Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies of the School of Medicine at Friedrich Schiller University of Jena

In accordance with § 3 (1) in conjunction with § 34 (3) of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (Thüringer Hochschulgesetz, ThürHG) of 21 December 2006 (Law and Ordinance Gazette (GVBl.) p. 601), last amended by Article 15 of the Act of 20 March 2009 (GVBl. p. 238), Friedrich Schiller University of Jena is enacting the following Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies of the School of Medicine at Friedrich Schiller University of Jena. The Faculty Council of the School of Medicine has adopted the Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies on 14 April 2009, and the Senate of Friedrich Schiller University of Jena has acknowledged and approved it on 02 June 2009.

The Rector has approved of the Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies on 03 June 2009.

I. General Provisions, Academic Degrees

§ 1

(1) Friedrich Schiller University of Jena is conferring the following academic degrees through its School of Medicine:

- doctor medicinae (Dr. med.)
- doctor medicinae dentariae (Dr. med. dent.)
- doctor rerum naturalium (Dr. rer. nat.) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The degree of a 'Doctor of Philosophy' (PhD) instead that of a 'doctor rerum naturalium' (Dr. rer. nat.) may be conferred only upon formal request by the PhD candidate.

(2) Friedrich Schiller University of Jena may through its School of Medicine confer honorary doctorates (doctor medicinae honoris causa, Dr. med. h.c.; doctor medicinae dentariae honoris causa, Dr. med. dent. h.c.) in accordance with the provisions set forth herein below.

§ 2

(1) The conferment of a doctoral degree shall serve as evidence of the competence to perform advanced scientific work in a subject area in the fields of medicine, dental medicine, or in any science discipline. Except in case of an honorary doctorate, such evidence shall be provided by way of submission of a written scientific thesis (dissertation) under § 8-9 as well as an oral examination (disputation) under § 10.

(2) With the exception of honorary degrees, the same doctoral degree may be conferred only once. Women may carry the female form of the positions, academic titles, or degrees specified in the present Regulations.
II. Admission Requirements for Doctoral Programmes

§ 3

(1) Admission as a candidate for the degree of a Dr. med. or Dr. med. dent. shall require a completed university degree in medicine or dental medicine. If admission as a PhD candidate is requested prior to completing a university degree in medicine or dental medicine, the doctoral examination procedure may be completed only upon successful completion of the degree in the respective field of study.

(2) Admission as a PhD candidate for the degree of Dr. rer. nat. / PhD requires a German “Diplom” or “Master of Science”, which has been completed with a final mark of ‘good’ or higher at a university with research-oriented teaching profile in the sciences.

(3) Applicants, who have graduated from a foreign university outside the EU and who, if seeking to obtain a doctoral degree of Dr. med. or Dr. med. dent., do not have a German license to practice medicine, must present an official certificate from the Zentralstelle für Ausländisches Bildungswesen in Bonn or a German Landesprüfungssamt showing the equivalence of their university degree.

(4) Admission shall require prior acceptance as a doctoral student by the School of Medicine at Friedrich Schiller University of Jena. In justified cases, it may require completion of additional studies or examinations in individual subject areas. Such requirements shall be included in the notification regarding acceptance as a doctoral student. § 3 (5) of the General Provisions of the Courses of Examination for Doctoral Studies of the Faculties shall apply accordingly. Applicants must meet such requirements by the time the doctoral examination procedure is opened.

III. Acceptance as a Doctoral Student

§ 4

(1) Any person meeting the admission requirements under § 3 and intending to write a dissertation shall apply with the Dean to be accepted as doctoral student, stating the subject area, the proposed topic of such dissertation, the expected date of submission, and the name of the academic supervisor. An applicant may be accepted as doctoral student only if a professor, university or private lecturer or head of a junior research group funded by public third-party funds, who is a member or associated member of the School of Medicine, has agreed to supervise the dissertation. If acceptance as a doctoral student is requested with the objective of attaining the degree of Dr. rer. nat. / PhD, the supervisor must be either a member of the School of Medicine and a school of science at Friedrich Schiller University, which represents the scientific research focus of the doctoral course, or alternatively, an additional supervisor must be chosen, who is a member of the relevant school of science.

(2) The Faculty Council shall decide on accepting the application upon the Dean’s proposal and with simple majority of the votes of all present members holding doctoral degrees. The decision shall be published within the School.

(3) The applicant shall be notified in writing by the Dean about the decision. Such notification may specify any requirements, which need to be met by the time the doctoral examination procedure is opened. Any rejection shall be justified, including instructions on rights to appeal.

(4) Upon acceptance, the School commits to regard the dissertation as scientific work and to support the doctoral student in preparing such dissertation.
(5) No legal claim to opening a doctoral examination procedure may be derived from acceptance as doctoral student. Acceptance as a doctoral student may be revoked in particular if there is no prospect of the dissertation being successfully completed within a reasonable period of time or if the supervision agreement under section 6 has been cancelled. The doctoral student shall be given the opportunity of a hearing before any relevant decision is made by the Faculty Council.

If a supervisor leaves his/her employment with the University Hospital, he/she may continue to supervise the dissertation for up to three years after leaving. After such period, supervision will be assigned to a new supervisor from within the School.

(6) Doctoral student and supervisor shall enter into a supervision agreement, which shall provide at least for the doctoral student’s obligation to regularly report about the progress of the dissertation as well as for the academic supervisors’ obligation to regularly request reports about the progress of the dissertation.

IV. Opening of the Doctoral Examination Procedure

§ 5

(1) The application requesting opening of the doctoral examination procedure shall be addressed in writing to the Dean of the School of Medicine. The following documents shall be attached to such application:
1. Notice regarding acceptance as doctoral student in accordance with § 4 (3) and evidence of completion of any requirements under the above or evidence that the requirements under § 3 (1) to (3) have been met;
2. Four copies of the dissertation;
3. One (sworn) declaration, stating
   3.1 that the applicant is aware of the School’s current Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies;
   3.2 that the applicant has researched and written the dissertation him-/herself (statement of authorship), that no passages of text have been taken from third parties or own exam papers without having been identified as such and that all tools, personal notifications, and sources used by the applicant have been indicated in the dissertation;
   3.3 the persons, who have supported the applicant in selecting and analyzing the material and preparing the manuscript;
   3.4 that the assistance of a doctoral consultant has not been utilised and that no third parties have either directly or indirectly received monetary benefits from the candidate for work related to the contents of the submitted dissertation;
   3.5 that the applicant has not yet submitted the dissertation as an examination paper for state or other academic examinations;
   3.6 whether the applicant has submitted the same, largely similar or any different treatises to another university as dissertation and if so, with what result;
4. An official certificate of good conduct if the applicant has been exmatriculated for more than three months and is not working in public service;
5. Evidence of payment of tuition fees for doctoral programmes according to the current applicable scale of charges of Friedrich Schiller University of Jena;
6. A signed curriculum vitae, providing information about education and academic development;
7. A list of academic publications and if applicable, academic presentations;
8. Twenty copies of the executive summary, stating the topic as well as the doctoral student’s first and last name.

(2) Any person who has already applied elsewhere for conferment of a doctoral degree in the same discipline or who has failed in a doctoral examination procedure may not be admitted to a doctoral programme. In justified cases, the School of Medicine may deviate from the above provision upon request.
§ 6

(1) During its next meeting following receipt of the application, the Faculty Council shall decide on opening the doctoral examination procedure with a simple majority of the votes of all present members holding doctoral degrees.

(2) The applicant shall be notified in writing by the Dean about the opening of the doctoral examination procedure.

(3) In case of refusal by the Faculty Council, the procedure shall be analogous to § 18.

(4) The application for the opening of the doctoral examination procedure may be withdrawn unless a date has been set for oral examinations or if the procedure has been terminated because of the rejection of the dissertation. If two reviewers reject the dissertation (cf. § 9 (6)), the application for the opening of the doctoral examination procedure may not be withdrawn.

V. Doctoral Committee

§ 7

(1) During its first constituent meeting, the Faculty Council of the School of Medicine shall set up an adequate number of permanent Doctoral Committees and shall appoint their respective chairpersons for one term in office.

(2) The Doctoral Committee shall have the following responsibilities:
- Discussing the evaluation result and recommending acceptance for disputation or appointing additional reviewers or deciding to fail a dissertation;
- Holding the public disputation;
- Recommending a final mark;
- Recommending candidates for appraisal, including awards.

(3) Each Doctoral Committee shall be comprised of the reviewers of the respective doctoral examination procedure, the chairperson, as well as nine further members. The chairpersons shall be appointed by the Faculty Council; all permanent members shall be proposed by the chairperson and confirmed by the Faculty Council. Members of the School of Medicine holding post-doctoral qualifications may be permanent members of a Doctoral Committee. Professors shall make up the majority of permanent members of the Doctoral Committee. The Doctoral Committee shall have a quorum if at least five of its members are present for discussions. At least five of the present members of any Doctoral Committee dealing with procedures regarding the attainment of a degree of Dr. rer. nat. / PhD must holding post-doctoral qualifications in a scientific discipline.

(4) The Doctoral Committee shall deliberate on the basis of written evaluations regarding acceptance and grading or rejection of a dissertation. It shall furthermore conduct the oral examination in accordance with § 10 (1) and shall assess the performance during such examination.

(5) The Doctoral Committee shall meet in closed meetings. Records of its decisions shall be kept in minutes of such meetings.

(6) The members of the Doctoral Committee shall be required to keep in confidence any facts disclosed to them during closed meetings, unless any facts are already in the public
domain or if their relevance does not require confidentiality. Non-disclosure duties under employment or labour contracts shall not be affected.

(7) Participation rights of professors in the doctoral examination procedure shall not be affected by their retirement. Any other participation rights, in particular of supervisors transferring to other institutions shall be subject to a decision by the Faculty Council.

VI. Dissertation and Assessment of the Dissertation

§ 8

(1) In his/her dissertation the applicant shall demonstrate his/her ability to independently solve scientific problems whose solutions serve the development of the discipline in which the dissertation was completed.

(2) If an already published paper is submitted as dissertation to attain the degree of a Dr. med. or Dr. med. dent., instead of type-written copies, the relevant number of file copies may be submitted in the form of the printed papers, supplemented with the bound annexes in accordance with § 5 (1) clauses 3 and 6. Section 4 shall apply accordingly.

The results of the scientific work worthy of doctoral research must have been published or accepted for publication in at least one original paper; the doctoral student is assumed to be the first author. The publication must have been peer-reviewed and published in a JCR journal (Journal Citation Report).

Upon submission, written statements by the supervisor confirmed by the School as well as by all co-authors regarding their own contribution to preparing the results and the manuscript shall be included.

(3) A cumulative dissertation for the attainment of the degree of Dr. rer. nat. / PhD shall be permitted, applying the relevant provisions of the Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies of the relevant School.

(4) Upon consultation with the academic supervisor, the dissertation shall be written in German or in English and shall be printed and bound. The dissertation shall be submitted together with a German summary. Any dissertation may not exceed 100 pages of text, excluding the list of references. In justified cases, a request for permission to exceed the above limit may be made with the Dean.

(5) The dissertation shall include a title page in accordance with the annex to the present Regulations as well as a short curriculum vitae outlining the applicant’s scientific educational background and a signed sworn declaration in accordance with § 5 (1) clauses 3 and 6.

§ 9

(1) Upon opening of the doctoral examination procedure, the Faculty Council of the School of Medicine shall appoint three reviewers, one of whom should not be a member of Friedrich Schiller University. The academic supervisor of the dissertation shall be one of the reviewers. He/she should also be a reviewer when appointing an additional supervisor. In case of doctoral examination procedures for the attainment of the degree of a Dr. rer. nat. / PhD, one reviewer must represent the relevant science discipline in both research and teaching.

(2) In their written evaluations, the reviewers shall assess the academic performance and shall award one of the following marks:

Outstanding work (summa cum laude) (will count as ‘0’ when calculating average marks)
Very good work (magna cum laude) (1)
Good work (cum laude) (2)
Adequate work (rite) (3).

The School of Medicine shall submit a recommendation to the reviewer, regarding the criteria for awarding marks. If a reviewer is unable to recommend acceptance of a dissertation, the mark of “insufficient” (non sufficit) (5) shall be given.

(3) The period for evaluation shall be six weeks from issuing the relevant request for review. The evaluation report shall be made available to the Dean. If a reviewer is unable to submit his/her evaluation during the above period of time, the Faculty Council may appoint a new reviewer.

(4) Once all evaluation reports have been obtained, the Dean shall announce this within the School. The dissertation shall be available in the Dean’s office for a period of two weeks for inspection by all university teachers and members of the School, who are holding post-doctoral qualifications. During such period, the above shall be entitled to comment on the dissertation in expert comments and opinions. In case of doctoral examination procedures for the attainment of the degree of a Dr. rer. nat. / PhD, the School representing the relevant discipline shall be notified about such availability for inspection.

(5) Upon expiration of the period for inspection, the Doctoral Committee shall decide on acceptance and final mark of the dissertation. If the reviewers’ marks are identical, then the suggested mark shall be the overall mark of the dissertation. If the marks differ, the following final marks shall be given:

- summa cum laude, if all three reviewers have awarded the mark of summa cum laude;
- magna cum laude, if the arithmetical average is better than 1.5 and if no mark of ‘rite’ has been given;
- cum laude, if the arithmetical average is better than 2.5 or if one reviewer has awarded the mark of ‘summa cum laude’ and two reviewers have given the mark of ‘cum laude’ and if no mark of ‘non sufficit’ has been given;
- rite, if the arithmetical average is lower than 2.5 or if two reviewers have graded the dissertation ‘rite’ or if one reviewer has given the mark of ‘non sufficit’.

(6) If one reviewer recommends rejection of the dissertation, additional evaluations may be obtained by the Faculty Council upon prior deliberation by the relevant Doctoral Committee. The decision regarding acceptance or rejection of the dissertation shall be made, taking into account all evaluations. If two reviewers reject the dissertation, the examination procedure shall be deemed failed and shall be suspended. The candidate may withdraw his/her application for the opening of the doctoral examination procedure in accordance with § 6 (4) until a decision has been made by the Doctoral Committee. § 8 (10) and (11) of the General Provisions of the Courses of Examination for Doctoral Studies of the Faculties of Friedrich Schiller University shall apply to discontinued doctoral examination procedures.

(7) The doctoral student may inspect the evaluation reports once the dissertation has been accepted. It is not possible to mail such reports.

VII. Oral Examinations (Disputation)

§ 10

(1) Oral examinations shall take place in the form of a disputation, open to all members of the School. In case of doctoral examination procedures for the attainment of the degree of a Dr. rer. nat. / PhD, oral examinations shall also be open to members of the School representing the scientific focus of the doctoral course. During the disputation, the candidate shall present the main findings of the dissertation in a 15 minute presentation, and in case of a doctoral degree of Dr. rer. nat. / Ph.D. in a 30 minute presentation. During a subsequent scientific
discussion, the candidate shall be given the opportunity to defend the findings of his/her dissertation and to demonstrate his/her knowledge of the subject area of the scientific focus of his/her doctoral course. The Dean’s office shall be responsible for organising the disputation (setting date and time, inviting the candidates). The chairperson of the Doctoral Committee shall assume the scientific management. Upon request with the Dean, the disputation may also be held in English.

(2) The successfully completed disputation shall be marked as follows:
- Very good performance (magna cum laude) (1)
- Good performance (cum laude) (2)
- Adequate performance (rite) (3).

(3) Any failed disputation may be repeated upon application once within 12 months, but in any event after two months at the earliest. In case of repeated failure the doctoral procedure shall finally be deemed failed. The candidate shall be notified by the Dean in accordance with § 18.

VIII. Final Mark of the Doctoral Degree

§ 11

(1) The final mark shall be awarded based on the following grading scale:
- summa cum laude (outstanding performance)
- magna cum laude (very good performance) (1)
- cum laude (good performance) (2)
- rite (adequate performance) (3).

(2) The final mark shall be derived from the marks for the dissertation and of the disputation.

(3) The following marks shall be determined by the Doctoral Committee:
Final mark of summa cum laude if the dissertation has been graded summa cum laude and the disputation has been graded magna cum laude.
Final mark of magna cum laude if the dissertation has been graded at least magna cum laude and the disputation has been graded at least cum laude. A final mark of magna cum laude may not be awarded if any one individual mark is rite.
Final mark of cum laude if the dissertation has been graded magna cum laude and the disputation has been graded rite or if the dissertation has been graded cum laude and the disputation has been graded magna cum laude, cum laude, or rite.
Final mark of rite if the dissertation has been graded rite.

(4) The final mark of the doctoral course shall be proposed by the Doctoral Committee and shall be passed by all present members of the Faculty Council of the School of Medicine, who are holding doctoral degrees.

IX. Completion of Doctoral Examination Procedures and Certification

§ 12

At the suggestion of the reviewers, the Doctoral Committee may require the removal of errors for the publication of the dissertation. It is incumbent upon the Dean to assess the editing.
§ 13

The Dean shall notify the applicant in writing about the decision of the Faculty Council and if all examinations and theses have been passed successfully, the Dean shall advise the applicant of the obligation to publish the dissertation as well as of the provisions of the Courses of Examination for Doctoral Candidates regarding the completion of the doctoral examination procedures.

§ 14

(1) Upon acceptance of the dissertation and successful completion of the oral examinations, the applicant shall be required to publish the dissertation and deliver it in accordance with section 2.

(2) The obligation to publish the dissertation shall have been met if in addition to the four copies of the dissertation for the examination file, the following presentation copies have been provided to Thüringer Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek:

a) either 15 printed copies on ageing-resistant, wood- and acid-free paper and durably bound; or
b) ten printed copies if the entire dissertation has been published in a journal or a scientific written series; or
c) ten printed copies if a commercial publisher is taking over publication through the book trade, if a minimum edition of 150 copies is evidenced and if the publication is identified on the back of the cover page as dissertation; or

d) five printed copies and one electronic copy, with the data format and data carrier to be agreed with Thüringer Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek.

In case a) and d) the doctoral student shall transfer the right to produce and distribute further copies of the dissertation to the University.

(3) The presentation copies shall be submitted within four weeks from adoption of a decision on completion of doctoral examination procedures by the Faculty Council. Such delivery period may be extended only upon approval by the Dean.

§ 15

(1) Once the requirements set forth in § 12 have been met and the obligation to publish the dissertation under § 14 has been satisfied, the doctoral degree shall be conferred by way of delivery of a certificate signed by the Rector and the Dean. The date of the doctoral degree shall be the date of the disputation. If the disputation takes place prior to completing the degree, the provisions of § 3 (1) shall apply. In such case, the date of the doctoral degree shall be the date of completion of the degree.

(2) The doctoral certificate shall specify the topic of the doctoral dissertation as well as the final mark of the doctoral degree. The final mark shall be stated in Latin. The doctoral certificate shall be issued in German.

(3) As a matter of principle, the right of the candidate to use the title shall begin upon delivery of the certificate.

(4) In deviation from section 3, the applicant may be granted the right to carry the doctorate title already prior to delivery of the certificate if satisfaction of the other requirements has been proven. Such notification shall be issued by the Dean.
X. Fraud and Revocation of Doctoral Degree

§ 16

(1) Conferment of a doctoral degree shall be revoked in case of deceit on the part of the applicant when providing evidence of admission requirements of doctoral examinations or if facts become known which would have precluded conferral of a doctoral degree. The decision shall be made by the Faculty Council upon hearing the candidate with a majority of votes of its members holding doctoral degrees.

(2) If the requirements for admission to a doctoral programme were not met, but if the applicant did not attempt and intend to lie and cheat about their satisfaction, and if this first becomes known after delivery of the doctoral certificate, such defect shall be considered remedied through successful completion of the doctoral examination.

(3) Otherwise, the statutory provisions shall apply to any revocation of a doctoral degree.

XI. Inspection

§ 17

The applicant shall be entitled to inspect the relevant documents after completion of the doctoral examination procedure. § 9 (7) shall remain unaffected.

XII. Appeal of Decisions in the Course of the Doctoral Examination Procedure

§ 18

(1) The applicant shall be notified in writing about decisions regarding admission to apply to a doctoral examination procedure, the acceptance or rejection of the dissertation and the evaluation of oral examinations. Any notice of incrimination by the Faculty Council and/or by the Doctoral Committee must be justified, including instructions on rights to appeal.

(2) The person concerned may within one month from such notification file a written appeal with the Rector of Friedrich Schiller University of Jena. Upon obtaining a statement by the University’s legal department, the Faculty Council shall decide on such appeal with a majority of votes of its members holding doctoral degrees. The Rector shall issue the ruling on the appeal after having obtained the Dean’s counter-signature.

(3) Appeal and appeal procedure shall be governed by the provisions of the Administration Procedural Law (Verwaltungsgerichtsordnung). Otherwise, § 111 ThürHG shall apply.
XIII. Honorary Doctorates and Renewals

§ 19

(1) In recognition of excellent scientific achievements or other special merits, Friedrich Schiller University may through its School of Medicine in accordance with § 1 (3) award honorary doctorates in its individual subject areas.

(2) Any university teacher at the School shall be entitled to request conferment of the degree of a Dr. med. h.c. or Dr. med. dent. h.c. onto any distinguished personage. With the consent of the Faculty Council, the Dean shall appoint two reviewers to appraise the achievements of the personage to be honoured.

(3) Taking into account the submitted opinions, the Faculty Council shall decide on the nomination for conferral of an honorary doctorate with three quarters of the votes of its members holding doctoral degrees. Prior to such decision by the Faculty Council, the Senate shall be given an opportunity to comment.

(4) Rector and Dean shall under normal circumstances confer the honorary doctorate in an event to which the members of the Senate and of the Faculty Council have been invited, by presenting a certificate signed by the Rector and the Dean, in which the achievements of the honoured personage are recognised.

§ 20

(1) The doctoral certificate may be renewed on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the date of its initial conferral if this is deemed expedient in light of the scientific merits or the close ties of the recipient with Friedrich Schiller University of Jena.

(2) The anniversary certificate shall be conferred upon the proposal of the Dean and the approval of the competent Faculty Council. The certificate bears the signature of the Rector and of the Dean.

IX. Effective Date and Transitional Provisions

§ 21

(1) In case of applicants, who have been accepted or supervised as doctoral students at another university, and whose academic supervisor has recently been appointed to a position at Friedrich Schiller University, the requirements for admission to apply to a doctoral examination procedure and to open doctoral examination procedures of the original university shall also apply at Friedrich Schiller University of Jena.

(2) As a matter of principle, taking into account paragraph (1), the doctoral procedure shall be executed in accordance with the General Provisions of the Courses of Examination for Doctoral Studies of Friedrich Schiller University of Jena in conjunction with the present Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies of the School of Medicine.

(3) Doctoral students, who have been accepted as doctoral students prior to the effective date of the present Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies and whose oral examination is taking place during the term of validity of the present Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies, shall be entitled to chose between the present and the previous Regulations. This option shall continue until expiration of the semester following the effective date of the present Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies.
§ 22

The present Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies shall come into effect on the first day of the month following its publication in the Official Journal of Friedrich Schiller University.

At the same time, the Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies of the School of Medicine of 17 May 2000 (Official Gazette of the Ministry of Culture of Thuringia (TKM) / Department of Science, Research and Culture of the Federal State of Thuringia (TMWFK) 2000 p. 430), as amended by the Course of Examination for Doctoral Studies of 02 October 2003 (Official Journal 2004 p. 95) shall expire, provided that it shall continue to apply to doctoral students who are excising their option under § 21 (3).

Jena, 03 June 2009

Prof. Dr. Klaus Dicke
- Rector, Friedrich Schiller University -

Prof. Dr. Klaus Benndorf
- Dean of the School of Medicine -

To the extent that persons are mentioned in these Regulations, they shall include both female and male persons.
Annex

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Dissertation

in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of doctor medicinae (Dr. med.) (in case of PhD candidates in the field of dental medicine, to be replaced with doctor medicinae dentariae (Dr. med. dent.) and in case of PhD candidates in the sciences with doctor rerum naturalium (Dr. rer. nat.) / Doctor of Philosophy (PhD))

submitted to the Faculty Council of the School of Medicine
at Friedrich Schiller University of Jena

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