



Regulations for a licentiate seminar

The licentiate's dissertation is designed either as an integrated coherent scientific work (monograph) or as a summary of scientific articles (compilation dissertation) which the doctoral candidate has written alone or jointly with other persons.

The licentiate's dissertation will be presented and discussed at an official licentiate seminar, at which it will also be obtainable. The examiner will appoint an informal reviewer before the seminar.

Notification of a licentiate seminar

Before the notification the supervisor must contact the secretary of the Faculty Board in order to determine the point of time for the licentiate seminar. This should be done in good time so that the seminar will not collide with a public defense of a doctor's thesis or another licentiate seminar at the Institute.

The supervisor must, in writing to the Faculty Board, notify the wish for a licentiate seminar at the latest three weeks before the established date. Please use the template found at the link <http://www.bth.se/hle/fakultet.nsf/sidor/mallar>. This notification must contain the following information:

- the name and title of the doctoral candidate,
- the denomination of the third-cycle research area,
- the denomination of the degree,
- the title of the dissertation,
- the extent of the dissertation (higher education credits alt. credits),
- date, point of time, premises for the licentiate seminar,
- title and name of the person who will function as a reviewer,
- information about where the dissertation will be available in PDF format for a period of three weeks before the seminar, and
- signatures of the supervisor, examiner, and doctoral candidate.

The licentiate seminar should take place during the semester. If special reasons are presented the Faculty Board can decide that a licentiate seminar may take place outside regular semester time. The periods from Thursday before Midsummer – 15 August, and 24 December – 6 January are normally not included in the three weeks during which the dissertation must be available.

Multiplication and distribution of the thesis

The thesis must be made available three semester weeks before the licentiate seminar as a PDF document, printable if need be. No changes may be made in the document (possible changes after this are included in the errata list).

The licentiate dissertation will form part of the Blekinge Institute of Technology licentiate dissertation series. The series number is obtained through normal procedure from the Institute Library (<http://www.bth.se/bib/forska.nsf/sidor/anvisningar-for-publicering-i-bths-licdiss-serier>). The number of copies that should be handed over for distribution (within the Institute and to others) varies between the Schools. The doctoral candidate receives, however, always a minimum of 20 copies for personal use.

The costs for printing the dissertation are paid for by the School. In order to cover this and other expenses in relation to the seminar a grant may be given by the Faculty Board to the School (see current budget directives). However, if the doctoral candidate desires that the dissertation be printed in an edition or style that by far exceeds the normal procedure at the School, the doctoral candidate may be bound to pay parts of the additional cost. In the case that it is necessary, permission from the publishing firm must be granted for the multiplication of published articles.

The licentiate seminar

Before the licentiate seminar the examiner will appoint an informal reviewer. She/he must have a thorough knowledge of the dissertation topic, review the licentiate dissertation in detail, and during the licentiate seminar submit an evaluation of the dissertation. During the licentiate seminar the doctoral candidate will by way of introduction give a general presentation of the subject and her/his results. After that the doctoral candidate will discuss her/his dissertation with the informal reviewer in relation to the reviewer's questions at issue.

The doctoral candidate always has the right to speak in Swedish or in English.

Degree certificate

After the compulsory seminar has been held at the School and if the demands for a licentiate's degree as to the rest have been fulfilled, the doctoral candidate applies for a degree certificate.

The application is done on a special form, which can be downloaded from http://www.bth.se/for/studerandeavdelningen.nsf/sidor/blanketter_allmant. A certificate from the examiner attesting to the pass of the part of the dissertation and part of course(s) must be enclosed with the application.