## The doctoral assessment procedure and the award of the degree for candidates who started their PhD programme after September 1, 2016 (<u>Doctoral and Habilitation Procedures</u>, Chapters 13 and 14)

# Submission of doctoral thesis

• The doctoral candidate shall submit the doctoral thesis and the required documents within three years starting from the comprehensive examination. Precondition of the submission of the doctoral thesis shall be obtaining the absolutorium.

#### + max. 3 months within study period

• The HBDT (Habilitation Committee and Doctoral Council) shall decide on the start of the assessment procedure within 3 months – counting only the term-time (i.e. within the study period, not in the examination period). The start date of the assessment procedure shall constitute the date of acceptance of the application.

#### + max. 2 months within study period

• Within two months – counting only the term-time at the University –, two official referees shall prepare the written assessment on the submitted thesis on the request of the Doctoral Council, and make a declaration if, in their opinion, the candidate's thesis is eligible for public defence.

### + max. 2 months within study period

• The thesis must be submitted for public discussion within two months – counting only the term-time – from the receipt of two supporting recommendations.

#### HBDT evaluation and EHBDT decision

• The HBDT shall evaluate the outcome of the assessment procedure. The EHBDT (University Habilitation Committee and Doctoral Council) shall decide on the conferral of the degree on the recommendation of the HBDT. The Chair of the EHBDT shall send the result of the decision and the qualification of the doctoral degree conferred to the Chair of the HBDT, who then notifies the candidate.