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EG SESAM Doctoral Training – Credit Allocation Guidelines

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1. Doctoral training

To be eligible for the thesis defense, doctoral candidates must complete **60 credits** during their PhD program. (Candidates enrolled in a cotutelle arrangement must validate a minimum of 30 credits at Université de Lille).

The selection of training activities is flexible, as long as each activity meets the following requirement:

- The credits allocation guidelines listed below
- The training block structure rule. It is applied only to doctoral candidates who enrolled on or after September 1st, 2022.

Since 2022, **2 hours of training equal 1 credit** (with a maximum of 10 credits per activity)

Since the academic year 2025–2026, first-year doctoral candidates must complete the following three **mandatory** training courses:

- **Ethics training** (in-person or via MOOC)
- **Open science training** (in-person or via MOOC)
- **Training on gender-based and sexual violence** (in-person or online)

2. Credits allocation guidelines by training Block

Doctoral training is structured into **three distinct blocks**, each requiring a minimum number of credits for validation.

P.S: This block-based structure is required only for doctoral candidates who began their thesis on or after the 2022–2023 academic year. All doctoral candidates, regardless of enrollment date, must comply with the revised credit validation framework effective September 1st, 2022.

- **Block 1 - Fundamental / Methodological Block**: ***minimum 20 credits***
  - Training related to the discipline or research topic: **1 credit per 2 hours**
  - Disciplinary or methodological training: **1 credit per 2 hours**
  - Master's-level courses[1]: **1 credit per 2 hours**
  - When applicable, laboratory-based training programs: **1 credit per 2 hours**

[1] Courses taught by doctoral candidates are not eligible for credits allocation

- **Block 2 - Scientific / Academic Block: *minimum 10 credits*[2]**

  *Attendance at laboratory seminars is **mandatory** but does **not** earn credit. This also applies to thesis supervision meetings conducted in a seminar format.*

  Credits are allocated for the following activities:

  - Presenting a paper at a laboratory seminar: **5 credits/ twice per year**
  - Discussant in a seminar or conference: **2 credits/ twice per year**
  - Attending a conference or seminar outside the laboratory: **3 credits/ once per year**
  - Attending a conference or seminar outside the laboratory and presenting a paper or poster: **5 credits/ twice per year**
  - Attending a PhD defense within your specialty / discipline: **2 credits/ once during the thesis**.
  - Publication of a journal article or patent filing: **10 credits/ three times during the thesis or** Publication of a book review: **5 credits/ six times during the thesis**
  - Attending a summer or winter school: **5 credits/ once per year**
  - Participation in the organizing committee of a workshop, seminar, or conference: **5 credits/ once per year**
  - Acting as a doctoral student representative in a university body (EG, CA, CS, CFVU, laboratory council): **5 credits / once per year** (subject to active participation)

- **Block 3 - Transversal / Open Training Block : *minimum 10 credits***

  - The **three mandatory training courses**, to be **completed during the first year of the PhD**:
    - Ethics training
    - Open science training[3]
    - Training on gender-based and sexual violence[2]

    } **10 credits**

  - Training activities outside the doctoral candidate's discipline, including Master's-level courses: **1 credit per 2 hours**
  - Professional training courses from the EG catalog: **1 credit per 2 hours**
  - Certain university diplomas (DU) may be validated for up to **15 credits,** subject to approval from both the thesis supervisor and the Doctoral School

3. Candidates enrolled in the Graduate Programme:

Doctoral candidates enrolled in a Graduate Programme will be awarded 15 credits over the entire duration of the thesis (5 credits per year), allocated outside the training block structure.

[2] To validate these activities, you must submit, via your ADUM profile, a request of a training outside the catalog and add the certificate of attendance signed by your supervisor.

[3] These training courses are mandatory for doctoral candidates enrolled in the first year of their PhD from the 2025–2026 academic year onwards.