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Based on Art. 9 para. 3 sentence 1 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) in the version of February 26, 2007 (Nds. GVBl. p. 69), last amended by Art. 7 of the Act of March 23, 2022 (Nds. GVBl. No. 218) and Art. 8 para. 3 Doctoral Degree Regulations of the School of Management and Technology of June 14, 2023 (Leuphana Gazette No. 71/23 of July 20, 2023), the School Council of the School of Management and Technology of Leuphana University of Lüneburg adopted the guidelines for cumulative dissertations on November 8, 2023. The Presidential Board of Leuphana University of Lüneburg approved this new version in accordance with Art. 44 para. 1 sentence 3 NHG February 26, 2025.

### **SECTION I**

This guideline specifies the requirements for a cumulative dissertation to obtain the Dr. rer. pol. at the School of Management and Technology in the field of Business Administration. The guideline is a supplement to the doctoral degree regulations.

#### **Art. 1 Quality requirements and number of articles or manuscripts**

- (1) <sup>1</sup>The overall quality requirements for the contributions correspond to those that apply to a dissertation in the form of a book. <sup>2</sup>The responsibility for compliance with these requirements lies with the respective reviewers <sup>3</sup>The reviewers decide (independently of the peer reviews) on the recommendation for acceptance of the articles as a cumulative dissertation.
- (2) At least three articles must be submitted.
- (3) The content of the work must be presented in writing by the doctoral candidate in a summarizing essay (framework paper).

#### **Art. 2 Authorship**

- (1) At least one of the articles must have been written by the doctoral candidate alone.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Co-authorships are possible. <sup>2</sup>The contribution of the doctoral candidate will be taken into account proportionally. <sup>3</sup>It must be made clear what the doctoral candidate's contribution is to the co-authored articles. <sup>4</sup>In the case of co-authorships, all co-authors must submit a joint confirmation of their contribution to the article, based on qualitative and quantitative contributions. <sup>5</sup>An article in co-authorships is included in the total sum with the relative share according to paragraph 4, which is confirmed by all co-authors. <sup>6</sup>In the case of co-authorships, the reviewers are obliged to include only the proportion attributable to the doctoral candidate in their assessment.
- (3) At least one of the reviewers may not be a co-author of the articles at the same time.
- (4) The sum of the publications weighted according to paragraph 1 and 2 must be at least 2.

### **Art. 3 Publication status and value of journals**

- (1) At least two of the articles should be published in high-ranking, peer-reviewed journals or have the necessary potential for publication.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>Irrespective of whether the articles have already been published or have been accepted for publication, the reviewers are obliged to independently assess whether a level of quality appropriate to a dissertation has been achieved. <sup>2</sup>The reviewers shall apply the usual strict scientific assessment criteria.

### **Art. 4 Transitional Provision**

Doctoral procedures that have already been opened by the time the doctoral regulations of the School of Management and Technology of June 14, 2023 (Leuphana Gazette No. 71/23 of July 20, 2023) come into force on October 1, 2023 can be terminated upon application in accordance with the provisions of the previously valid doctoral regulations, including the guidelines issued by the School of Management and Technology.

## **SECTION II**

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