

Requirements for a cumulative doctoral thesis in the DOK

The Programme Committee of the DOK issues the following supplementary provisions:

- Cumulative theses are permitted in the DOK. The decision concerning permission for a cumulative thesis is incumbent on the Thesis Committee.
- Overall, a cumulative thesis must correspond to the thesis in the form of a monograph. The individual articles must be inherently connected with each other and linked by a superordinate issue.
- The work consists of at least five parts: it extends to an introductory chapter, which outlines the above-mentioned inherent connection, the individual articles (at least three of them), and a conclusion.
- One of the three articles must be written by the doctoral student alone. The supervisor or co-supervisor may only co-author one article each and must not be joint authors of an article.
- In the case of an article with several authors, each author's contribution must be indicated with regard to content and extent. In this case, an authors' agreement must be drawn up for the article, in which the authors confirm the allocation with their signatures. The authors' agreement has to be submitted as an attachment together with the cumulative thesis.
- If a supervisor or co-supervisor is also a co-author of an article, he or she relinquishes the right to assess this part. For an assessment of the overall written performance, an independent third expert opinion is obtained intramurally or extramurally; "independent" means that the expert is not engaged in any working relationship with or is not in any way dependent on any of the persons involved in the process. The Thesis Committee proposes two possible experts to the Programme Committee, along with the reasons for such a proposal.
- Each article must be written without assistance both in terms of contents and form. Any possibly redundant parts must be avoided if possible and must be indicated as such in the appendix to the thesis.
- The articles must have been submitted to specialist journals and must demonstrably be undergoing a peer reviewing process. Published conference proceedings may be credited as articles if they have undergone a demonstrable peer reviewing process.