How many papers are required in a Ph.D. dissertation?

On 4/8/2013 8:28 AM, Ralph Swenson wrote:

Breck, the guidelines do say one or more, and one is not very common, but the only hard and fast rule is that the work must be determined by the examining committee to be of sufficient quantity and quality to merit the degree.  The expectation sometimes varies between disciplines, what is required for publication in them, etc..  We have also seen situations where a dissertation includes publications and some other reported research.  It sounds to me as if you have considered what is appropriate for your area.  If you encounter a situation where a lesser number of papers makes sense to you and the committee, however, that is fine with us.  Ralph

On 4/5/2013 7:48 PM, Breck Bowden wrote:

Ralph:  I've always worked to the expectation that a PhD student should produce 3 submittable journal papers for a Ph.D. effort.  It has come to my attention that our guidelines state "one or more".  Can you clarify?  What is the expectation for number of articles when a student opts for the journal article format?  
  
Thanks.  Breck