Requirements for a monograph as a doctoral thesis in the DOK

Size of the doctoral thesis

No minimum or maximum size has been stipulated for a doctoral thesis. The focus is on the quality of the monograph as an unassisted academic contribution.

Publication of parts of the thesis prior to definitive submission

Parts of the doctoral thesis may already be published before the Doctor’s degree has been awarded (Art. 37i of the Award Regulations 17).

- Co-authorship is not permitted in a monograph.
- An appendix must list in detail where the texts that have already been published can be found.
- The appendix must also refer to the fact that texts have been published before the award of the Doctor’s degree (protection from the charge of self-plagiarism).

Language of the thesis

A doctoral thesis must be written in German, English, French or Italian. The Programme Committee may approve exceptions.

If the thesis is written in a language other than German or English, a ten-page summary of the results in German or English must be submitted to the Programme Committee prior to approval.

Publication after submission

The DOK expects the doctoral thesis to be published by an academic publisher and offers support for this in courses covering the subject. Digital publication on the servers of the HSG can be blocked for two years on application to the Dean of Studies, as provided by Art. 37i of the Award Regulations 17 (cf. appendix).

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Appendix: Declaration of previously published parts of the thesis

Art 37 of the Award Regulations 17 for Doctor’s Degrees of the University of St.Gallen permits the publication of parts of the thesis prior to definitive submission. Components of this thesis were written during my doctoral studies at the University of St.Gallen and have already been published. This refers to the following publications, which can be found in the places in the thesis that are indicated as such:

1. Components of the article:  
   < reference >  
   can be found on pages:  
   
   Page x, paragraphs 1 to page y, paragraph 2  
   Page z  
   ...  

2. Components of the following chapter:  
   < reference >  
   can be found on pages:  
   
   Pages xx-yy  
   ...