

## CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE EUROPEAN DOCTORATE MENTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA

In accordance with the Declaration of the Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences of March, 1991, and Royal Decree 56/2005, 21 January, which regulates official university post-graduate studies, the University of Salamanca has established that the Mention of 'Doctor Europaeus' will be awarded to those doctoral candidates who fulfil all of the requirements set out below in regard to their PhD thesis:

### **A) Requirements for obtaining the European Doctorate or "Doctor Europaeus" Mention.** (Requirements established in Article 14 of RD 56/2005)

1. While enrolled in an official post-graduate program, the PhD candidate must take courses or undertake research at an institution of higher education in a European Union country other than Spain for a minimum period of three months. The course or research in question must be recognized by the body responsible for the official post-graduate program.
2. Part of the PhD thesis, at least the summary and the conclusions, must be written and presented in one of the official languages of the European Union other than the official languages of Spain.
3. The thesis must be reviewed by at least two experts pertaining to higher education institutions or research institutes in European Union countries other than Spain.
4. At least one expert with a PhD degree pertaining to a higher education institution or research institute in a European Union country other than Spain and different from the two mentioned in the paragraph above must be a member of the Board of Examiners evaluating the thesis.

### **B) Administrative Procedures for the European Doctorate.**

PhD candidates interested in obtaining the "Doctor Europaeus" Mention must hand in the following documents when applying for admission to the procedure for the defence of their PhD thesis in the corresponding Department:

1. Application form requesting the "Doctor Europaeus" Mention, indicating the foreign language chosen for the writing and presentation of the thesis (see paragraph A2).
2. Certification of having undertaken study or research related to the PhD thesis in another EU country or countries for at least three months.
3. Favourable and reasoned reports from two or more experts holding PhD degrees and pertaining to higher education institutions or research institutes in European Union countries other than Spain.

The PhD Commission will take a decision after reviewing the reports and documents indicated above.

If the decision taken is favourable, a certificate indicating this and signed by the Secretary or Chairperson of the PhD Commission will be sent to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners charged with assessing the PhD thesis to put on record.

After the PhD thesis has been defended, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners charged with judging the thesis shall certify that the second and fourth requirements for the granting of the “Doctor Europaeus” Mention have been fulfilled, to wit:

- a. That the Board of Examiners has at least one member pertaining to a higher education institution or research institute in a European Union country other than Spain.
- b. That the PhD thesis was written and presented in Spanish or in another official language of EU member states, but also, either in its totality or in a summarized version of the same, in Spanish if the thesis has been written in another language and vice-versa.

Application for the “Doctor Europaeus” Mention does not involve any additional fees in payment for the procedure for the defence of the doctoral thesis.

### **C) Academic Accreditation of the “Doctor Europaeus” Mention.**

Accreditation of the “Doctor Europaeus” Mention will be reflected on certificates, on the Official Degree and on the Diploma in the following way:

1. The “Doctor Europaeus” Mention will figure on the receipt for payment of the fees for the issuing of the Degree, on the additional certification of the Degree (issued in accordance with article 13 of R.D. 778/98), and on the reverse side of the Official PhD degree:  
  
“The holder of this certificate /degree has obtained the Degree of Doctor and the “Doctor Europaeus” Mention  
(or similar mention)
2. When the PhD degree is issued, the holder may apply for a *Diploma* issued by the Rector that reflects the “Doctor Europaeus” Mention, and the Secretary General’s Office of the University will establish the corresponding register for the Diploma of Doctor Europaeus.
3. The receipt of payment, the Diploma and the reverse side of the Official PhD degree will bear the stamp or anagram of the “Doctor Europaeus” Mention, approved by the Liaison Committee of the Confederation of European Union Rectors’ Conferences: a circle of five point stars in which the legend “Doctro Europaeus” is written.