The most important principles for a PhD are that the thesis will demonstrate ‘wide reading and the power to integrate information obtained from various sources into a unified whole’ (statute 2); that it will demonstrate ‘a higher degree of independence of thought and approach’ than a Masters; and finally that it make ‘a significant original contribution to knowledge’ (statute 3 and 4).

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