

## Which university degree is required for doctoral admission?

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### Symptom (public)

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### Problem (public)

### Solution (public)

International applicants who are interested in pursuing a doctoral degree at the FAU need an excellent university degree recognisable as an equivalent to a full academic degree in Germany, which as a rule includes a written Master's thesis. At some faculties (e.g. the Faculty of Sciences or the School of Business and Economics) exceptionally qualified holders of a Bachelor's degree can be admitted.

Candidates who have obtained an university degree in Germany are regularly admitted with a Master, Diplom, M.A., Staatsexamen or similar. If you earned a degree in a subject different from that you are doing your doctorate in, the admission is possible under certain circumstances. Sometimes a special examination (Promotionseignungsprüfung) will be necessary for becoming admitted. More information can be found in the respective doctoral regulations ["<http://www.graduateschool.uni-erlangen.org/doctoral-research/doctoral-regulations.shtml>"].

Master degrees from German Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen) are equivalent to a Master's from a Universität. Holders of a very good Diplom from an University of Applied Sciences can also be admitted after they have passed a special examination (Promotionseignungsprüfung).

After registering your thesis on "[https://www.docdaten.uni-erlangen.de/gradschool\\_en.html](https://www.docdaten.uni-erlangen.de/gradschool_en.html)" you will be asked for submitting your documents so that the admission requirements can be verified in your case - especially if your degree is from abroad, from a German University of Applied Sciences or in a subject different from your doctorate discipline.