

Information on submitting and presenting the thesis project for doctoral students in Social Sciences and Economics

During the first year, the thesis exposé must be presented to the doctorate advisory committee for the thesis field at a presentation open to all staff and students at the university.

Process

The thesis proposal acceptance form (DISS1) incl. research proposal and the thesis agreement (DISS2) must be submitted **electronically** via the Student Portal prior to your presentation. Please note that your electronic application must be submitted before the set registration deadline.

Ad thesis agreement:

a) **Proof of coursework:** As part of your doctoral programme, you must complete coursework amounting to between 16 and 80 ECTS credits. Presentations at international conferences, workshops, teaching activities and publications can all count towards these credits as long as they are related to your thesis. You must complete at least one course in the Faculty of Management and Economics at AAU. The accepted proof of achievement is to be agreed with your supervisor in your thesis agreement.

b) The research proposal must be submitted in written form and shall contain between 8 and 16 pages. The exposé must cover the status of research, objectives, methodology and a schedule.

The **open presentation** consists of two parts:

- Presentation of your exposé (duration: max. 20 minutes)
- Open discussion with the doctorate advisory committee

Following the presentation, the doctorate advisory committee approves the thesis project or provides a reason for rejecting it. After the presentation, the doctorate advisory committee sends the DISS1 form to the Office of Academic Affairs for approval. This form is accompanied by the [DISS2 thesis agreement](#), which is prepared with your supervisor. The Office of Academic Affairs makes the decision to approve or reject the application.