

Implementing regulations for cumulative dissertations of the Faculty of Economics and Society

According to § 3 section 2.2.3 of the doctoral regulations for the Doctor rerum politicarum (Dr. rer. pol.) and for the Doctor philosophiae (Dr. phil.) of the Faculty of Economics and Society, the possibility of a cumulative dissertation thesis is given. A cumulative dissertation thesis is understood to be the synoptic combination of at least three essays under the authorship of the doctoral candidate. One of these must already have been accepted for publication by peer-reviewed journals. Further details are regulated in these implementation regulations.

The quality requirements for the contributions correspond to those that are to be applied to a dissertation in the form of a monograph. Responsibility for compliance with these requirements lies with the supervisor as the first reviewer and the second reviewer in accordance with § 3 Paragraph 2.3.1 of the above-mentioned doctoral regulations.

Requirements for a cumulative dissertation thesis:

1. At least three thematically related articles must be submitted. The thematic coherence of the papers is to be presented in writing by the doctoral candidate in a summary essay.
2. At least one of the articles must have been written by the doctoral candidate as first author or corresponding author.
3. Co-authorships are welcome. It must be made clear what the doctoral candidate's contribution to the co-authored articles is. If there are more than two co-authors on one of the scientific articles, statements must be attached indicating the share of the respective co-authors in the contribution. The share of the doctoral candidate must be recognisably significant.
4. No more than one of the co-authored articles may be the subject of another (ongoing or completed) dissertation.
5. At least one of the scientific articles must have been published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal with a recognised ranking in the respective field (e.g. Handelsblatt,

JOURQUAL, Scimago or journal rankings specific to the field) and/or with an impact factor. The other articles that have not yet been published must have the required potential.

If the articles have not already been published or accepted for publication, the reviewers must assess whether this quality level has been achieved. The acceptance of the scientific article at openly advertised conferences with a review process can be an external quality indicator. Invited contributions, reviews, editorials and commentaries are not considered to be specialist articles within the meaning of these regulations.

Requirements for the evaluation:

If the minimum requirements for admission are formally fulfilled, all specialist articles that go beyond these minimum requirements and are of relevance to the content of the doctoral project can also be used to assess the thesis. This refers in particular to the specialist articles mentioned in point 4, written in " co-authorship, which are the subject of another dissertation".

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