

	Pass with Distinction	Pass	Fail
1. Choice of topic, setting the research problem and positioning the research in scientific and social debate	<p><i>A work that deserves a Pass with Distinction grade reaches an acceptable level in all areas of assessment and is also exceptionally strong in two or more of dimensions 1–4 of assessment and thus has a particularly strong scientific contribution (dimension 10)</i></p>	The research focuses on a scientifically (and phenomenon-based) justified field. The research problem is appropriately limited. The research objectives/questions are consistently set and precise and guide the implementation of the research.	<p><i>A Fail grade is given if the research submitted for dissertation is poor in several areas of assessment or is significantly inadequate in one or more areas</i></p>
2. Theoretical mastery, conceptual clarity and conceptual-theoretical development work of topic		The theoretical framework of the research shows in-depth familiarity with the research field as well as ability for convincing argumentation. The research concepts have been defined and their use is consistent. The work builds a controlled conceptual-theoretical basis that produces new scientific knowledge and provides a sufficient basis for empirical research.	
3. Complexity of research methods used and their management, as well as quality of research material		The research methods used are suitable for examining the chosen research problem, are reasonably chosen and their use is controlled. The research material is relevant and quantitatively sufficient. Processing of the material demonstrates the ability for analytical and critical research work. Methodological contribution achieved through the development of research methods is considered a special merit.	
4. Management of research results and their critical evaluation		The research results are presented consistently and evaluated in relation to previous research. Evaluation of the scientific and social significance of the results and their practical applicability shows the ability to manage one's own research field.	

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5. Adherence to good scientific practice and ethically sustainable principles	<p><i>A work that deserves a Pass with Distinction grade reaches an acceptable level in all areas of assessment and is also exceptionally strong in two or more of dimensions 1–4 of assessment and thus has a particularly strong scientific contribution (dimension 10)</i></p>	The dissertation has been carried out in accordance with good scientific practice and research ethical principles. Ethical issues related to the research material have been considered and evaluated. It is also commendable to favour open science practices and make new research materials available to open science.	<p><i>A Fail grade is given if the research submitted for dissertation is poor in several areas of assessment or is significantly inadequate in one or more areas</i></p>
6. Critical approach and maturity of reflection		The research demonstrates the author's ability to critically apply the methods of scientific research as well as maturity to appropriate critical thinking and strong argumentation.	
7. Demonstrated personal input and independent work		The research demonstrates the author's ability to apply the methods of scientific research independently. In a compilation dissertation, the doctoral candidate's contribution to joint publications is clearly demonstrated and significant.	
8. Consistency, clarity of presentation and correctness of language of dissertation		The dissertation is a consistent whole. The presentation is fluent, the language is clear, and the style is impeccable.	
9. Doctoral candidate's ability to defend his/her dissertation at public examination		The doctoral candidate is able to successfully present and defend his/her research at the public examination and answer the questions posed with convincing argumentation.	
10. Ability to create new scientific knowledge		The research provides new knowledge, interpretation and thinking and/or conceptual, theoretical or methodological contribution. In a compilation dissertation, an indication of this can be that the article(s) have been published in particularly high-quality scientific journals.	

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