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, plus one topics course* or selected M.Sc. course with a passing grade (i.e. 4.0 or better) <i>and</i> an average grade overall 8 courses taken in the first year of least 2.5</li> </ul>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> semester</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-4 topics courses or selected M.Sc. courses (focus on topics courses*)</li> <li>• BGSE workshop participation</li> </ul>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> semester</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-2 topics courses or selected M.Sc. courses (focus on topics courses*)</li> <li>• BGSE workshop participation</li> <li>• M.Sc. thesis with min. 2.3</li> <li>• find your first supervisor for the dissertation phase</li> </ul>
* Students have to take at least three topics courses. And they have to have passed 12 courses in total.		
<b>Doctoral Program (three years)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• brown bag presentation (1<sup>st</sup> semester)</li> <li>• find your second supervisor (1<sup>st</sup> semester)</li> <li>• work on and finish your first paper</li> </ul>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• workshop presentation (3<sup>rd</sup> semester)</li> <li>• work on and finish your second paper</li> </ul>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• find your third supervisor (5<sup>th</sup> semester)</li> <li>• work on and finish your third paper</li> <li>• submit your Ph.D. thesis</li> <li>• prepare for the job market</li> </ul>
	The participation in a BGSE workshop is expected during the whole program. Additional offers: soft skill courses, conference participations, research stay abroad	

## **GRANTS AND PH.D. TRACK**

The conditional offer to proceed to the doctoral program as well as funding during the combined graduate program depend on the "good standing." Students who do not meet the good standing requirements lose their funding and the conditional offer to proceed to (resp. the right to continue with) the doctoral program.

There is the option of writing the master thesis in the 5<sup>th</sup> semester. In this case, the BGSE grant will be paused until you have handed in your thesis (payment starts the following month). The latest option to hand in the thesis, and move on to the dissertation phase will be the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> semester (March 31). The pause in payment neither prolongs the funding period at the end of your studies nor does it postpone the good standing rules set for the dissertation phase.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Students receiving grants by the BGSE and/or using office space are obliged to participate in the graduate school activities unless they have been granted a leave of absence. It is not possible to go on vacation while the university is in session (*Vorlesungszeit*) as well as during the exam periods (proctoring of exams). Students in the dissertation phase are obliged to be present and they are entitled to 30 days of vacation per academic year.

## **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS ON TOP OF A GRANT BY THE BGSE**

Students who receive funding through the BGSE (including third party funds in cooperation with the BGSE, e.g. DAAD), need to ask the BGSE for approval before signing a tutorship contract or any other kind of paid employment. (Please hand in an informal request with the details of the intended contract (scope and duration) before the beginning of employment. Be aware that you risk your grant without having special permission.)

The BGSE encourages its students to take over teaching assistantships to gain valuable teaching experience. The BGSE has decided to approve such teaching assistantships on top of a grant only for advanced students after their second year at the BGSE (4<sup>th</sup> master semester).

In case a student has finished the course requirements of the first year with an average of min 2.0 (in the relevant basic and level-II courses), the student can take over a teaching or research assistantship already after the first year.

Following DFG regulations, the maximum additional income on top of grants is 6,000 € per year.

## **COURSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR THE M.Sc. RESEARCH TRACK**

If you have already successfully participated in courses at another recognized research master or Ph.D. program, you can ask for a course acknowledgment within the framework of the master regulations.

If you decide against taking all 12 required courses of the M.Sc. research track in Bonn, the offer for a continuation to our Ph.D. program will only be made after having written the master thesis in Bonn and after having found a first supervisor in Bonn.

A grant during the course phase will only be offered if the complete course phase will be taken in Bonn.

A direct application to the dissertation phase is not possible even if you have finished a research master elsewhere. The only exception is a successful application to our research training group or collaborative research center.