Requirements to an article based PhD thesis in Political Science and Journalism

Number of articles in cumulative dissertations

In general, a cumulative dissertation should be comprised of three to five individual articles. If substantively justified, a cumulative dissertation may deviate from this rule. This deviation must be justified by an accompanying letter written by the main supervisor.

Summary in cumulative dissertations

All dissertations have to be submitted with a short Danish and English abstract. Cumulative dissertations also have to include a summary. This summary should, for instance, explain how the different articles are related and feed into the same overarching story, include additional relevant information on the methods and the research design, a summary of the individuals articles' results, and a concluding discussion. In total, the summary should have a length of 40 to 60 pages. In general, dissertations with fewer articles call for longer introductions.