

CRS core field guide – for reference records for books, book chapters, theses and dissertations

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Use the pick list of ISO codes. First letter is not capitalised. You can select more than one language.

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Pages (PG)

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Source (SO)

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Type of report (RT)

Picklist: book // dissertation // thesis

NB thesis = MA and dissertation = PhD

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