

Evaluation system of the dissertation defences in Ecological and Evolutionary Biology

This grading system for the defence of a dissertation is intended primarily as a guide for grading, but is not to be considered fixed. The final decision rests solely with the committee.

The use of this grading system means that the committee has already decided by secret ballot that the dissertation has been defended.

Criteria to be evaluated		Points	Recommended grading	
			Points	Grade
Dissertation	Introduction - quality	1-3	23-25	A
	Publications - quality*	1-3	20-22	B
	Publications - number*	1-3	17-19	C
Defence	Presentation	1-3	13-16	D
	Discussion	1-3	9-12	E
Involvement	Independence and creativity	1-3	If the defence is in Czech, three points have to be subtracted.	
Study	Length of the study**	1-3		
	Conferences	1-2		
	International experience	1-2		

Scale and evaluation basis

3-grade criterion: **1**, corresponding to the minimum requirements/quality; **2**, above the minimum requirements/quality; **3**, high above the minimum requirements/quality

2-grade criterion: **1**, corresponding to the minimum requirements; **2**, above the minimum requirements

* the proportion of candidate's contribution to the publications is also considered

** **1**, submitted in the 12th and later semesters of the study; **2**, submitted in the 11th and 10th semester; **3**, submitted up to the 9th semester

Additional explanation for each criterion

Introduction - quality: the evaluation is usually done by reviewers

Publications - quality: in terms of scientometric data on journals (and articles); the candidate's contribution is also taken into account; the evaluation is usually done by the board

Publications - number: minimum requirements are two published papers and one manuscript; the evaluation is usually done by the board which determines whether the candidate is just above the minimum requirement or well above the minimum

Presentation: its quality, how concise and clear was the presentation of the results; quality of the English (if applicable)

Discussion: quality of responses to questions, especially those that were not included in reviewers' written reports

Independence and creativity: evaluation by the supervisor; to what extent has the student worked independently, has the student developed own ideas, etc.

Length of the study: as explained above

Conferences: one presentation at an international conference is a required minimum

International experience: the minimum 2-month stay abroad requirement can be officially excused in exceptional cases (e.g. health and family issues)