

Information regarding article-based and monograph-based PhD dissertations at the Department of Law, University of Southern Denmark

Article-based dissertations

Number of articles in cumulative dissertations

A cumulative dissertation must be comprised of three to five articles – either individual or co-authored articles ([see the Ministerial Order on the PhD Programme section 12, 4/Danish version: § 12, stk. 4](#)). If substantively justified, a cumulative dissertation may deviate from this rule. The deviation must be motivated by an accompanying letter written by the main supervisor. It is essential that the articles provide new knowledge and insight, and thus, the articles must be of a substantial length.

Expectations to the level of the articles

The articles should be on a level suitable for submission to scientific journals.

Requirement to the context, the introduction and the problem statement

All dissertations must be submitted with both a short Danish and English abstract. To secure that a cumulative dissertation contains the necessary context, it is mandatory to include a summary containing an introduction, a problem statement, methodological considerations and a conclusion. This part of the dissertation will not be published in a traditional manner. Dissertations based on three articles normally call for longer introductions than dissertations based on five articles.

Monograph-based dissertations

Traditionally, dissertations within law in Denmark and the other Nordic countries have to a great extent been published as monographs. The length of such dissertations is usually 250-450 pages. The monography is traditionally published by one of the respected Danish or foreign publishers.

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