

## **Study Plan of Doctoral Studies - schedule for two specific years**

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Acronyms: DDT – doctoral dissertation thesis, DDE – doctoral dissertation exam

**Study plan for students of the second year of the 4-year external study program who were accepted in the academic year 2013/14 or later:**

November – A doctoral student will submit the first version of the DDT project to his/her advisor.

December – The advisor will submit his/her comments to the student.

January – The student will incorporate the comments in his/her work and re-submit the project to the advisor for the final approval.

February – The student will submit the completed project, application for DDE, and other related documents.

March – The opponent will prepare a review of the project.

April – The DDE committee will be delegated and approved.

May – June – **Doctoral dissertation exam.**

**Study plan for students of the last year of the external study program (the fifth year of the external program's students accepted in the academic years 2011/12, 2012/13 and the fourth year of the external program's students accepted in the academic years 2013/2014, 2014/15 or later):**

October – A doctoral student will submit the first version of DDT to his/her advisor.

November – The advisor will submit his/her comments to the student.

December – The student will incorporate the comments in the work and re-submit the thesis to the advisor for the final approval.

January – The student will submit the completed DDT, application and other related documents for the katedra defense.

February – Opponents will prepare thesis reviews.

March – Katedra defense.

April – The student will incorporate comments of the katedra defense committee under the advisor's supervision. The student will submit the completed, final version of the DDT, application and other related documents (the author's summary, the list of publications, etc. according to the Rules of Doctoral Studies at VŠM) for the final defense.

May – The expert committee will approve of the opponents and the defense committee. The opponents will prepare thesis reviews.

**June – The final defense.**

In case doctoral students do not follow the plan (do not submit the required documents by the last day of the given month), their studies will be prolonged by another year, which is subject to an annual fee, or they will be obliged to end their study – they will be suspended (due to failure to complete the DDS by the official deadline). The Accreditation Committee has resolved to shorten the length of the external doctoral study from 5 years to 4 years as of the academic year 2013/14, which has influenced deadlines of DDE and defense of DDT.

*Note: This plan substitutes and specifies those parts of the Rules of Doctoral Studies which relate to schedules of DDE, as well as schedules of katedra defense and final defense of DDT.*