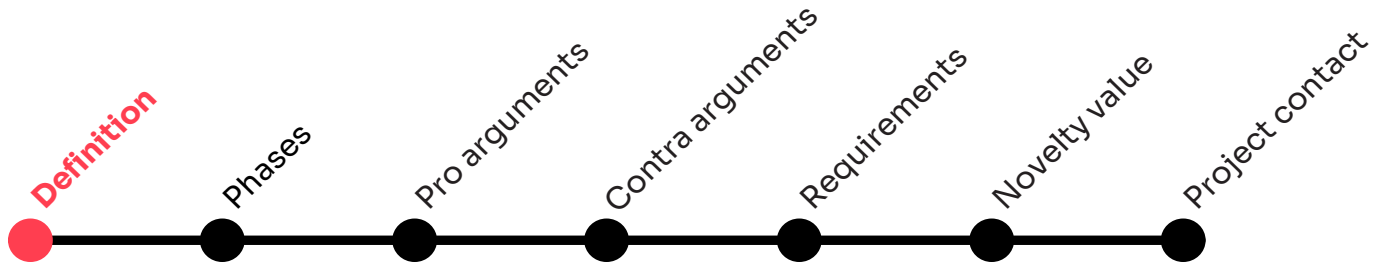


Stop Doctorate

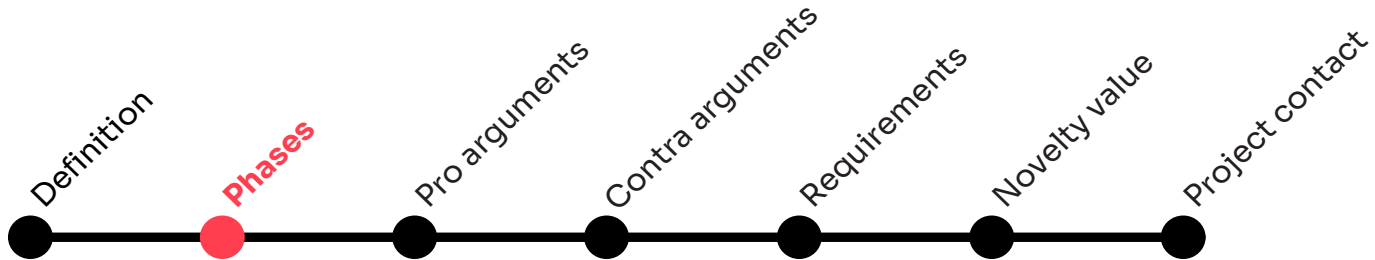
A doctorate in Germany is the process through which a doctoral degree is obtained. It involves the independent creation of a scientific paper (dissertation) that provides new insights into a specific field.



Definition

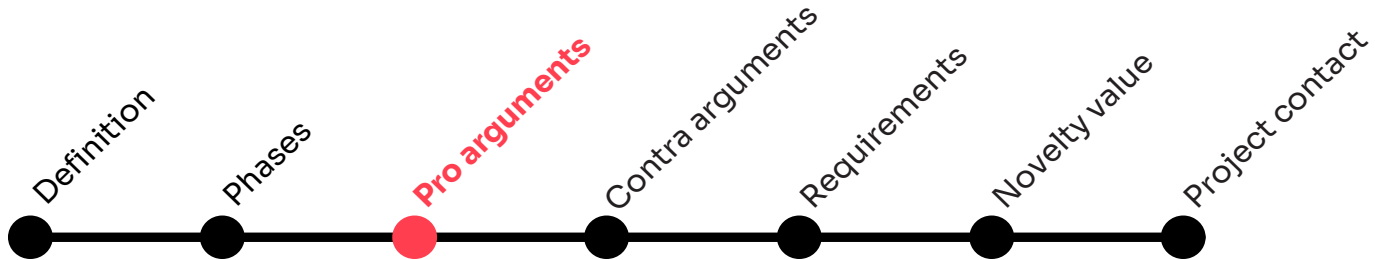
- acquisition of the doctoral degree and independent creation of a scholarly work with new findings in a specific field under the supervision of a professor
- the duration of a doctorate varies and depends on the individually
 - typically, it takes three to five years
- types of doctorates:
 - individual doctorate at a university
 - cooperative doctorate at a university or university of applied sciences
 - industrial doctorate with a university
- all types of doctorates can be completed either as a monograph (a comprehensive written work at the end) or as a cumulative dissertation (several thematically related publications)

What is a doctorate?



Phases

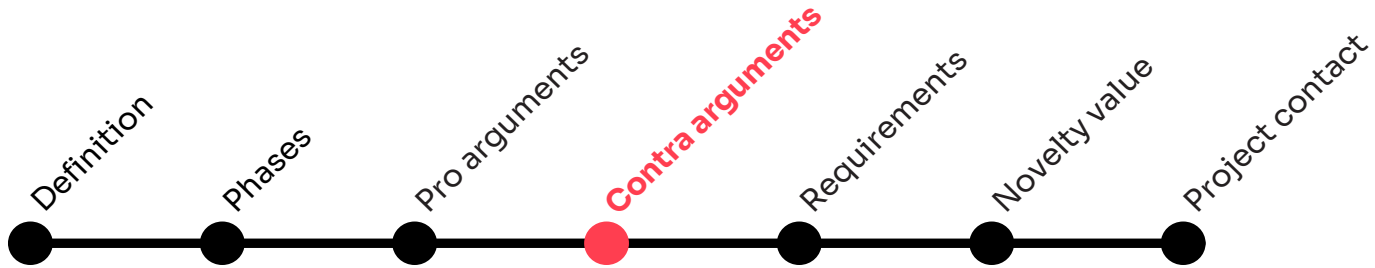
- orientation phase:
 - determining the dissertation topic
 - finding supervisors for the doctorate
 - preparing an exposé
- implementation phase:
 - working on the doctorate, including literature research, data collection and analysis, and the writing process
 - completion of the dissertation
- final phase:
 - submission of the dissertation
 - defense and publication of the dissertation



Pro arguments

- **academic career** – if the career path should be in academia, a doctorate is an essential requirement
- **career in industry or business** - a completed doctorate can provide faster access to a responsible position
- **in-depth expertise** – opportunity for intensive engagement with the subject matter and development of field-specific expertise
- **personal development** – enhancing the ability to critically evaluate issues, as well as strengthening problem-solving skills and self-discipline
- **networking** - exchange with other researchers and establishing oneself as an expert in one's field

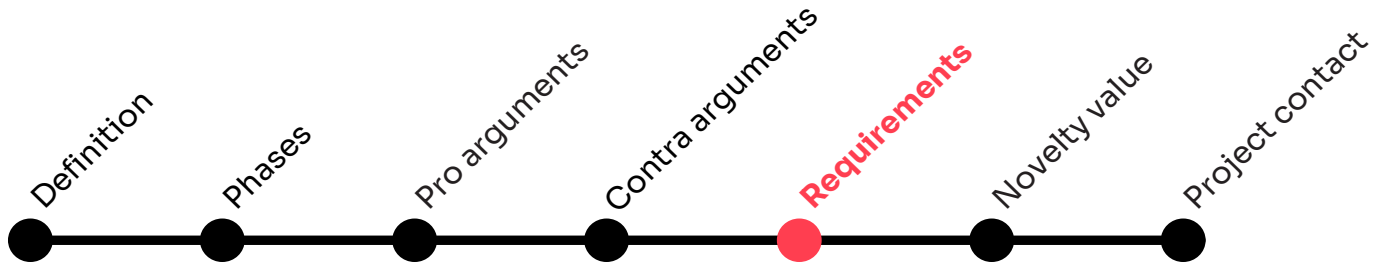
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Contra arguments

- **high time commitment** – three to five years of intensive work, leaving less time for family and personal life
- **funding** – fundamental considerations and constant focus on financing during doctorate take up space
- **benefit** – in certain fields or professions, a doctorate does not significantly advance one's career or earning potential, and may even be seen as overqualification
- **lack of alternatives** – a doctorate requires full attention and passion and it should not be pursued as a last resort
- **stress, pressure, and uncertainty** – the high (academic) standards and both internal and external expectations can lead to stress and pressure

What is a doctorate?

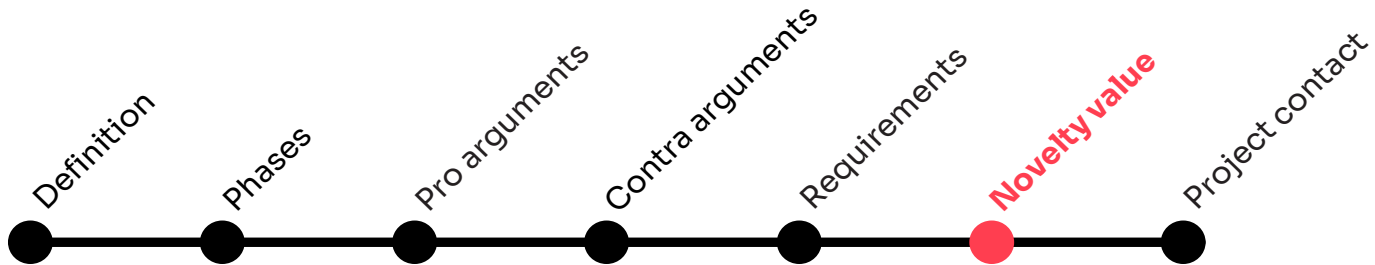


Requirements

- Master's degree, Magister, State Examination, or Diploma (with good academic performance)
- for foreign degrees, proof of equivalency is generally required via the ZAB

▷ Link to: **ZAB statement of comparability**

- **Our Tip:** carefully read the doctoral regulations, as they list additional requirements (e.g., language skills, specific credit points or certificates)
- intrinsic motivation – willingness to engage in-depth with a topic over three to five years and to organize oneself independently



Novelty value

- a fundamental difference compared to academic work during studies is the requirement for novelty
- this means that a doctoral thesis must contribute new insights, methods, or theories within the field
- examples:
 - utilization of innovative technologies
 - viewing an existing method from a new perspective
 - development of new approaches

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