The following handout contains explanatory notes on the study regulations for the International PhD programme in history from 10 January 2012, the study regulations for the International PhD programme in Sociology from 15 February 2012, as well as on the changes in the study regulations from 01 June 2015 (International PhD programme in history) and 01 June 2015 (International PhD in Sociology).

Transferable Skills

The attendance of transferable skills events that are not announced in the BGHS’s eKVV needs to be arranged in advance. A consultation with the competent or the BGHS coordinator before the event takes place is advisable in order to ensure the credit point/s. This is especially applicable in the cases when these events take place outside the Bielefeld University.

The study regulations from 2012 state that the visit of two events in the field of transferable skills (Schlüsselqualifikationen) should amount to 2 hours per week per semester = 1 CP. Each of these events in the field of transferable skills must be at least 11.25 hours (1 hour per week per semester) and require an active participation of the attendants in order to be credited with 0.5 CP. Credit points will not be assigned for attendance without active participation.

The 2015 amendments in the study regulations are directed mainly at the Transferable Skill qualifications (Schlüsselqualifikationen) and aim to facilitate the assignments and calculations of the CP for these events. Instead of two a researcher can visit up to four different events within the frame of these qualifications as long as they amount to 2 hours per week per semester (22.5 hours) = 1 CP. Therefore credits for one-day events/workshops can be obtained. One-day events should include at least 5.6 hours (without breaks), two-day events at least 11.25 hours (without breaks) and include an active participation of the attendants. Credit points will not be assigned for attendance without active participation.
**Optional courses**

Credit points for self-conducted courses are assigned as it follows:

- One’s own lecture, 2 SWS (hours per week per semester), carried out alone: 1.0 CP
- Repetition of one’s own lecture, 2 SWS (hours per week per semester), carried out alone: 0.5 CP
- One’s own lecture, 2 SWS (hours per week per semester), carried out with a partner: 0.5 CP

Credit points for participation in a study group are assigned as it follows:

- Study Group 2 SWS (hours per week per semester): 1 CP
- Study Group, 1 SWS (hours per week per semester): 0.5 CP

Credit points for attending workshops are assigned as it follows:

- Workshops with duration of several days with an active participation: 1 CP
- Workshops with duration of several days without active participation: 0.5 CP
- One-day workshop with active participation: 0.5 CP

**Summer Schools** can also be credited within the study regulations. The credits differentiate in accordance with the event duration and the participant’s activity.