

Section 9.

Academic titles and honours at FH Upper Austria

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1. Academic designation (title) of professor

- (1) The title of professor (Prof.) is awarded by the Academic Board in accordance with the following provisions:

- (2) Obtaining and applying for the title

Individuals who have been appointed to a full-time position at FH Upper Austria (professorship at Studienbetriebs GmbH, VG4, VG5) by an appointments committee approved by the Academic Board will obtain the title of professor by resolution of the Academic Board upon commencement of the indefinite employment contract. For holders of an L2 professorship, the title may be awarded by resolution of the Academic Board after an application has been submitted.

Individuals in full-time employment at FH Upper Austria (research professorship at F&E GmbH, VG4, VG5) may submit an application for the award of the title of professor to the Academic Board. Details of the procedure for such applications are set out in the relevant guidelines as amended.

- (3) Revocation and expiry

The rights conferred by the award of the title of professor will expire upon resignation from, or the revocation or termination of employment at FH Upper Austria. The title may be revoked by resolution of the Academic Board, in particular if the recipient of the title is convicted of a criminal offence, if the recipient's subsequent conduct is unworthy of the honour, or if it subsequently emerges that the title was obtained fraudulently.

Holders may continue to use the title of professor after reaching the statutory retirement age and retiring from active service at FH Upper Austria, unless the title was previously withdrawn for other reasons.

1a. Academic designation (title) of assistant professor

- (1) The title of assistant professor (Asst. Prof.) is awarded by the Academic Board in accordance with the following provisions:

- (2) Obtaining and applying for the title

Individuals who have been appointed to a full-time position at FH Upper Austria (assistant professorship at Studienbetriebs GmbH, VG3) by an appointments committee approved by the Academic Board will obtain the title of assistant professor by resolution of the Academic Board upon commencement of the indefinite employment contract. For holders of an L1 assistant professorship or a temporary VG3 teaching position, the title may be awarded by resolution of the Academic Board after an application has been submitted.

Individuals in full-time employment at FH Upper Austria (research assistant at F&E GmbH, VG3) may submit an application for the award of the title of assistant professor to the Academic Board. Details of the procedure for such applications are set out in the relevant guidelines as amended.

- (3) Revocation and expiry

The rights conferred by the award of the title of assistant professor will expire upon resignation from, or the revocation or termination of employment at FH Upper Austria. The title may be revoked by resolution of the Academic Board, in particular if the recipient of the title is convicted of a criminal offence, if the recipient's subsequent conduct is unworthy of the honour, or if it subsequently emerges that the title was obtained fraudulently.

2. FH Upper Austria academic honours

(1) Honorary professorship

1. The FH Upper Austria Academic Board may award the title of honorary professor (Hon. Prof.) to individuals who have outstanding professional achievements in the application or development of academic findings and methods, and who are able and willing to share their knowledge with students of FH Upper Austria on account of their related experience.

After receiving the award, the holder has the right to use the title of honorary professor and teach courses in the subject specified in the appointment. Such teaching by honorary professors may take place in addition to courses included in the degree programmes' curriculums and is carried out on a voluntary basis.

2. The title is awarded for life.
3. The requirements for the award are identical to those for regular professorships, excluding the requirement for an existing employment relationship with FH Upper Austria.
4. Proposal, application and award

Proposals for the award must be submitted by an expert committee (with at least three members) from an FH Upper Austria faculty or degree programme. Proposals are submitted to the respective dean, including detailed reasons and supporting documentation, in accordance with the guidelines for the award of the title of professor. The dean then forwards the proposal to the Academic Board, which makes a decision on the award of the title by simple majority.

If the Academic Board approves the award, the title will be awarded at an academic ceremony by the Head of the Academic Board. The certificate must include the subject in which the title of honorary professor is awarded.

FH Upper Austria maintains a roll of honour in which the corresponding Academic Board resolution will be entered.

5. Revocation and expiry

The rights conferred by the award of the title of honorary professor will expire upon resignation or revocation. The title may be revoked by resolution of the Academic Board, in particular if the recipient of the title is convicted of a criminal offence, if the recipient's subsequent conduct is unworthy of the honour, or if it subsequently emerges that the title was obtained fraudulently.

(2) Honorary teaching fellow

1. The Academic Board of FH Upper Austria may award part-time lecturers the title of honorary teaching fellow. Outstanding teaching performed on a regular basis at FH Upper Austria and regular participation in other high-level academic activities are prerequisites for the award. In addition, the individual should actively foster cooperation between their own institution (e.g. university or company) and FH Upper Austria.

This award confers the right to use the title of Honorary Teaching Fellow of FH Upper Austria.

2. Proposal, application and award

Proposals for the award must be submitted by an expert committee (with at least three members) from an FH Upper Austria degree programme or faculty. Proposals are submitted to the respective dean, including detailed reasons and supporting documentation. The dean then forwards the proposal to the Academic Board, which makes a decision on the award of the title by simple majority.

If the Academic Board approves the award, the title will be awarded at an academic ceremony.

FH Upper Austria maintains a roll of honour in which the corresponding Academic Board resolution will be entered.

3. Revocation and expiry

The rights conferred by the award of the title of honorary teaching fellow will expire upon resignation or revocation.

The title may be revoked by resolution of the Academic Board, in particular if the recipient of the title is convicted of a criminal offence, if the recipient's subsequent conduct is unworthy of the honour, or if it subsequently emerges that the title was obtained fraudulently. The title of Honorary Teaching Fellow of FH Upper Austria may also be revoked by the Academic Board if the individual concerned has not taught any courses at the University for four years.

(3) Honorary ring for services to FH Upper Austria

1. The Executive Board may award the honorary ring of FH Upper Austria to individuals for outstanding services in the academic fields in which FH Upper Austria specialises, as well as for services to FH Upper Austria itself. As well as the ring, recipients will receive a decree signed by the FH Upper Austria University President as well as the ring.
2. Proposal, application and award
Proposals for the award of the honorary ring may be submitted to the Executive Board by a member of the Executive Board or by the Head of the Academic Board. The Executive Board will adopt the relevant resolution, taking into account the Academic Board's opinion. The FH Upper Austria honorary ring and the decree will be presented by the FH Upper Austria Executive Board at a special ceremony. Once presented, the honorary ring becomes the property of the recipient.
FH Upper Austria maintains a roll of honour in which the corresponding Executive Board resolution will be entered.
3. Revocation and expiry
The honour conferred by the award of the honorary ring will expire upon resignation or revocation. The honour may be revoked by resolution of the Executive Board, in particular if the recipient of the title is convicted of a criminal offence, if the recipient's subsequent conduct is unworthy of the honour, or if it subsequently emerges that the title was obtained fraudulently.

(4) Decoration of honour for services to FH Upper Austria

1. The Executive Board may award the decoration of honour of FH Upper Austria to individuals for outstanding services in the academic fields in which FH Upper Austria specialises, as well as for services to FH Upper Austria itself.
Recipients of the decoration of honour will receive a decree signed by the FH Upper Austria University President as well as the medal as a visible sign of honour.
2. Proposal, application and award
Proposals for the award of the decoration of honour may be submitted by a member of the Executive Board, by an expert committee (with at least three members) from an FH Upper Austria faculty or degree programme, or by the Head of the Academic Board. The Executive Board will adopt the relevant resolution, taking into account the Academic Board's opinion.
The FH Upper Austria decoration of honour and the decree will be presented by the FH Upper Austria Executive Board at a special ceremony.
FH Upper Austria maintains a roll of honour in which the corresponding Executive Board resolution will be entered.
3. Revocation and expiry
The honour conferred by the award of the decoration of honour will expire upon resignation or revocation. The honour may be revoked by resolution of the Executive Board, in particular if the recipient of the title is convicted of a criminal offence, if the recipient's subsequent conduct is unworthy of the honour, or if it subsequently emerges that the title was obtained fraudulently.

3. Entry into force

- (1) Pursuant to the Academic Board resolution of 26 January 2022, and following approval by the provider FH OÖ Studienbetriebs GmbH, represented by the University President, the “Academic titles and honours at FH Upper Austria” section of the statutes will enter into force on 4 February 2022.