

Comments to thesis writing

In the arrangements of doing a doctorate only a few regulations about the form of the thesis are made.

In § 8 is regulated, that

- a separate page must inform about **publication of parts of the results** and
- the thesis may be **cumulative** built on such publications. Generally, this is possible with two publications in peer reviewed journals, **one of which** should have the **candidate as first author**.

Furthermore, in § 9 is regulated, that

- the **titel page** and its back should look like appendix 5,
- a **table of contents** must be incorporated,
- a **list of references** (with all authors listed, decision of the senate of the MHH) must be incorporated and
- an **abstract in English as well as in German** each with the **name of the candidate** and the **title of the thesis** must be integrated,
- a **monographic thesis** should have an **introduction** (background, aims, questions, hypothesis), **study design and methods**, **results** and **discussion** and
- a **cumulative thesis** should start with an **introduction** and after the incorporated publications a **detailed summary of the results** should be followed by a **comprehensive discussion**. Additional results should clearly be distinguishable from publications and at best do not look like a manuscript. Especially in a cumulative thesis you should pay attention to the **copy right**.

Because very often publications have several authors the **contribution of the candidat and all authors** has to be specified.

- It is helpful for the reviewers and other readers to find the **curriculum vitae** at the end of the thesis

Everything else is not regulated and belongs to the free choice of the candidate (type and height of character, choice of layout, chapters etc.). But, the thesis must **not** be **spiral bound** because it will need too much storage space.