

## Thesis Guideline – Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law applies the following guideline with regard to the form and scope of the thesis. With regard to the form, it is possible to obtain a PhD on:

- a) a scientific monograph or
- b) a compilation of a number of separate scientific articles.

The following minimum requirements have been formulated for the promotion of articles.

A dissertation based on articles:

- consists of four or more articles/chapters;
- may consist of a combination of articles and chapters;
- consists of two or more articles that have been submitted to a recognized scientific journal in a peer-reviewed (double blind) journal, and of which at least one article has been accepted for publication by a journal;
- may consist of articles that have not yet been accepted by a journal;
- may consist of articles/chapters that have not yet been published;
- must have a substantive cohesion;
- must contain an introductory chapter or summary conclusion in which this coherence is explained;
- may contain articles with more than one author, provided they are mainly for the doctoral candidate to write. In that case, an additional statement by the doctoral candidate and supervisor(s) should be signed and sent with the dissertation to the doctoral committee;
- may not contain articles that, subject to dispensation, were already published five years before the doctoral candidate asked the professor for the first time to act as supervisor;
- may also contain scientific publications other than articles, such as preliminary advice, contributions to scientific collections, scientific reports;
- may include the articles in facsimile or in a new layout;
- may contain or omit an update of the articles;
- must also comply with all conditions and requirements set out in the Doctorate Regulations to a dissertation.

The faculty proposes a guideline for the size for both a and b: a maximum of 300 pp. (100,000 words)(excluding bibliography and footnotes and endnotes).