



## Submission of Doctoral Theses and Selection of the Referees and the Examination Committee

The rules stated below are to ensure standards of quality and good scientific practice. The rules for choosing referees and committee members are based on the doctoral regulations of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, in particular on paragraphs 8, 9, and 10, thereof.

**On the required date of submission, the thesis must be made available to the office of the dean and to the referees both on paper and as a file. The file format must allow for an automated text search.** The format pdf is preferred. If the file is very large due to embedded figures, a separate file containing only the text should be provided.

**In the thesis, there must be a clear distinction between the author's own work and the work of others; all published work must be cited completely and correctly.** The thesis must also contain a signed statement that this is the case.

**The two referees must be independent of one another.** For instance, it is inadmissible to choose both the director of a research unit and a group leader within that unit as referees.

**At most one of the referees may be involved directly in the research work done for the thesis.** In particular, at most one of them may be a coauthor of scientific publications of the candidate. Exceptions from this rule, e.g. in case of large collaborations, need to be granted by the *Promotionsausschuss*.

**The thesis committee must represent the department in sufficient breadth and on an appropriate level.** Committee proposals consisting only of persons in closely related fields will not be approved. Two of the committee members should be professors at the department.