

SIMILARITY CHECK RULES

JOHN VON NEUMANN UNIVERSITY DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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The Council of John von Neumann University Doctoral School of Management and Business Administration hereby adopts the following rules on similarity check:

The Doctoral School shall conduct similarity checks on written materials submitted for the comprehensive examination, internal defence, and public defence as follows:

- the title page, table of contents, list of references, list of tables and figures, and any text sections mandatorily prescribed by the Doctoral School shall be excluded from the plagiarism screening.
- sections derived from the candidate's own previously published works shall be excluded from the plagiarism check, provided that they are properly referenced and have not been used in any other doctoral procedure.

The **cumulative text similarity rate shall not exceed 20%**, taking into account the conditions specified above, and the similarity with any **individual source shall not exceed 1%**.

The Council of John von Neumann University Doctoral School of Management and Business Administration shall consider materials submitted for internal and public defence only if the cumulative text similarity rate does not exceed 20%.

Mandatory elements of the dissertation, the list of references, and the candidate's own publications shall not be included in this percentage, provided that the candidate's own publications are properly identified and referenced in the text. In addition, the similarity with any individual source shall not exceed 1%.

If there is reasonable suspicion of plagiarism, intentional manipulation of data, deliberate misrepresentation, or any other form of academic misconduct in connection with the candidate's scientific publication or dissertation, the Head of the Doctoral School shall initiate an ethics investigation against the candidate. As part of this investigation, any potential responsibility of the supervisor shall also be examined.

The doctoral degree procedure shall be suspended for the duration of the ethics investigation. On the basis of the findings of the ethics investigation, the University Doctoral and Habilitation Council shall decide on any sanctions to be imposed.

When assessing the text similarity of the dissertation, no account shall be taken of mandatory sections whose wording is prescribed by the Doctoral School (in particular, for example, elements of the title page), the bibliography, or text taken from publications co-authored by the doctoral candidate, provided that such publications have been properly referenced and have not been used in any other doctoral procedure.