

Criteria for applying for direct PhD track

Students complying with the following criteria can submit a request for direct PhD track:

1. GPA of at least 85 in graduate degree.
2. The student completed the required courses in his/her graduate program, with a GPA of at least 85 over the course of four semesters.

The request will be submitted to the Student Affairs Office and will include the following documents:

1. Detailed recommendation letter.
2. Essay written by the applying student, including the following chapters:
 - a. Presentation, analysis and summary of MA thesis.
 - b. Initial research topic for PhD.
 - c. Relevant literature

The essay will be written in compliance with the thesis format, as described in the website, and will be submitted in four copies. The essay will not exceed 15 pages (including literature, illustrations and appendix).

The final date of submission is July 31st, of the final semester of the graduate program (for those who began during spring semester the final date of submission is February 28).

The application will be examined by a committee comprised of the Vice Dean of Student Affairs, Head of the Field Committee, two representatives of the Faculty in The Authority for Research Students, and the head of the relevant department. If necessary, and according to the committee's need, the application may be reviewed by an additional person. The final decision will be based on the student's academic record and the total score and quality of the application (The extent and quality of the research, the student's academic writing skills, etc.). In case of a disagreement among the committee members regarding a certain application, the student will be summoned to appear in front of the committee. The final decision will be announced within one month of submission.

Approving a graduate degree, in the direct PhD track

There is an option to approve a graduate degree without a grade during the direct PhD program for students that comply with the following conditions:

1. The student completed all of his/her graduate courses with a grade of at least 85.
2. The student completed all of his/her supplementary courses needed to apply for PhD with a grade of at least 75.
3. The student submitted his/her research plan to the accompanying committee.
4. The accompanying committee submitted and approved the acceptance of the student to stage B.

The diploma will mention that the degree is part of the direct PhD track.

The degree will not include a final GPA. The eligibility date will be the date of acceptance to stage B or the date of the last grade of the supplementary courses (The later of the two).

Students that are interested in the program, and comply with the necessary requirements, should contact the graduate/PhD track coordinator at the Student Affairs office.