

Guidelines for Compilation Dissertations (dissertation by published works) in Sociology of Law (STYR 2019/1731)

(Also note Regulations for Third-Cycle Courses and Study Programmes at the Faculty of Social Sciences and General Syllabus for third-cycle courses and study programmes in Sociology of Law).

A doctoral dissertation in sociology of law is an independent work that consists of either a monograph or a compilation dissertation. Both of these forms correspond to 180 higher education credits each and place the same demands on quality and research efforts. A compilation dissertation must consist of a minimum of three essays and an introductory text (called a compilation summarising chapter, 'kappa') that describes the framework for the dissertation. The essays are to examine issues that belong to the same research area in such a manner that they together become a coherent study.

The summarising chapter must be written solely by the doctoral student and is to summarise theories, methods, and empirical materials that the essays have used and discuss conclusions that they have presented. It must also place the various articles in a research context and clarify the dissertation's central scientific contribution. A recommended size for the introductory/summarising chapter of a compilation dissertation is 10,000-20,000 words.

In the case of a dissertation, at least one-half of the essays must be either published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal or the equivalent, e.g. in an anthology to be published by an international book publisher. Unpublished articles submitted as part of a compilation dissertation must be of such quality that they are deemed to be approved for publication in a peer reviewed scientific journal.

The doctoral student must be the sole author of a minimum of one-half of the essays. When there are co-authored essays, 1) a certificate describing the scope of the doctoral student's contribution to the article must be attached and 2) the dissertation author's contributions must correspond to 180 higher education credits.

It is recommended that doctoral students make the decision at an early stage (before they hold their introductory seminar) if they want to write a compilation dissertation so that they can plan their research in accordance with the requirements placed on such a dissertation.