

## **Guidelines for compilation theses at the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University**

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A compilation thesis should embrace a number of scientific essays, together with a summarising chapter clarifying the collected scientific contribution of the essays. As with monograph theses a comprehensive judgment is made of the scientific quality of the compilation thesis.

It is recommended that a Ph.D. student who has the intention to write a compilation thesis aims in this direction from the beginning of the dissertation process, or at least from an early stage. The structure of the dissertation should be reflected in the individual study plan.

Normally three to five scientific essays are included in the compilation thesis. The essays should either be publishable, published, or accepted for publishing. At least one of the articles included in the thesis should be published or accepted by a peer-reviewed journal or scientific anthology. Examples of content of the thesis: one accepted article, one submitted article, one chapter in an anthology (published or submitted), and one article manuscript.

At least two of the essays in the thesis should be written by the dissertation author alone. In co-written essays there must be documentation of the division of work between the authors. The number of co-written essays, as well as the number of authors of these essays, will be taken into account when considering the number of essays to be included in the thesis.

The introductory text of the thesis (the summarising chapter, in Swedish “kappan”) should be written by the Ph.D. candidate alone and is not included in the number of articles in the thesis. This chapter should have the character of a survey article linking the essays together and clarifying the collected scientific contribution of the separate essays, as well as accounting for the separate essays’ common themes. By ‘the collected scientific contribution’ is meant a discussion on the aim of the thesis, its theoretical frame, choice of method, and empirical material. An account of the results and a summary of the conclusions should be included in the introductory chapter. The chapter should have the character of a survey article where the separate essays are placed in a context. The size of the chapter should be around 10.000 words.

The separate essays should deal with a common group of themes but still be separate and independent from each other in terms of content.

Normally the majority of the essays should be written in English.