



Research School for Operations
Management and Logistics

**Requirements for PhD students who started within Beta
after January 1, 2017**

With the start of the new Beta on January 1, 2017, the role of the responsibility of Beta for the training of PhD students has changed. Regarding the PhD Education Program, Beta uses as a starting point that the Graduate Schools of the Beta partners are responsible for the educational requirements for PhD students. As of 1 January 2017, Beta does not set any education requirements on new PhD students in the school. To be admitted to Beta, the Executive Board assesses whether projects of new PhDs fall within the scope of Beta. New PhD students and their projects have to be registered at Beta by full members of Beta.

Although Beta does not set any educational requirements for PhD students, it does give a certificate to PhD students who have completed a certain minimum number of courses at PhD level. The requirements are:

- a. Minimum workload: 25 ects;
- b. 24 ects must be domain-oriented or methodological courses such as the PhD courses offered by Beta and GP-OML. More general courses such as courses on how to write a research proposal or presentations skills do not count for the certificate;
- c. Only courses that are graded (by grades 1-10 or by pass/fail) do count;
- d. Of the 24 ects, a maximum of 1 course (4 ects) may be at MSc level;
- e. 1 ects is awarded to presenting its own research during a Beta Congress;
- f. Of the 24 ects, at least 10 ects must consist of domain-oriented or methodological courses of Beta and GP-OML;
- g. An overview will be made of courses in addition to Beta and GP-OML courses, which count for the Beta certificate. These are PhD courses from LNMB and other research schools
- h. In case of doubt, the Scientific Director and / or the Board decide.

As soon as a PhD students meet the requirements, (s)he can apply for the Beta Education Certificate by sending all relevant certificates to the Beta office. The Beta Executive Board decides whether the Beta Education Certificate is issued.