

## Writing your thesis with articles : When and How

You can replace the methods and results section of your thesis with articles only if you have **at least one article published** or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Your contribution must be significant for an article to be considered as part of your thesis. Reviews can't be used to replace any part of your thesis.

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A thesis with articles should be structured as follows:

- Title page (to download from the [LNDS website](#))
- Acknowledgements
- Abstract
- Introduction (10-20 pages)
- Brief summary of the results, indicating precisely your contribution to each article
- Discussion (10-20 pages)
- References
- Article(s)

Please **keep in mind these points**, in common to all thesis, written with articles or not:

- A good introduction should show that you have acquired a broad knowledge of the literature in your research field.
- A good discussion should express critical thinking concerning what you have learned:
  - discussing your results in the light of other's results,
  - making an overall analysis of the publications reviewed,
  - analyzing the quality and limitations of the results,
  - formulating conclusions, and
  - making the point about future perspectives