

Graduate School of Decision Sciences

University of Konstanz

General Requirements for Cumulative Theses

1. A cumulative thesis consists of at least three essays reflecting the quality standards required by respected international journals. The essays are to be preceded by an introductory chapter.
2. All essays are written in English.
3. Essays should contain original research. In particular, literature surveys shall not be submitted as research chapters.
4. Individual essays may be co-authored. Individual authors shall provide a written declaration indicating the parts that constitute their own independent work.
5. At least one essay should be either single-authored or first-authored (in those disciplines of the Graduate School in which the ordering of authors signals their respective contributions).
6. At most one essay can be co-authored with one of the candidate's supervisors. This essay ought to be evaluated by the two other members of the thesis committee.