

Crediting papers in the exam, policy decided by Fur)

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Decision to approve the following policy:

A paper published before the doctoral student's admission date can be credited in the exam and included in the doctoral or licentiate thesis after special motivation and decision in the doctoral education board (FUN) as follows:

1. A maximum of one paper per exam may be credited.
2. The paper must be well adapted to the PhD education subject and the thesis as a whole.
3. The paper must be accepted for publication for a maximum of two years (extension for certain conditions described HEO 5 chapter 7§ e.g. parental leave) prior to the date of admission in an international peer-reviewed scientific journal or a paper of comparable quality recognised within the discipline (§5.5.1 in the University guidelines for doctoral education 2019 at SLU).
4. The doctoral student's contribution must be detailed in the motivation, while the contribution of other co-authors can be described more briefly.
5. The doctoral student is allowed to use the paper in his/her thesis (with permit from the publisher if necessary).
6. The total study period of four years (two years for licentiate) for doctoral education is not affected by the crediting.
7. A doctoral thesis must include an additional paper accepted or published in an international peer-reviewed scientific journal or a paper of comparable quality recognised within the discipline.
8. The doctoral student's individual study plan must contain information that a paper in the dissertation has been credited.

Approval of crediting a paper shall be included in the application for defence of the thesis. Accordingly, the current form for applying for thesis defence needs to be changed in order to include this information.

A specific application form for crediting a paper for the thesis will be developed.