Doctorate Regulations after 1st January 2014

Chapter 5 The doctoral thesis (page 6)

Art. 13 The thesis

1. The thesis may be:
   2. a) a scholarly discourse in the form of a book; or
   3. b) a scholarly discourse in the form of a collection of articles; or
   4. c) a research design produced on the basis of theoretical understandings and methods specific to the field, accompanied by an argumentation and documentation at an academic level.

5. The thesis must satisfy the requirements set out in these regulations, and must in every case include a description of, and argumentation for, the candidate’s research approach.

6. A thesis as described in section one above may have multiple authors, in which case the candidate’s independent input and contribution must be demonstrated.

7. A thesis in the form of a collection of articles should be accompanied by a general introduction and a summary of contents, written for the purpose (i.e., not previously published).

The board of the Graduate School for the Humanities agreed on the following guidelines for a PhD thesis which is based on articles:

A PhD thesis based on articles may include:

1. published articles
2. submitted articles
3. unpublished articles
4. articles with co-authors
5. a combination of articles and chapters

It is up to the manuscript committee to determine whether a collection of articles is of sufficient quantity and quality to be eligible for submission as a PhD thesis.

A PhD thesis based on articles should:

1. be accompanied by an introduction, which puts the articles in the perspective of the current scientific debate and provides a motivation for the methodology used;
2. be accompanied by a general discussion, which integrates the articles;
3. describe the individual contributions in case of co-authored articles;
4. end with a summary written in Dutch.

A co-author of an article cannot be a member of the doctoral thesis committee.