

Requirements for Publications by Candidate of Science/PhD Degree Candidates in Social Sciences at HSE University

Defence of Thesis Works by Candidates for Candidate of Science/PhD Degrees

For the defense of a thesis work, the following should be included:

- 3 articles (all indexed in WoS, Scopus or HSE University's list of recommended journals). At least 1 (one) article should not be co-authored.

For the defence of articles, the following should be included:

- 3 or 4 articles (all indexed in WoS, Scopus or HSE University's list of recommended journal). At least 1 (one) should be in the WoS or Scopus Q1-Q2. At least one article should not be co-authored.

Defense of Dissertations by Candidates for Doctor of Science

When defending a dissertation, the following should be included:

- 10 articles (all indexed in WoS, Scopus and HSE University's list of recommended journals), out of which 3 articles should be in the WoS or Scopus Q1-Q2. At least 3 articles should not be co-authored.

For the defense of articles, the following should be presented:

- 10 articles (all in WoS, Scopus, or HSE University's list of recommended journals); at least 5 should be in the WoS or Scopus Q1-Q2. At least 5 articles should be not co-authored. The defense process shall be carried out for 7 articles (as per the choice of the candidate).

General Clarifications on Criteria for All Fields

In all instances, the publications submitted should reflect the key scientific results of the given thesis work/dissertation.

In all instances, along with the published works, works accepted for print shall be considered, as long as they are provided with an official confirmation from a publisher or a journal's editorial board.

In all instances, the Dissertation Committee shall retain the right, at the preliminary stages of discussion, to carry out expert reviews of the contents of submitted articles; and for monographs – review whether such documents meet the criteria of an academic/scientific publication.

If in line with the procedure set up at HSE University for a given field of study the list of publishers is approved for the purposes of automatic recognition on the part of the Dissertation Committee of monographs released by such publishers. Other publishers may be recognized as per the decision of the Dissertation Committee.

The Dissertation Committee may choose not to recognize the case of a repeated publication as a reviewable material, even if it has been translated into another language.

In all instances, articles in publications included on HSE University's black list shall not be considered (see: <https://scientometrics.hse.ru/blacklist>).

In all instances, articles in journals where the given candidate is the chief editor, deputy editor or reporting secretary at the time of publication shall not be considered for review.

HSE University's list of recommended journals may be found here: <https://scientometrics.hse.ru/goodjournals>

Publications in the Web of Science may be selected without consulting the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), if their inclusion is not warranted. At the same, publications indexed in Scopus or HSE University's list of recommended journals shall be considered.

The quartile (Q) of a given journal shall be determined as per the year of the publication of the candidate's article in said journal. If information on the year of publication is not provided, the most recent year when this information was available shall be cited.

If a journal features varying quartiles (Q), the quartile of the article by the given candidate shall be determined as per the field considered closest to the topic of his/her thesis work/dissertation.

If the Dissertation Committee proposes to single out articles from journals included on the list of leading journals and other auxiliary lists, lists with these journals should be drawn up and be made public.

The main co-author of a given article shall be decided as per the rules in place at the journal where it was published. If such rules are not in place, this shall be decided by the Dissertation Committee.

If the articles/works under review are conference materials on subjects in the natural and technological sciences (CORE, etc.), only materials from the main conference programme shall be given due consideration.

With respect to the social sciences and the humanities, articles may be replaced with individual peer-reviewed academic monographs, put out by leading publishers, which have been included on an officially approved list.

With respect to the social sciences and the humanities, articles that go along with separate thesis work/dissertation can be written in any foreign languages, if the thesis topic is related to a given country/region or language (as per the decision of the Dissertation Committee). Articles subject to defence (without a dissertation/thesis) can only be submitted in Russian or English.