

Internal Rules for cumulative dissertation at the Department of Psychology, University Fribourg

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- A cumulative dissertation consists of 3 manuscripts ready to-be submitted as first authors, two must contain original data and one can be a meta-analysis or a systematic review.
- The articles should be presented according to the guidelines of the journal to which they will be or have been submitted (without any editorial logo).
- A cumulative dissertation includes a general introduction / theoretical background, the manuscripts and a general discussion of the articles.
- The dissertation committee consists of the main supervisor of the dissertation and at least one additional person who is qualified to supervise a dissertation. The dissertation committee is defined in the doctoral agreement which needs to be submitted to the faculty at the start of the dissertation period.
- The dissertation can be officially submitted when the dissertation committee agrees that the requirements listed above are fulfilled.
- To obtain the official PhD title after the defence, more than half of the included manuscripts must be published (see faculty regulations).
- If the dissertations committee agrees, these manuscripts can also be published on an electronic platform of the University of Fribourg.
- Transition time: All cumulative dissertations that are submitted within the faculty regulation of a doctoral thesis from the 11. December 2014 must follow these new internal rules.