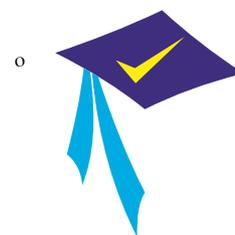




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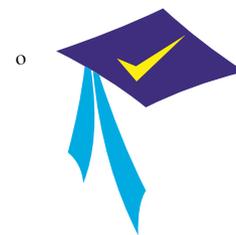
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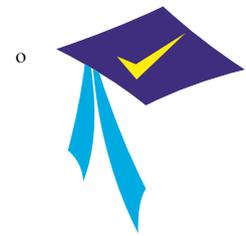
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Context

Date of site visit: 07.07.2021

Venue: <https://meet.google.com/vvv-rzdv-iwc>

Expert Team (ET) members:

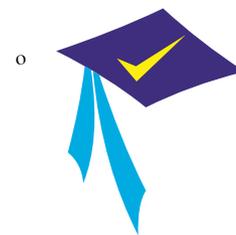
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Sources of information for the Report:

- Self Evaluation Report
- Web site: <https://fshmn.uni-pr.edu/page.aspx?id=1,53>
- SCOPUS data base for PhD Professors
- Doctorate Regulation
- Enrolled students and their mentors
- Doctoral thesis produced, evaluation committees and related publications
- Publications (PhD Professors) last 5 years
- Scientific projects where the study programme is involved
- Participation in international conferences
- Mobility of student and staff since 2016
- List of all eligible supervisors
- List of supervisor-doctoral candidates- research topics (per each supervisor)
- Elaborated financial plan
- Composition of the Faculty Doctoral Studies Council and minutes of the meetings of the last year
- Examples of research proposals approved
- Thesis assessment procedures
- Example of thesis
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- Competences to be acquired by the students on completion of the program.
- Updates of the program in the last 5 years
- Copy of 2 pages of the Strategic UP. that explicitly is focused on doctoral education (if it is a part of a more comprehensive institutional strategy, please, mark the part related to doctoral education)
- Research ethics / forms / defined procedure to do research (code of ethics)
- Mapping of the PhD Chemistry with the requirements of the new UP regulation
- Information about the admission rates
- Documentation (templates) that have to be completed by a doctoral student during all 11 (10?) stages of reporting on the progress of the research outcome (referred to during the site visit)
- List of training courses for supervisors: topic, time, how many supervisors participated

Documents requested and not provided

- List of networks and agreements (documented).
- Thesis assessment criteria
- Evidence of the support of the program to the supervisors.
- Documents for monitoring doctoral candidates' progress (for those that are enrolled)
- Study contract with a doctoral student (sample)

Criteria used for program evaluation:

- *Standards for Evaluation of Doctoral Programmes. Version PhD standards final (Received 29-06-21)*

1.2. Site visit schedule and attendants

12:00 – 12:45 Meeting with the management of the institution/faculty where the programme is integrated (*no slide presentation is allowed, the meeting is intended as a free discussion*)

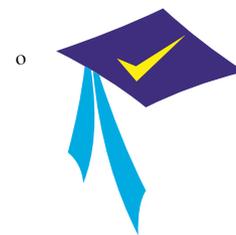
Prof. Dr. Idriz Vehapi (Dekan),
Prof.Asoc.Dr. Avni Berisha (Prodekan per qeshtjemesimore)
Prof.Ass. Dr. Kajtaz Bllaca (Prodekan per finanaca)
Prof.Asoc.Dr. Sefer Avdija (Prodekan per shkencedhecilesi)

12:50 – 13:50 Meeting with the head/s of a doctoral programme. Attendants explain that they only were responsible of the SER.

Prof. Dr. Fetah Podvorica
Prof.Dr.Sevdije Govori
Prof. Dr. Tahir Arbnesi



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13:55 – 14:50 Meeting with representatives of relevant doctoral committees, administrative and QA staff involved in doctoral programmes

Prof.ass. Bekim Gashi (Faculty Doctoral Studies Council)
Prof.dr. Sevdije Govori (Faculty Doctoral Studies Council)
Prof.asoc. Ferdije Zhushi (Faculty Doctoral Studies Council and Chief Executive at Kosovo Accreditation Agency)
Prof.asoc. Arsim Ejupi (Faculty Doctoral Studies Council)

14:55 – 15:40 Meeting with research-teaching staff and supervisors

Prof.asoc. Musaj Paqarizi (Staff and Supervisor)
Prof.asoc. Avni Berisha (Staff and Supervisor)

15:45 – 16:30 Meeting with doctoral candidates

Valbona Mehmeti (thesis 24-06.19)
Fisnik Laha (Thesis 8-1-21)
Arbër Musliu (since 2020/21)
Nimet Orqusha (since 2013/14)
Mimoza Koskoviku (since 2019/20)

16:35 – 16:45 Internal meeting between expert team and KAA.

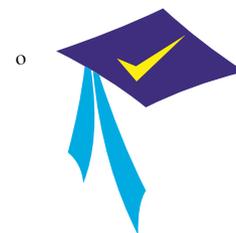
Agreed dates for the Doctoral Studies of Chemistry at FMNS.

14th of July, arrival of add documents;
27th of July, Draft Report;
30th of July, factual comments to the draft; and
2nd or 3rd of August Final Report.

16:50 – 17:00 Closing meeting with the management of the institution/doctoral programme

1.3. A brief overview of the institution and programme under evaluation

University of Prishtina "HASAN PRISHTINA" "is an autonomous public institution of higher education that develops academic education, scientific research, artistic creativity, professional counselling and other areas of academic activities" (article 6 of the UP Statute). It is the largest public higher education institution in Kosovo, since 1971/72, offering a diverse array of programs (bachelor, masters, and doctorate) in different Faculties. EECA (Emergent Europe and Central Asia) University ranking 301-350.



Faculty of Mathematical Natural Sciences was established in 1971; previously the studies of Chemistry were part of the Faculty of Philosophy since 1960. There are five Departments.

The Department of Chemistry offers the following studies: Chemistry BSc., Engineering Chemistry BSc., Physical and Inorganic Chemistry MSc., Organic Chemistry BSc., Analytical and Environmental Chemistry BSc. and Chemistry PhD.

2. PROGRAMME EVALUATION: Doctoral programme in XXXX

2.1. INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FUNDING

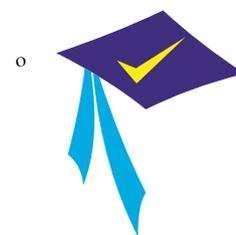
No.	Core standard	Compliance	
		Yes	No
1.1	The institution* has established institutional regulations for doctoral programmes that are either a) part of the existing regulations, but as a separate named section, or b) a free standing document	x	
1.2	The institution has allocated sufficient human (academic and administrative), spatial, physical and financial resources, specifically to support its doctoral programmes.		x
1.3	The institution has sufficient academic staff with a doctoral degree so that at least 50% of courses at doctoral level are delivered by academic staff from that institution. Further, at least 5 academic staff must have a PhD in the research field of the doctoral programme and have at least 3 papers, as first or corresponding author, published in international relevant publications in the last 5 years. Relevance of publications is defined according to international criteria for the particular field of science- indexed in WoS ¹ and/or SCOPUS ²).	x	
Subtotal		2	1

No.	Supplementary	Yes	No
1.4	The institution conducts regular reviews and updating of the programme.		x
1.5	Doctoral education opportunities are shown on the institutional website, in an official language of Kosovo, and in English, and include all relevant information.		x
1.6	The Institution has a clear strategy for the delivery of its doctoral education. If this is embedded in a general institutional strategy, it is explicitly recognised in a separate section.		x
Subtotal		0	3

Comments/Observations for the standards

1.1 All regulations are defined by UP. At the faculty level, there is a Doctoral Council. It seems that operates to control the PhD programs as judged by the minutes of their sessions (minutes were in Albanian).

1.2. The PhD program in Chemistry has to share resources with bachelors and masters. In total in the faculty there over 2000 students and in Chemistry degrees over 300. PhD students are 28. There are not specific budget for the



Chemistry PhD programme. The budget for PhD programmes in UP is very low. Sustainability of the program relies on the staff members' projects. In the last years there were 12 projects; currently there are only 2 actives. A rudimentary financial plan was presented on request with a general description of the sources of financing. Students in the meetings seem to be satisfied in general, although there is some specific equipment not available that force them to go abroad. In conclusion, it is not clear that research be sustainable.

1.3 There are 28 staff members, all of them with PhD, Courses are almost entirely developed by PhD program staff. There are 7 members with 3 or more publications as first authors in the last 5 years. All publications are indexed in Scopus. The general impression is that the program relies on a few numbers of active researchers.

1.4 The program has been updated accordingly with the new UP regulations. 2016 evaluation suggest a reorientation of the courses that seems to be partially attended. No other updates have been reported.

1.5 Information provided in the Website is limited to a general description of the courses.

1.6 There is not a clear strategy for PhD. Not even defined priority lines of research and research groups.

Compliance level:

Fully compliant

Substantially compliant

X Partially compliant

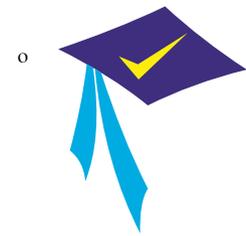
ET recommendations:

1. Establish a strategy of research (funding lines, etc.)
2. Insert relevant information in the Website
3. Review the general structure of the program to allocate competences and their corresponding activities.

2.2. SELECTION AND ADMISSION CRITERIA

No.	Core standard	Compliance	
		Yes	No
2.1	Doctoral candidates must be selected on the basis of a competitive and transparent process.	x	
2.2	Applicants for a doctoral programme must have an educational level equivalent to a masters degree.	x	
2.3	In the selection process doctoral candidates' potential for research should be assessed	x	
2.4	Applicants must be able to demonstrate a satisfactory working knowledge of English	x	
Subtotal		4	0

No.	Supplementary	Yes	No
2.5	Both, full time and part time doctoral candidates must have a clearly defined time for completion of their studies.		x
Subtotal		0	1



Comments/Observations for the standards

2.1. Selection is regulated by UP based in a competitive process. The number of selected students is very low and is decreasing from 2016 to 2021. The admission rate is low and no explanation was provided.

2.2. Students have a master degree.

2.3 Potential for research is assessed by looking about interest and research proposal (RP). Decisions are made by The Doctoral Studies Council in the Faculty. It is not clear the criteria used as the content and quality of research proposal is not reflected in any way. We requested examples of RP approved and rejected, but only one example of approved RP was provided, in this the document describes the background of the student, the supervisors and the title of the research.

2.4 There is an interview in English to check their level and also an entrance examination in English.

2.5 Full time and Part students have a clear regulation about the time for the different steps in the program. There are no part-time students. The timeframe defined by regulation is 3 years with the possibility of adding one year with a sufficient justification an adding one more year after an unsuccessful defense of thesis. However, these last more than 6 years. In part this due to the changes introduced by the Up and to personal reasons.

Compliance level:

Fully compliant

X Substantially compliant

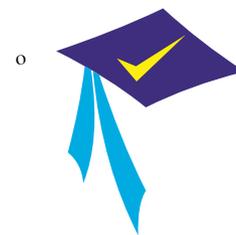
Partially compliant

ET recommendations:

1. A strategy to increase the number of students is advisable..
2. Review the time for completion of the studies.
3. Criteria for evaluation of research potential should be clarified.

2.3. DOCTORAL PROGRAMME STRUCTURE/CONTENT

No.	Core standard	Compliance	
		Yes	No
3.1	Doctoral programmes must be research-based although they may include course work and other activities that contribute to critical thinking and the development of research skills.	x	
3.2	Doctoral programmes must have a time limit of 3 or 4y ears forf ull-time doctoral students and of 7 years for part-time students.		x
3.3	The programme should enable individual research opportunities;courses should not exceed 1/5 of ECTS (36 credits) of total credit hours or 20% of the total workload; programme must develop transferable skills, and provide sufficient training in the methodology, ethics and integrity of research.		x



3.4	The programme should encourage mobility and participation in learning opportunities in other institutions.	x	
3.5	The programme must have an established process for monitoring the progress of doctoral candidates.	x	
3.6	A doctoral candidate must have a supervisor/s allocated within the first 12 months.		x
3.7	Acceptance of a doctoral research proposal must be subject to clearly defined and transparent procedures.		x
Subtotal		3	4

No.	Supplementary	Yes	No
3.8	Doctoral candidates' mentors and members of the doctoral committee should be involved in institutional bodies relevant for doctoral education.		x
3.9	Doctoral candidates should be allowed to take courses outside the institution, as well as afforded opportunities to gain other relevant experience, such as presentations at academic conferences, workshops and other relevant activities	x	
3.10	The majority of course work should be based on tutorials, seminars, discussion groups, workshops and individual work rather than predominantly didactic methods of instruction.	x	
3.11	There should be evidenced data collection on cohorts of doctoral candidates.	x	
3.12	If there is insufficient research capacity the institution is considering different approaches, such as joint programmes, collaborative programmes; a serious endeavour needs to be documented (please, see S4.5).	x	
Subtotal		4	1

Comments/Observations for the standards

3.1. Program is structured in courses and research. Students have to take 3 courses (30 ECTS). The offer is very high (over 30 courses). Courses seem to be regular courses although the methodology is based in seminars, etc. There are no other activities. Research is monitored monthly and progress evaluated yearly.

3.2 Regulated by UP. PhD in Chemistry is a 3 year program; However, currently the limits set by the regulation are not taken into account and there are students in their 5th, 6th and 7th year of studies. (See comments to 2.5).

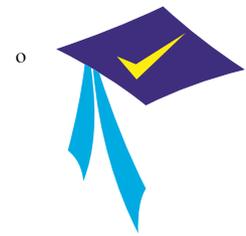
3.3 Course do not exceed 1/5 of the total length. It is not clear what transferable skills are developed, if any. The impression is that the program is mostly focused in research for publications.

3.4 The program facilitates mobility, as many of the staff have good relationships, but students need permission by the Central Doctoral Studies Unit. 6-8 students have spent medium-large stays in other laboratories (information was incomplete in some cases). 5 Staff members reported mobility for short stays.

3.5 There is an established process for monitoring the research progress. Evaluation of other soft competences are not included. See also 7.3

3.6 Supervisors are assigned in the second semester. It is surprising that of the 28 students enrolled in the program, only 10 have assigned supervisors.

3.7 Procedures and criteria for research proposal evaluation are not clearly defined. We requested examples of RP approved and rejected, but only one example of approved RP was provided, in this the document describes only the background of the student, the supervisors and the title of the research.



3.8 Only 3 members of the PhD program are in the Faculty Council for Doctoral Studies, but not in other levels such as the central UP Council.

3.9 The program does not recognize formally courses or other activities from outside.

3.10 Didactic methods usually do not exceed 1/5 of the program.

3.11 Data provided only indicate the number.

3.12 The institution seems to have enough capacity, except for some specific equipment and in these cases the program facilitates short internships abroad.

Compliance level:

Fully compliant

X Substantially compliant

Partially compliant

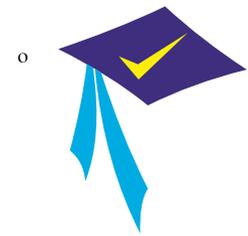
ET recommendations:

1. *Courses, if necessary, should be reoriented to research methodology.*
2. *The program should have a list of competences following the indications of the European Higher Education Area, including transferable skills) to be acquired and the correspondent activities planned*
3. *Monitoring of the candidates should include the evaluation of the competences.*
4. *The time limits should be reviewed based in the real duration*
5. *Assessment criteria for research proposal should be clearly defined*

2.4. RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT CAPACITY

No.	Core standard	Compliance	
		Yes	No
4.1	Infrastructure and facilities must be up-to-date and compatible with the area of research of a whole doctoral programme and doctoral research projects.		x
4.2	It must be evident, and clearly documented, that research is performed according to international ethical standards.	x	
4.3	An Ethics Committee should be responsible for approving research involving humans and animals. Members must be active researchers, with publications in relevant international journals with no record of any kind of misconduct of research, plagiarism or any other ethical issue, no identified conflict of interest, and committed to data protection.	x	
4.4	No supervisor should have more than three doctoral candidates.	x	
Subtotal		3	1

No.	Supplementary	Yes	No
4.5	In case of a need to upgrade research capacity, a joint doctoral programme with another university, preferably from abroad could be accepted (the whole programme with all the components needs to be documented, following all the	x	



	applicable standards); other forms of collaboration with other institutions from abroad may also be acceptable.		
4.6	Taking in to account the field of research, employment opportunities, and its research capacity, the institutions should consider the scheduling of enrolment of new cohorts of students.	x	
4.7	The institution should support research quality by requesting and reporting on research-paper quality and publication, external research funding, the establishment of research groups, etc.		x
Subtotal		2	1

Comments/Observations for the standards

4.1. Resources are very limited and facilities have to be shared with students from bachelor and masters (around 300 students). No specific financing is available for the program. Equipment need to be updated. In many cases, students have to complete their research in laboratories abroad due to the lack of specific equipment.

4.2 Code of ethics includes some references to research

4.3 A central UP Ethics Committee exists.

4.4 In general there is a supervisor for each student, sometimes 2 if the work is collaborative. No more of 2 students per supervisors were informed.

4.5 No joint programs were informed. When there is a need usually the supervisors contact colleagues abroad to fulfil the need. Formal agreements were not provided.

4.6 Students admission is regulated by the UP. Not data about how the number is established was provided

4.7 UP has a regulation concerning publications and their recognition for promotion. External funding seems not to be taking into account. There are not official research groups. Regarding publications there is a high number but a low impact. In addition only an 18% of papers are signed by staff of the UP in first place.

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X Substantially compliant

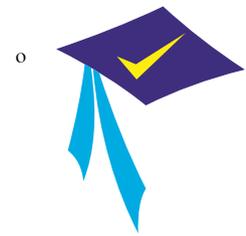
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ET recommendations:

1. The institution should support the creation of research groups that agglutinate strategic research lines and optimize resources. This groups should have specific funds, at least to cover basic costs
2. The program should focus not only in the academy, but consider other stakeholders when establishing the research lines and the number of students. Collaborations with non academic stakeholders in order to perform industrial doctorates is recommended.
3. Publications should be evaluated by their impact. Ideally for their impact in society, but at least according with the Journal Citation Reports

2.5. SUPERVISION

	Compliance
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No.	Core standard	Yes	No
5.1	A doctoral candidate must have at least one supervisor (two is advisable), covering the research area/topic that is the focus of his/her doctoral research.		x
5.2	Supervisors must be a member of academic staff of the institution, hold a PhD and an approved academic title, be an active researcher, with a minimum of three years' research experience following the award of his/her PhD; he or she must have at least 3 papers published in international relevant publications in the last 5 years (relevance of publications is defined according to international criteria for the particular field of science-indexed in WoS and/or SCOPUS).	x	
5.3	Supervisors must have experience in research projects and participation in international academic conferences and workshops relevant to the field.	x	
5.4	The number of doctoral candidates per supervisor should be compatible with the overall work load of a supervisor.	x	
5.5	Supervisors and doctoral candidates must meet regularly (at the very least monthly) to discuss the candidates' research and monitor progress. These meetings must be documented.		x
5.6	Responsibilities of the institution, supervisor and doctoral student must be set out clearly in a policy document.		x
Subtotal		3	3

No.	Supplementary	Yes	No
5.7	The Institution provides professional development opportunities for supervisors.		x
5.8	Participation in international academic networks and similar activities should be documented.	x	
Subtotal		1	1

Comments/Observations for the standards

5.1 Of the 25 students, only 8 have assigned supervisors. The list of enrolled candidates also includes 3 that have presented their thesis. They explain that this is because of the UP regulations.

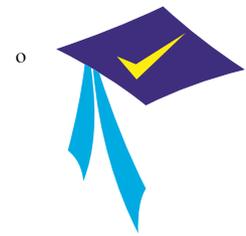
5.2 Assigned supervisors fulfil the requirements; the list of supervisors indicated in ER contains 28 of which only 26 fulfil the requirements. In a second list provided after the visit, only 16 supervisors are indicated. There was no explanation to justify this discrepancy. Moreover, some of the staff withdraw from the list fulfil the requirements.

5.3 Only 7 staff reported projects in the last few years. There is a massive participation in conferences held in Kosovo and Macedonia, and a few in other places.

5.4 As mentioned in 4.4 the number of student per supervisors is 1, maximum 2. There is no data about the workload of the supervisors in the institution.

5.5 No documentation was provided

5.6 Responsibilities are described in the UP Doctorate regulations. However, the Regulations focus on general process for organising the doctoral studies but does not clearly define the responsibilities of the main parties, namely the doctoral student, supervisor and UP.



5.7 No information was provided

5.8 There is an extensive network of collaborations.

Compliance level:

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Substantially compliant

X Partially compliant

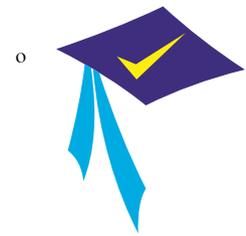
ET recommendations:

1. A document of compromise including the responsibilities, times etc. should be signed by students, supervisors and the institution at the beginning of the program.
2. Supervisors should be only very experienced professors. In order to participate all staff in the supervision a main supervisor and a novel co-supervisor could be a solution.
3. A more international engagement should be advisable, in particular for academic conferences and workshops.

2.6. ASSESSMENT

No.	Core standard	Compliance	
		Yes	No
6.1	Doctoral candidates are supported and required to publish at least 1 paper as a first or corresponding author in a peer-reviewed journal relevant to the field (indexed in WoS and/or SCOPUS).	x	
6.2	Doctoral candidates must confirm that the doctoral thesis is their original work.		x
6.3	Doctoral candidates must submit their thesis to the doctoral committee within the stipulated time frame and participate in an oral public defence.	x	
6.4	The institution must have a clearly documented protocol for the assessment process including the composition of the evaluation committee, which should comprise at least three members	x	
6.5	The institution must have clear criteria for the assessment of doctoral theses		x
6.6	The institution must have clear regulations governing the instance of a negative assessment.	x	
6.7	Institutions must have clear policies and procedures to address any kind of misconduct such as unethical practice, plagiarism, fabrication of data, etc.		x
6.8	All the members of the committee for the evaluation of the public defence must be established authorities in the research field. The committee must have at least one external member from a domestic or international institution.	x	
6.9	A supervisor may not serve as a member of the evaluation committee.	x	
Subtotal		6	3

No.	Supplementary	Yes	No
	None		



Comments/Observations for the standards

- 6.1 All doctoral candidates complied with the standard. However the journals in which they publish has little impact.
- 6.2 In general, his originality is guaranteed from the beginning with the research proposal evaluation for the Doctoral Council, the monitoring and finally the Thesis Evaluation Committee. However an evaluation of the percentage of plagiarism is not performed and the UP Doctoral Regulations does not imply that such check has to be done. No document stating that the work is original was provided.
- 6.3 Procedures are regulated by UP Doctoral Regulations
- 6.4 The institution has established the process but criteria for such assessment are not documented. The composition of the Evaluation Committees needs attention as most members are from the Chemistry Department.
- 6.5 There is a established procedure but not criteria. It is not clear how exactly the mark of the thesis is decided an what are the differences between “defended with great success”, “defended very well”, “defended with good success”.
- 6.6 Established in UP Doctoral regulations
- 6.7 Regulation is general for these issues
- 6.8 See 6.4
- 6.9 This is set by the regulation and respected.

Compliance level:

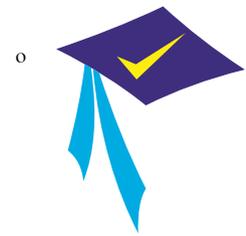
- Fully compliant
- X Substantially compliant
- Partially compliant

ET recommendations:

1. *Implement a system to control plagiarism (e.g. Turnitin)*
2. *Implement a document where the students sign an statement declaring that the work is original.*
3. *Composition of the Thesis Evaluation Committees should be mostly external to the institution.*

2.7. DOCTORAL RESEARCH OUTCOME

No.	Core standard	Compliance	
		Yes	No
7.1	The final outcome of the doctoral programme is a thesis. There is no singular, stipulated, format for the thesis. However, the copy must be publicly available. This may be on-line, but a hard copy must be held in the institution’s library and elsewhere, as deemed appropriate.	x	
7.2	The thesis should reflect original thinking and represent a valuable addition to the knowledge base of the topic	x	
7.3	Doctoral programmes should provide a successful candidate with a set of competences that will provide him, or her, with a choice of career paths.		x
Subtotal		2	1



No.	Supplementary	Yes	No
7.4	Where a doctoral candidate does not complete his/her PhD studies successfully the institution may wish to consider issuing a certificate recording the course she/she attended during the course of study.		x
7.5	There is a defined procedure for the assessment and public defence in cases where the result may lead to the application and award of a patent.	x	
Subtotal		1	1

Comments/Observations for the standards

7.1 These are available at the library of the UP

7.2 As judged by the example provided

7.3 A short list of competences was provided on request showing general aspects. Competences defined in EHEA are not indicated. No transferable competences for career paths other than the academia were provided.

7.4 UP regulations do not foresee such possibility.

7.5 UP regulations.

Compliance level:

Fully compliant

X Substantially compliant

Partially compliant

ET recommendations:

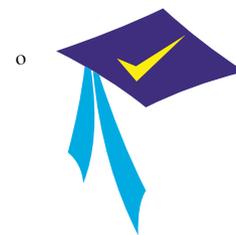
1. The program should have a list of competences following the indications of the European Higher Education Area, including transferable skills) to be acquired and the correspondent activities planned
2. A summary of the thesis should be published in the website of the program

3. OVERALL EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE ET

Standard	Core	Supplementary
1. Institutional structure, administrative support and funding	2	0
2. Selection and admission criteria	4	0
3. Doctoral programme structure/content	3	4
4. Research environment/capacity	3	2
5. Supervision	3	1
6. Assessment	6	
7. Doctoral research outcome	2	1
Total	23	8



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According to the KAA Standards for Evaluation of Doctoral Programmes, in order to be granted a positive decision for doctoral programme re/accreditation, every education provider has to demonstrate at least a **substantial compliance** level in the overall judgment. Therefore, failure in meeting at least a substantial compliance level entails delaying, withdrawing, suspending or denying accreditation

Full compliance requires meeting all 36 core standards plus 12 or more supplementary standards

Substantial compliance requires to meet all 36 core standards plus between 1-11 supplementary standards

Partial compliance requires meeting 35 or fewer core standards and any number supplementary standards

(Insert overall observations referring to the evaluation process, the quality of doctoral programme, approach to the site visit, etc.)

Evaluation was performed according with the schedule, without incidences. All the meetings were online and there was not a real visit to the premises to evaluate infrastructure. As indicated in the different meetings, Self Evaluation Report (SER) does not contain enough information to evaluate the compliance of all standards. Some of the attendees indicate that there was little time to prepare the report. In consequence, a long list of documents was requested after finishing the interviews. SER and additional documents showed some inconsistencies as for example the list of eligible supervisors or the list of assigned supervisors to students.

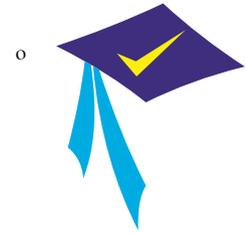
The PhD program in Chemistry follows the UP regulations and have a great potential; however the results are very poor in terms of doctoral thesis and their impact. The program seems to relay in a very limited number of staff and students. There are many aspects to be improved mainly related with the optimization of resources, relationships with stakeholders, clear definition of assessment criteria and information offered, especially in the website (See recommendations).

In conclusion, the Expert Team considers that the doctoral programme in Chemistry offered by University of Prishtina is *Partially compliant* with the standards included in the *KAA Accreditation manual for doctoral programmes* and, therefore, recommends *not to accredit* the study program.

4. APPENDICES *(if available)*



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