

Requirements to an article based PhD thesis in Law

Number of articles in cumulative dissertations

In general, a cumulative dissertation should be comprised of four to six individual articles. If substantively justified, a cumulative dissertation may deviate from this rule. It would be essential that the articles provide new knowledge and insight. Thus, the articles must be of substantial length.

Requirement to context, introduction, and problem statement in cumulative dissertations

All dissertations have to be submitted with a short Danish and English abstract. In order to secure that a cumulative dissertation contains the necessary context, it would be mandatory to include a summary containing an introduction, problem statement, methodological considerations, and conclusion. This part of the dissertation will not be published in traditional manner. In general, dissertations with fewer articles call for longer introductions

Monographies

Traditionally, dissertations within law in Denmark and the other Nordic Countries have to a great extent been published as monographies. The length is normally 250 – 350 pages. The monography is normally published through one the *respected* Danish or foreign publisher as a book. However, this will at least in Denmark be more difficult in the future, since the publishers in general are suffering from a weak economy and the number of dissertations sold are quite limited.