Pursuant to chapter V.5. Progress review of doctoral students of the University of Tartu Study Regulations, the following criteria for the progress review of doctoral students are established.

1. In the progress review, credit points earned for completed courses and credit points allocated for research are taken into account.

2. The progress of the doctoral student in research is assessed according to the student’s individual plan and PhD Study Agreement.

3. The progress of the doctoral student in research is assessed considering the following criteria:

   3.1. stage of the doctoral thesis;

   3.2. publications related to the topic of the doctoral thesis as specified in clause 16 of the Procedure for Awarding Doctorates;

   3.3. participation in conferences and seminars related to the doctoral thesis, taking into account the level of these and the doctoral student’s contribution (not exceeding 10 ECTS in the course of one academic year);

   3.4. other research activities related to the doctoral thesis (supervision of final papers, practical training outside the university, participation in research projects, acquisition of new methods, etc. – not exceeding 10 ECTS in the course of one academic year).

4. The doctoral student’s research work in one academic year (cl. 3) is assessed with 40 ECTS, if:

   4.1. by the end of the first academic year the most important literature related to the topic has been worked through and a detailed plan for conducting research has been prepared;

   4.2. by the end of the second academic year, at least one chapter of the doctoral thesis or a manuscript of a research article related to the topic has been completed;

   4.3. by the end of the third academic year, at least a half of the doctoral thesis or two research articles related to the topic have been completed;

   4.4. by the end of the fourth academic year, at least the manuscript of the doctoral thesis has been completed.
5. Within one academic year the doctoral student must participate in at least one event held by the graduate schools of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, which will be assessed as a part of completed courses or research work. [effective as of 1 September 2017]

6. During the doctoral studies, a maximum of 180 ECTS can be given to the doctoral student for research, of which 20 ECTS is given for the defence of the doctoral thesis.