



3-Article (Multiple-Article) Dissertation Option

Overview

- The 3-article dissertation option is available to doctoral students but *only if it is listed in their program's handbook*, as it is a decision made by their department
- If the student's program allows for a 3-article dissertation, the articles used *must still be approved by the student's committee*
- If the student gets approval and can move forward, the dissertation must meet Graduate College formatting and accessibility guidelines and be a cohesive document in terms of formatting
- This option requires articles, not papers. The level required for each article (e.g., submitted for consideration, submitted pending revisions, or published) is up to the student's department
- Accessibility and Graduate College Guidelines supersede the requirements of a discipline's and/or department's style guide. If formatting requirements are at odds, please defer to the Graduate College Accessibility and Formatting requirements

Formatting

The guidelines for formatting 3-article (multiple-article) dissertations are the same as all other theses and dissertations with the following special considerations:

- Documents must contain the required front materials (Cover Page, Abstract, Table of Contents, List of Tables if applicable, etc.) and the Curriculum Vitae at the end of the document, as outlined in the [Graduate College Guidelines](#)
- References can be listed at the end of each chapter instead of at the end of the document
- Each article must be its own chapter and should be entitled Chapter #: Article Title. Chapters should be at Heading 2 and match the style of the major headings from the beginning of your document. If you have bridge text in between articles, that information should either be its own chapter or part of the chapter for the article before it

- Each chapter must be formatted per the [Graduate College Guidelines](#) and be formatted consistently with all other chapters
 - This means articles cannot be inserted into the document as PDFs. They must be converted back to a word processing program (Word, Latex, etc.) and reformatted to maintain consistency
- If there are co-authors, the student must acknowledge them somewhere within the document
- If there were tables in the original article that were not created in Word, Excel, or Latex, they will need to be recreated in Word, Excel, or Latex. Tables should lean towards being simpler with a header row and no merged cells