



Responsible Conduct of Research 2: Getting Ready for Submission

This course is only for PhD students enrolled at SUND in the second or last year of their PhD Plan. All other applicants will get a rejection.

Purpose of the course

When submitting a paper or a PhD thesis one is typically confronted with a great deal of responsible conduct of research issues. These are issues on open access requirements, data management, authorship issues, documentation of ethical and legal permissions, declaring one's conflicts of interest, etc. The purpose of this course is to help the PhD student to submit, responsibly and successfully, the PhD student's thesis as well as papers to scientific journals.

Learning objectives

- Understand what it takes to stay clear of plagiarism and self-plagiarism.
- Understand and interpret the result of iThenticate's screening for duplicate text.
- Understand and apply relevant legal, scientific and societal norms (of e.g., but not limited to, Responsible Conduct of Research) in regard to the following specific subjects:
 - Plagiarism and self-plagiarism
 - Copyright
 - Open access
 - Authorship
 - Conflicts of interests
 - Ethical and legal permissions
 - Data management

Requirements and expectations

Prior to the course the PhD student must have some draft of a paper intended to be submitted to a scientific journal, or (if the PhD student is writing a monography) some draft of a dissertation. The course is intended for PhD students who expect to submit their PhD thesis within 12 months. We recommend that the PhD student has passed the mandatory RCR1 course prior to this course.

Format of the course

4 hours course with teacher presentations and exercises directly aligned with the mandatory assignment.

Content of the course

- (Self-) plagiarism issues
- Interpretation of iThenticate results
- Copyright issues
- Choosing journals to publish in
- Open Access issues
- Authorship issues
- Conflicts of interest issues
- Issues relating to ethical permissions
- Data Management issues
- Other issues

Assignment

The PhD student is given a list of challenges to guide the PhD student's submission(s) of papers and thesis. The PhD student's assignment is to fill out a logbook following the list and, for each checkpoint, explain how the PhD student is dealing with the challenge, or how the PhD student intends to deal with the challenge. One week after the course the PhD student submits the logbook to the teacher of the course.

Two weeks after submission of the logbook, the PhD student receives a notification of the logbook being approved or not approved. If not approved the PhD student will receive an explanation and be asked to revise and re-submit within two weeks. All exchange of logbooks happens via Absalon and all parts of this assignment are mandatory.

The PhD student has three attempts to pass the assignment. If the assignment is not passed after three attempts, the PhD student must take the course again. Failure to meet a deadline, results in a failed attempt.

ECTS credits

Please note that RCR2 is equivalent to 1 ECTS, which is part of the minimum 28 ECTS and maximum 35 ECTS of the total ECTS credits you must obtain before completing your PhD. If you exceed the maximum credits before taking this mandatory course, you will be asked to pay for the excessive course you have participated in, and the course will not be part of your PhD Programme. Therefore, you are advised to check your ECTS credits before registering for courses in the course catalogue.

Limitation

Each course has no more than 25 participating PhD students.

Course directors

Head of Graduate School, Professor Rikke Buhl (SUND), and Professor Peter Sandøe (SUND/SCIENCE).

Location

The course takes place either at Panum, Blegdamsvej 3b, 2200 Copenhagen N or ONLINE