

## **Doctoral State Examination**

Students can also take the state exam under the new accreditation. In this case, they will not be tested on the topics specified here, but instead will submit the materials specified below and follow the following instructions:

The PhD state examination in the new format consists of a debate on the theoretical contextualization and methodological design of the dissertation. The manuscript of a publication (at least in the review process, i.e. after acceptance by the journal editor for review) that relates to the main research objective of the dissertation serves as the basis for this debate. The text must be accepted for consideration in a journal that is in the WoS or Scopus database.

A text that is not related to the dissertation cannot be submitted for the state examination. The text is submitted by the student(s) to the committee one month in advance with a cover letter or introduction that places the text of the publication in the overall framework of the dissertation. The recommended length of this introduction is 3.500–7.000 words (excluding the list of literature).

The introduction should serve as a clear guide for readers who may not be specialists in your specific topic. Its main purpose is not to fulfill a formal requirement, but to enable the committee to quickly understand exactly what the dissertation addresses, why it is important, and how the submitted publication fits into this framework. The text should proceed logically from a broader context to a specific problem.

At the beginning, it is advisable to briefly introduce the field of research and explain why the topic is significant. This introductory framework should be written clearly and without unnecessarily complex terminology. This section should be followed by a key passage explaining the role the submitted publication plays within the entire dissertation. It is recommended to indicate whether this is part of a broader monograph project or a standalone chapter for a cumulative dissertation, and, above all, how it contributes to achieving the dissertation's main objective.

In conclusion, the introduction may briefly summarize the structure of the dissertation so that the reader can navigate its organization. The entire text should be written as clearly as possible, with an emphasis on the logical flow between individual sections. A well-written introduction will allow the

reader to understand the purpose of the entire work and its place in the broader research context after just a few pages.

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