



Recommendation for Cumulative Dissertations at the Faculty of Science

1. For cumulative dissertations, the doctoral examination board orders at least two accepted publications. Additionally, submitted manuscripts pending acceptance can be included as well.
2. You need the approval of the doctoral committee (your supervisors) if you choose to write a cumulative dissertation.
3. Recommended structure and content:
 - Table of contents
 - Abbreviations (where appropriate)
 - Symbols (where appropriate)
 - Summary in German and in English (1 page each¹)
 - List of publications:
 - a) Accepted publications
 - b) Submitted manuscripts
 - c) Manuscripts ready for submission
 - Personal contribution: a declaration of the significance of the own part according to § 6, 2 of PromO², together with the “Declaration concerning Collaborative Publications.”
 - Introduction (ca. 6 – 10 pages¹)
 - Objectives and expected outcome of doctoral research (ca. 1 page¹)
 - Results and discussion (ca. 15 – 25 pages¹)
 - References/ Cited Sources

A total of 35 – 50 pages¹

- Appendix:
 - a) Accepted publications
 - b) Submitted manuscripts
 - c) Manuscripts ready for submission

¹The numbers of pages refer to Arial font / 12 pt., 1.5 line spacing

²§ 6, 2 PromO: The candidate is required to define the scope of the collective work. He/she also needs to indicate all the names of the individual contributors and mark their parts accordingly. Lastly, the candidate needs to describe the significance of his or her own contributions to the joint work.