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Article based master's thesis

In an article-based master's thesis, the work is to be independently completed by the student, under the guidance of a supervisor, thus providing evidence that the student is competent to complete such a work at the master level. The entire thesis, including one article and a separate introductory chapter (in Norwegian referred to as a "*kappe*"), is to be authored solely by the student. Two students can submit one master's thesis, but with one independent article each and a shared introductory chapter. Below is a further specification of the two required parts of an individual thesis:

1. One ready-to-submit **article manuscript** intended for a chosen, peer reviewed journal (the journal must be included in the Norwegian Register for Scientific Journals - https://dbh.nsd.uib.no/publiseringskanaler/Forside.action?request_locale=en). While it is not required that the article be formally accepted for publication by the journal, the article must follow the chosen journal's formal guidelines for publishing. The article is to be authored solely by the student, in a single-authored manuscript. We strongly encourage students to publish their articles after examination. If the co-author is the supervisor, the supervision during the master's thesis is deemed insufficient to become a co-author, as this is expected given their role as supervisor. The supervisor must then start anew and follow regular expectations for co-authorship as stipulated by the Vancouver recommendations.
2. An **introductory chapter**, consisting of approximately 14 pages (excluding table of contents, foreword, summary, reference list and appendix). The content of the introductory chapter is to be discussed and decided on by the student in active collaboration with their supervisor and will vary according to what is appropriate to the student's specific research project. A general rule is that the chapter will elaborate on or describe otherwise relevant features of the research that add depth to what has been included in the article (for instance: methodological issues and reflections, theoretical perspectives, ethical issues, contextual and policy implications).