

Příloha: Pokyny pro vypracování literárních rešerší

Decision of the Doctoral Study Board *Global Change Forestry*

at the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague,
on the required format of Literary Reviews for the 1st year doctoral students

This decision was adopted at the Study Board's meeting on February 27, 2025. The Decision replaces the Rules for the Defence of Literary Research published in the Dean's Regulation No. 10/2019 and the Rules adopted by the Board in 2022. These rules take effect on April 1, 2025.

1. Objectives and structure of the Literary Review

The primary objective of the Literary Review is to demonstrate student's profound understanding of state-of-the-art research in their field, as well as students' ability to build their own research upon this knowledge. The Literary Review report must include a short summary (up to one page) of the methodology and objectives as approved in the student's Individual Study Plan and Dissertation Thesis Methodology. This initial formulation may be modified based on progress made during the first year of study.

Next, the report will be divided into several thematic sections addressing the key theoretical and methodological aspects of the thesis (for example, Recent changes in forest disturbance dynamics, Approaches to disturbance mapping, Types of disturbance impacts, etc.). Each section must reference core publications relevant to the particular topic (e.g., essential and review and synthesis papers), focusing on studies published recently. The recommended number of sections is 3 to 5 and number of publications per section is 5–10. Every section must include an explanatory text describing the relevance of the cited works to the thesis. The overall extent of the review is 10 pages without references and a title page.

2. Defence Committee and Procedure

A defence committee is composed of three members nominated by the Study Board. During the defence, students will briefly outline their thesis objectives and methodology. Then, students will focus the majority of their presentation on discussing the findings of their Literary Review. It is crucial to illustrate clearly how the proposed research will build on the reviewed literature and to highlight the novelty of the work. Students are not expected to present any specific findings from the first year of study.

The presentation is limited to a maximum of 15 minutes and will be followed by a discussion with the committee. Afterward, the committee will vote on whether to approve the Literary Review. If a student does not pass the defence, the committee will provide specific reasons for its decision and set a new date for the defence.

The deadline for submitting the report is September 5 in the first year of study, each year.