

Becoming a PhD

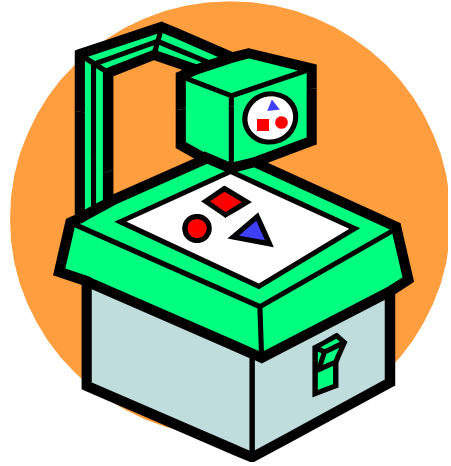
- preparation for dissertation and
Karonkka arrangements

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Dissertation

- make reservations for the lecture room from janitors
- check the technical equipment needed
- arrange flowers to the lecture room
- reserve coffee and cake to be served after dissertation



Dissertation, cont.

- invitations to dissertation
 - ideas from colleagues, University Press
 - invite also reviewers and opponent
- set the date for rehearsal of dissertation
 - ask help from colleagues
- prepare your "lektio"



Preparation of "lektio"

- a 15- to 20-minute speech in the beginning of dissertation
- relates to issues of the thesis
- kind of introduction to the subject
- can include also: your opinions, your interest in the subject, your history with the issues
- you can utilise power point etc.

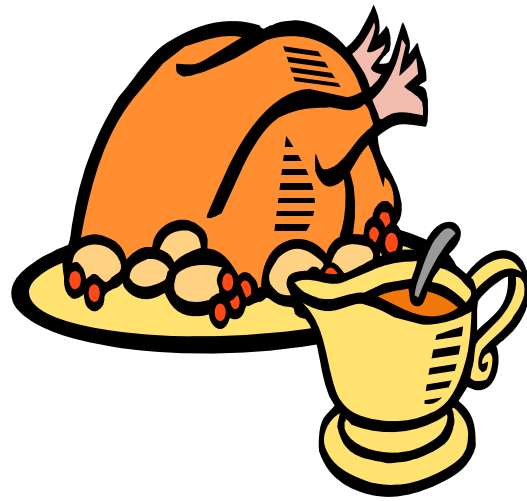


Course of dissertation

- See instructions in <http://www.hallinto oulu.fi/viestin/yliopistolaisille/ohje-eng.htm>
- Arrival: you, "kustos", opponent
- "Kustos" opens the dissertation
- You remain standing and read your "lektio"
- Opening statement of opponent
- Inspection of the thesis, length approx. 2 hours
- Closing statement of opponent
- "Kustos" closes the dissertation
- You invite everyone for coffee and cake
- Leaving the room: opponent, "kustos", you

Karonkka party

- dinner in honour of the opponent
 - you are the host
 - in the evening of the dissertation at 6, 7 or 8 pm
- invitations to Karonkka party
 - same/separate as to dissertation
 - invite reviewers and opponent
 - dinner card?

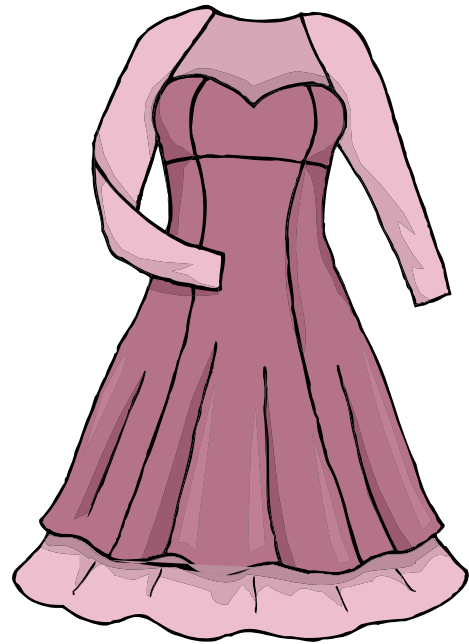


Karonkka party

- reserve the venue (e.g. restaurant, ask for colleagues)
- reserve the menu with the chef (table service or buffet)
- print menu cards and place cards
- make arrangements for the beverages (depends on venue)
- arrange for flowers
- arrange for programme if you like
- prepare your speech (thank the supervisor, opponent, reviewers and others that you want)

Dress code

- at dissertation
 - University instructions
 - ask from colleagues
 - men: dress coat
 - ladies: black dress/skirt/suit
- at Karonkka party
 - men: dress coat or suit
 - ladies: evening gown or dress
 - mention dress code in the invitation



Other practical arrangements

- Taking care of the opponent
 - reserve accommodation
 - ask about travel arrangements
 - transportation during the visit
 - dinner on evening before dissertation?
 - dietary requirements
- If you like, send copies of your thesis to colleagues and friends
- Prepare for interviews
- Arrange videotaping/photographer for dissertation and Karonkka party
- Remember to rest!

Remember Thank You cards!

