

Complementary information regarding the bylaws of the doctorate

Doctoral examination:

- **Note that it is the student who is responsible for organizing the exam.**
- You must formally sign up for it at the "Secrétariat des Etudiants, Faculté des science" (room 0003, Sciences III).
- The exam must be taken before the end of the first year. The ultimate deadline for the exam is the end of the 15th month of your start date as a graduate student (not necessarily the same as your contract as assistant). If you miss the deadline, you are automatically excluded!
- Choice of examiners: The examiners can be chosen by the student in accordance with the bylaws, but must be approved by the thesis advisor.
- The written report for the exam should be between 1'000 and 2'500 words (i.e. 4-10 pages; without counting references). Unless arranged otherwise with your examiners, it must be in English.
- The written report must be sent to the examiners as a pdf file at the latest one week before the exam.
- If you fail the exam, you have a second chance. The second attempt must take place at the latest before the end of the 18th month of your start date as graduate student. You must sign up for it again (as mentioned above).

Transitory provisions:

- The new bylaws go into effect on January 1, 2017. They apply to all graduate students!!!
- For new graduate students, the deadlines mentioned above apply strictly. For finishing students who have already signed up for their doctoral exams before December 31, 2016, the old bylaws apply.
- For students who started in 2016, they should take their exam before the end of the 15th month.
- **For all others, the exam should be taken according to the new bylaws ASAP but not later than the end of 2017.**
- If you just passed your first TAC in the year 2016, please discuss the issue with your advisor or contact one of us depending on your affiliation (D. Picard, A. Roux, E. Nagoshi).