

## Requirements to an article based PhD thesis in Economics

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- The PhD thesis should consist of a collection of 3-5 high quality research papers (articles).
- Papers should make a theoretical, methodological or empirical contribution and should contribute (significantly) to the existing literature and eventually be publishable in respectable peer-reviewed academic journals that appear on the CNRS Journal Ranking in Economics and Management 2015 ([https://www.gate.cnrs.fr/IMG/pdf/categorisation37\\_juil\\_2015-3.pdf](https://www.gate.cnrs.fr/IMG/pdf/categorisation37_juil_2015-3.pdf)) or a similar ranking list.
- As examples, thesis articles have been published in, among others, Economics Letters, Health Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Banking & Finance, Journal of Population Economics, and Applied Economics.
- There is no policy at the departments regarding whether the thesis should include an introduction (in addition to the formal requirement of a summary). If an introduction is included then this should normally not be considered an independent contribution (as opposed to the articles) and should therefore not count as a separate part of the assessment of the thesis. The same applies to the summary.
- If a background chapter describing data, theory or methodology is considered relevant then this should be included and written as a separate contribution (i.e. paper) and consequently be part of the assessment.