

Guidelines for admission period for a PhD programme at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences

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1. The PhD programme consists of three years of full-time study. A PhD candidate can be admitted to a PhD programme at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences for up to six (6) years from the starting date. The starting date for the admission period is the same as the starting date for the funding period. When calculating the admission period, required duties, statutory leave of absence or interruption due to documented illness are not included.
2. An extension of the admission period exceeding the standard duration may be granted by one year at a time, a maximum of three times, on the basis of an application to the PhD programme's programme committee. The application must include a progress plan and should be recommended by the PhD candidate's supervisor. In cases where the supervisor does not recommend the application, this may be re-examined by the PhD programme's programme committee. The programme committee may decline an application to extend the duration of the PhD programme if the committee believe that the progression is not good enough. In the event the extension is granted, the programme committee may set additional conditions.
3. A PhD candidate is entitled to the number of hours of supervision that is stipulated for the PhD programme in question (see the programme description for the PhD programme in question). If the PhD candidate is not ready within the standard time, up to 40 hours of additional supervision may be granted by application for the additional time the candidate is enrolled in the PhD programme.
4. A PhD candidate who has been admitted to the PhD programme in the standard time period and who has completed the coursework part, but for various reasons has left the programme, can still apply to submit the dissertation for assessment according to Section 2-8 of the PhD regulations at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences.