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Doctoral Program Brain and Behavioral Sciences

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The Doctoral Program for Brain and Behavioral Sciences offers a research-focused curriculum for Ph.D. candidates in psychology, sports, and education sciences, medicine, and related fields within behavioral and neurosciences. With the support of invited experts, the program covers cutting-edge knowledge from relevant research areas, scientific writing, research methods, and statistics.

Participants benefit from content-focused specialized courses, annual summer courses, an active research network, and the possibility of shaping the program through course and workshop suggestions. Each course completed earns a certificate, and upon finishing the program, students receive a Doctoral Program Certificate.

ECTS and Structure

Eligibility

Open to Ph.D. students pursuing a project at the University of Bern.

General

Ph.D. students must earn 14 ECTS points, with at least 7 ECTS from our courses. This means that a PhD student member follows at least two spring or fall courses and one summer course with us. The remaining points can be earned through other courses, such as those on methodology, data analysis, or soft skills like presentation.

Individual Consultations

Ph.D. students can consult with the doctoral program coordinator for personalized guidance on research, course selection, networking, and international collaboration.

Training Days

Each academic year, we offer 5-7 training days, including 1–2-day courses in spring and fall (2 ECTS each) and an annual 3-day summer course (3 ECTS). Additional workshops (1-2 ECTS) may be organized depending on demand and budget, ensuring at least 7 ECTS can be earned on-site annually.

Overview of ECTS

- **Spring/Fall Courses:**
1-2 ECTS each
- **Summer Courses:**
3 ECTS each
- **External Courses:**
Up to 2 ECTS, depending on study load (contact coordinator for approval)
- **Conference Presentations:**
1 ECTS per conference (max 2 ECTS total)

Join the Doctoral Program

Open to Ph.D. students interested in brain and behavioral sciences, including psychology, sports, educational sciences, medicine, and related fields. Applicants must be enrolled in a Swiss university. Priority is given to registered students for course enrollment.

Apply now here by filling out the **application form on our website**.

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