



## **Dissertation Council's Requirements for Dissertation Papers Submitted by Candidates for the Degrees of Candidate and Doctor of Sciences in History at HSE University**

1. The Dissertation Council in History accepts for examination and defence dissertation papers prepared as a separate coherent research paper. In some cases, upon recommendation of one of its members, the Dissertation Council can agree to accept for examination and defence a dissertation paper submitted by an applicant seeking a Candidate of Sciences' degree that is comprised of at least three research articles (should not be review articles) with original research outcomes dedicated to the same topic of research. The articles must appear in WoS and/or Scopus-indexed high-quality peer-reviewed research journals, including at least two articles in Q1-Q2 as at the year of publication.
2. Dissertation papers shall be submitted in Russian or English.
3. A dissertation paper submitted as a separate coherent research paper is prepared as a manuscript and comprised of: a title page, a table of contents, the text of a dissertation which includes an introduction, the main body, conclusion, as well as a list of sources and bibliography. The text of a dissertation can also include a list of abbreviations and symbols, a glossary, a list of illustrations/figures and attachments. The introduction to the dissertation typically describes the research problem under consideration, points to the relevance of the given scientific problem and the degree of its development, identifies goals and objectives, as well as general methodology and specific research methods, substantiates its scientific novelty, theoretical and practical relevance, and formulates provisions proposed for defence. The course of work and contents of the completed research are described in detail and in sequential order in the main part. The main narrative is divided into chapters and paragraphs or sections and sub-sections numbered in Arabic (or Roman and Arabic) numerals. Outcomes of the completed research, as well as prospects for further development of the research problem, are provided in the conclusion. The dissertation must follow a detailed and accurate (as regard to its contents and format) conceptual framework.
4. There are no formal restrictions with respect to the volume of a dissertation for a Candidate's or Doctor of Sciences' degree, submitted as a separate coherent research paper.
5. The format of dissertations in Russian must follow the standards of GOST. The format of dissertations in English must follow the standards of one of the recognized international systems: MLA, Harvard Style (BSI), or Chicago Style.
6. In some cases, an individual peer-reviewed monograph may be accepted for consideration and defence as a dissertation submitted by an applicant for a Doctor of Sciences degree, provided that: 1) an applicant has prepared at least 15 (fifteen) articles published in high-quality peer-reviewed scientific journals, including at least 5 (five) articles in Q1-Q2 in WoS and/or Scopus journals as at the year of publication; 2) a monograph should not substantially repeat the contents of a dissertation, which has been submitted by him/her earlier when seeking a Candidate of Sciences' degree.