

## **XD107 Seminar of Ph.D. Chemistry studies - Ph.D. Student Conference**

The seminar XD107 is held as a student conference scheduled in the examination term at the end of each semester.

The conference consists of lectures and poster presentations. The scientific quality of lectures and posters, English language proficiency, and presentation skills are assessed by a panel composed of chairs of doctoral committees and other experts.

- Registration for the XD107 course in IS MU and attendance at the conference in each semester are **compulsory** for all doctoral students in the **present** (full-time) **form** of study during the **actual** length of study (i.e., in **each semester**, also after the end of standard length of studies of 4 years).
- For doctoral students in the **combined form** of study, registration for the XD107 course in IS MU and attendance at the conference are **compulsory** during the standard study period (i.e., the first 4 years). Presentations of 2 posters and the lecture before the dissertation defense are compulsory.
- Semesters, when a student is at an international stay abroad, are excluded. A student does not register for the XD107 course in IS MU for that semester and sends this information to the person in charge of the conference.
- A student can present one poster and a lecture during one conference.

For successful completion of doctoral studies:

1) A student has to acquire the number of credits that equals the number of actual semesters studied (that is, e. g., 8 for the standard study period of 4 years). In semesters in which a student does not present a lecture or a poster, credits are awarded for attendance at the conference confirmed by his/her signature in the attendance list.

2) During the actual time of doctoral studies, a student has to present **two posters** in English on the progress of his/her dissertation work. The posters may be presented starting the third semester of doctoral studies. The poster will be assessed by a panel composed of chairs of doctoral committees and other experts. If the poster is approved, the credit for the course XD107 will be awarded. If the poster fails the committee approval, it has to be improved and presented in the following semester. Posters that were prepared for presentations at domestic or international conferences in the preceding or following semesters could be used at the XD107 conference.

3) A student wishing to submit his/her thesis for defense has to deliver **one lecture** in English that summarizes the results of his/her dissertation, this lecture should be presented in the semester prior to the thesis defense. The lecture outlining the major findings of the doctoral research work should be prepared for 20 minutes, with 10 min left for questions and discussion. The lecture will be assessed by a panel composed of chairs of doctoral committees and other experts. If the lecture is approved, the credit for the course XD107 will be awarded. If the lecture fails the committee approval, it has to be repeated in the following semester. That may result in a thesis defense delay.

Students wishing to present their compulsory lecture or posters will send a one-page **abstract** of their presentation to the person in charge of the conference (Prof. Jiri Pinkas) **one month before the end of a semester in which they want to present**.

The Ph.D. supervisors are requested to be present at the conference.

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