

Additional Requirements to Dissertations Submitted for Defense (Political Science)

Dissertation Requirements

A dissertation must be formatted as a manuscript and should conform to the following structure:

- a) a title page;
- b) contents;
- c) the actual dissertation, including its introduction, main body, conclusion and bibliography.

The introduction must include: a rationale explaining the relevance of the selected topic; the degree to which this topic has been previously considered; research question(-s); the dissertation's goals and objectives, as well as its theoretical and practical significance; the methodology and research methods used, along with key ideas to be defended; authenticity and validation of results.

The main text must contain a description of the objectives to be resolved. Furthermore, this text should be divided into chapters and paragraphs, or sections and subsections. Solutions proposed in the dissertation must be well-grounded and substantiated. The author must also include their evaluation in comparison with other known approaches or conclusions in the given subject area and/or technological field.

The conclusion must feature a summary of the research results, recommendations and possibilities for further development in regards to the given topic.

The dissertation may also include a list of abbreviations, symbols, definitions, a list of images, and annexes.

Manuscript Size

The size of the dissertation (without a bibliography, annexes etc.,) should be:

- for a Candidate of Sciences degree - from 200,000 to 240,000 characters, including spaces and footnotes;
- for a Doctor of Science degree - from 480,000 to 560,000 characters, including spaces and footnotes.

References should be drawn up, using either the Russian State Standard 7.05-2008 (for a thesis in Russian) or the Chicago Reference Style Guide (for a thesis in English).

Summary Requirements

Candidates must submit a summary of their dissertation in Russian and English.

Structure:

1. The title list must include the following information: name of the host organization (National Research University Higher School of Economics); the full name of the author of the dissertation; the dissertation topic; full names and academic degrees of the academic supervisor (-s) and academic advisor (-s) (if applicable); the printer's imprint (the city, the year);
2. The summary must effectively state the research issue being considered, along with a literature review, research questions, aims and objectives, a hypothesis (if applicable), the scope and limitations of the research, methodology and methods used, the empirical data cited, the work's contribution to the discourse on the given issue, and current literature, as well as statements to be defended;
3. The summary also must include main ideas, analysis of data and findings.

Summary size should be:

- for a Candidate of Sciences degree - from 20,000 to 40,000 characters, including spaces and footnotes;
- for a Doctor of Science degree - from 40,000 to 60,000 characters, including spaces and footnotes.