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Core principles for PhD education at the Faculty of Humanities

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*** The PhD programme enables research and research training at the highest international level**

The primary aim of the PhD programme is to provide PhD students with academic specialisation and research skills at the highest international level. Research qualifications are the basis for PhD graduates' career paths within or outside of academia.

*** PhD students and their research projects are valuable contributions to the development, renewal, and proliferation of their research fields.**

Individual PhD projects must be designed with the aim to develop their research fields. They should generate new ideas and knowledge in relation to the international state of the art and to societal needs.

*** The PhD programme aims to transition PhD students into independent scholars, and to develop research skills at multiple levels and categories:**

- To achieve scientific maturity, i.e., to think independently, originally and structured, to write with clarity and structure, and to work towards innovative, publishable results in the form of a PhD thesis.

- To contribute to and to be an expert in a defined research field in terms of tradition and erudition, i.e., to master the state of the art, theory and methodology, practices of documentation, argumentation, and publication of the field.

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- To disseminate scientific knowledge through teaching activities and through dissemination to non-academic audiences, and to bring one's research into interaction with external stakeholders.
- To be a member of the academic community, i.e., to participate actively in professional events and discussions and to reflect on and adopt standards of good scientific practice.
- To participate in the collegial community such as professional and organisational meetings, working groups, peer reviews, and organising academic activities for colleagues.
- To build international and/or interdisciplinary networks and research collaborations, and to have a global research outlook.
- To be able to prioritize and structure one's work tasks and navigate between multiple demands and expectations and, under supervision, balance ambitions and working conditions.

The Faculty of Humanities' core principles for PhD education are aligned with the Danish Qualifications Framework for Higher Education:

Qualifications Framework for Danish Higher Education for persons obtaining PhD degrees (cf. [Danish Ministry of Education and Research](#))

Persons obtaining PhD degrees

Knowledge and understanding:

- Must possess knowledge at the highest international level within the research field.
- Must have made a significant contribution to the development of new knowledge and understanding within the research field based on scientific studies.

Skills

- Must master the scientific methodologies and tools as well as master other skills related to research and development tasks within the field.
- Must be able to analyse, evaluate and develop new ideas, including designing and developing new techniques and skills within the subject area.
- Must be able to participate in international discussions within the subject area and disseminate scientific findings and progress to a wide audience.

Competences

- Must be able to plan and carry out research and development tasks in complex and unpredictable contexts.
- Must be able to independently initiate and participate in national and international collaboration on research and development with scientific integrity.
- Must be able to independently initiate research and development projects and,

through these, generate new knowledge and new skills that develop the research field.

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