

# Half time seminar

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By semester 5 (concerns fulltime studies), i.e. when the evaluation of results can be made and when changes are still possible, the doctoral student presents his/her work at an internal seminar. The purpose is to form an opinion of the quantity and the quality of the doctoral student's work and to give the opportunity for constructive suggestions to be made. This regards doctoral students enrolled before the 1st of April, 1998.

- Supervisors initiate the seminar, to which the examiner is invited (head of the seminar) and at least two other docent competent teachers from other sections/division in the department (or external).
- Before the seminar the doctoral student prepares a written summary of his/her work and remaining efforts (maximum 3 pages of text).
- The written summary, including published papers and/or manuscripts, is distributed, to the participating invited participants. The doctoral student opens the seminar, and then a discussion follows. The aim of the seminar is to generate a constructive discussion.
- At the end of the seminar the participants make a judgement regarding the number of ECT credits the doctoral student has achieved within the PhD program (120 ECT credits at a normal study pace).
- After the seminar the supervisor fills out a form that is sent to the director of studies and registered in LADOK.
- A doctoral student with a paid doctoral position gets a salary increase when he/she has attained 120 ECT credits. The half time seminar can be regarded as a closing seminar for a possible licentiate degree.