Institute of Graduate Studies in Health Sciences

Doctoral Process

1. semester	2. semester	3. semester	4. semester	5. semester	6. semester
Course Periode ARS-I 30-45 ECTS Supervisor assignment	**Course Periode** ARS-II 30-45 ECTS	**Course Periode** ARS-III 30-45 ECTS	**The Proficiency/ Thesis Periode** 30 ECTS Determination of the **Thesis Monitoring Committee (TMC**) and thesis project	**Thesis Periode** 30 ECTS TMC report	**Thesis Periode** 30 ECTS TMC report

7. semester	8. semester	9. semester	10. semester	11. semester	12. semester
Thesis Periode 30 ECTS TMC report	**Thesis Periode** 30 ECTS TMC report The end of normal time	**Thesis Periode** 30 ECTS TMC report	**Thesis Periode** 30 ECTS TMC report	**Thesis Periode** 30 ECTS TMC report	**Thesis Periode** 30 ECTS TMC report The end of maximum time

- PhD candidates must take 15% (at least 20 ECTS) of transferable skills courses in order to start PhD thesis.
- To complete the Scientific Research and Ethical Principles course is a legal requirement for each PhD candidate before starting the thesis.
- **Approach to Research Studies (ARS)** I-II-III courses aim to increase the abilities and vision of the PhD candidate regarding the conducting of a research with their own supervisor.
- Upon the collection of required ECTS (minimum 90) from the courses, the candidates enter a proficiency exam in front of five academic staff, at least two of which should be out of Istanbul University. Following a successful proficiency exam, there are defined timeframes for submission of PhD thesis project, and a project report should be submitted and approved by the Institute every six months (each semester).
- In addition, an array of transferable skills courses are offered to the PhD students (Ex: courses, journal clubs, participation in conferences, seminars and workshops) after the proficiency exam.
- All PhD candidates have four years to finish their studies, also they can extend their programme two years by the approval of the Board of the Institute.
- The PhD thesis assessment committee consists of six members, of whom one-the supervisor- has no vote.