

## Information on the writing of a monographic dissertation

Promotionsordnung:

§6, Abs. 1: „The doctoral thesis serves as proof of the candidate’s scientific qualification.“

§4 Abs. 1g: „...declaration that the candidate has written the submitted dissertation autonomously and unassisted and has not used any sources and aids other than stated, with quotations from the used publications duly marked as.“

→ Monography has to be written by the PhD-student alone and with own words.

→ **What to do with contents (text, figures, tables) from published or submitted articles?**

The MNF sees the following problems:

- 1) Co-Authors → no „independent“ work
- 2) self-plagiarism

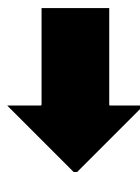
**It is basically allowed to integrate published or submitted material in a monographic dissertation.**

**BUT:** It is not allowed that whole chapters are a 1:1 copy of a published or submitted article.

Example: A sub-chapter in the „Results and Discussion“ of the dissertation, which deals with one field of the PhD-thesis, is not allowed to consist of a complete published or submitted article, i.e. out of „Abstract, Introduction, Results, Discussion, Conclusion“.

**Parts of the published or submitted article (e.g. results, discussion) can be used 1:1 in the sub-chapter of the dissertation. The sub-chapter should not consist of the title of the published or submitted article.**

**HOW DOES IT WORK???**



## Correct citing and identification is important:

- This means, directly prior to the text-section originating from a published or submitted article, the following information must be given:
  - o **Where?** title of the article, date of publication or submission, journal (IMPORTANT: here it is important that the journal agreed that you can use your publication for the dissertation. Therefore, you should inform yourself at the journal. Usually there are existing guidelines.)
  - o **Who?** Co-authors. Agreement of the Co-authors.
  - o **What?** It is recommended and better for transparency, to also state, what the own contribution to the article was (not only in %, but also in detail), e.g. *„My contribution of the here cited part(s) of the publication included all data analyses, construction of tables and figures, and all writing, which was proof-read by the Co-authors.“*
- If **Figures and tables** from a published or submitted article are used, the article should be cited in the captions.

- further example:

The following chapter contains contents of the article *„title of the article“* published/submitted in the journal *„name of the journal“* on the *„date of publication/submission“*.

Co-authors are *„names of co-authors“*. Journal and co-authors agreed on the utilization of contents of the article in my dissertation.

The concept and experimental design was developed with *“name of colleague/supervisor”*.

The implementation of experiments, measurements, data analyses and the compilation of data in figures and tables was done by myself.

In the publication I am the first and responsible author having done all the data compilation, most of the discussion and writing of the draft for publications.