

Requirements of HSE Political Science Dissertation Council for Publications by Degree Candidates

Dissertation Defense for a Candidate of Science/PhD Degree

When defending a dissertation work, the following should be attached:

- at least three articles (all indexed in WoS/Scopus or published in journals included in HSE University's A, B, C, or D lists of journals). At least one article should be without co-authorship*.

When defending a collection of academic articles, the following should be submitted:

- at least three articles (all indexed in WoS/Scopus or published in journals included in HSE University's A, B, C or D lists of journals), out of which, one article should be indexed in Q1/Q2 WoS/Scopus or journals included in the A list. At least one article should be without co-authorship*.

Dissertation Defense for a Doctor of Science Degree

When defending a dissertation work, the following should be attached:

- At least 15 articles (all indexed in WoS/Scopus or published in journals included in the University's A, B, C or D lists of journals), out of which three articles should be indexed in Q1/Q2 WoS/Scopus or publications included in the A and B lists, as well as at least one monograph on the dissertation topic. At least three articles should be without co-authorship*.

When defending a collection of academic articles, the following should be submitted:

At least 15 articles (at indexed in WoS/Scopus or published in journals included in the University's A, B, C or D lists) out of which five articles should be indexed in Q1/Q2 WoS/Scopus* or in journals included on the A list (two articles) or B list (three articles), as well as at least one monograph on the dissertation topic. At least five articles should be without co-authorship. The defense process may focus on seven to 10 articles (at the candidate's own selection).

Articles published in German or French may be attached to the dissertation work. However, only articles in Russian or English may be referred to during the defense process of the collection of academic articles.

*Publications on socio-political sciences, which are indexed in WoS/Scopus or in journals included in the University's A, B, C or D lists of journals, may be considered.

General Points for all Academic Fields

In all cases, the key research results contained in the dissertation must be published in peer-reviewed scientific journals (or books).

Furthermore, articles accepted for publication may be submitted for defense, along with published articles. Articles accepted for publication should be accompanied by an official confirmation from the publisher or the editorial board of the journal.

During the preliminary discussion stage, submitted articles (or monographs) may be subject to substantive review.

The dissertation council may not accept replications, as well as translations of the same paper.

Publications in journals on HSE University's blacklist of journals shall not be considered (refer to: <https://scientometrics.hse.ru/blacklist>).

In all cases, articles in journals where the applicant holds the position of the editor-in-chief, deputy editor-in-chief or executive secretary at the time of publication shall not be considered.

The HSE list of recommended high-quality journals can be viewed here: <https://scientometrics.hse.ru/goodjournals>.

The Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) produced by WoS shall not be considered (unless specified).

A quartile to which the paper belongs shall be determined by the year of the publication. If no respectable information is available, the last year's available data will be used.

If a journal is attributed by different quartiles, the quartile will be determined by the subject area deemed closest to the dissertation topic.

If the dissertation council opts to consider leading journals or other additional lists, these lists should be compiled and made available in open access.

The first co-author of an article shall be determined in accordance with the rules of the journal where the article was originally published. If such rules are not in place, the first co-author shall be determined as per the decision of the dissertation council.

With respect to the natural and engineering sciences, conference papers may be considered only if they are part of the main programme.

Furthermore, in regards to social sciences and the humanities, submitted articles can be

replaced by peer-reviewed monographs that are published in recommended high-quality publishing houses.

Also, with respect to social sciences and the humanities, articles attached to a separate coherent research paper may be written any language, as per the decision of the dissertation council if the given topic is related to a respective country or language. If the dissertation is comprised of several research articles, they may only be in Russian or English.