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Additional Requirements for Dissertations, Submitted for a Candidate of Sciences'/Doctor of Sciences Degree, by the HSE University's Dissertation Council for International Affairs and International Regional Studies

1. General Provisions

1.1. The main provisions of research work must be reflected in the publications in peer-reviewed academic journals.

1.2. In some instances, individual peer-reviewed research monographs may be accepted for consideration and defence as a dissertation work, submitted by a candidate for a Doctor of Sciences' degree, provided that :

- the candidate has no fewer than 15 articles (all of which are in WoS, Scopus or the HSE University's list of recommended journals), three of which are in Q1-Q2 in either WoS or Scopus. No fewer than three must be without a co-author; and
- the monograph may not contain any substantial repetition of the dissertation's content presented earlier by the candidate at the candidate of sciences level.

1.3. A defence of a dissertation of a candidate for a Doctor of Sciences' degree based upon articles is not allowed.

1.4. Dissertation research must be presented in either Russian or English.

2. The structure of dissertation research

2.1. Dissertation research as a separate, complete academic work must be presented in a manuscript form and have the following required structure:

- a title page,
- a table of contents,
- a text consisting of:
 - an introduction,
 - the main body of text, and
 - a conclusion.
- a list of sources and literature.

2.2. The text of the dissertation may include:

- a list of abbreviations and symbols,
- a glossary of terms used,
- a list of illustrative materials, and
- annexes.

The dissertation is preceded by its content (table of contents), in which all of its structural elements (introduction, chapters, paragraphs, conclusion, list of sources and literature used, annex/annexes) are listed, and with mandatory indication of the title for each and every element (should strictly coincide with the title given in the text of the dissertation), numbers of chapters, paragraphs and annexes (if there are several of those) and page numbers.

2.3. The introduction to the dissertation should contain the following:

- a formulation of the research problem, which will be analyzed by the research work;
- a characterization of the scientific relevance, importance and novelty of such problem, as well as the degree of its development;
- the aims, tasks, object and subject of the research, the hypotheses, methodology and concrete research methods, the scope and chronological timeframe, and information base and basis for selecting primary sources should be set forth and identified;
- the theoretical and practical importance of the research should be justified;
- the structure and logic of the research should be justified;
- the provisions prepared for the defence should be stated.

2.4. In the main body of the work, the course and content of the research conducted should be set forth in proper order and in detail. The text of the main body should be divided into enumerated chapters and paragraphs, commensurate with each other and appropriately headed. The text of every chapter should conclude with the author's conclusions.

2.5. The conclusion should set forth the following:

- concise conclusions for each stage of the research;
- general conclusions about the research findings as its logical conclusion;
- an evaluation as to whether the solution to the stated tasks is complete and integral;
- prospects for further research areas regarding the stated research problem.

3. The size of the dissertation

3.1. There are no formal limitations to the size of either the Candidate of Sciences' or the Doctor of Sciences' dissertation in the form of a separate and complete research work, however, the

following recommendations are provided:

- **a candidate for a Candidate of Sciences' degree/PhD in Political Science or a Candidate of Sciences' degree/PhD in International Affairs or a Candidate of Sciences' degree/PhD in International Regional Studies, or a Candidate of Sciences' degree/PhD in Historical Sciences** – no fewer than 6-7 author's sheets (200,000-240,000 characters with spacing, inclusive of footnotes);

- **for dissertations of candidates for a Doctor of Sciences' degree/DS in Political Science, or for a Doctor of Sciences' degree/DS in International Affairs, or for a Doctor of Sciences' degree/DS in International Regional Studies, or for a Doctor of Sciences' degree/DS in Historical Sciences (Doctor of Science)** – no fewer than 12-14 author's sheets (480,000-560,000 characters with spacing, inclusive of footnotes).

4. The dissertation's format

4.1. If the dissertation is written in Russian, it must conform to the standards set forth in GOST R 7.0.5-2008.

4.2. If the dissertation is written in English, it must conform to one of the more widespread international guides for academic writing style: MLA, APA, Harvard Style (BSI), Chicago Style.

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