

Rules for Submitting a Doctoral Thesis Using a Compendium of Publications

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INTRODUCTION

In its academic regulations for doctoral studies, (Agreement of the Governing Council of May 2, 2007, amended by agreement of the Governing Council on October 6, 2008), Universitat Pompeu Fabra establishes the following procedures regarding the submission of a thesis using a compendium of publications:

Article 10. Paragraph 7.1: The doctoral thesis should consist of original research following one of the lines of research of the doctorate. With the permission of the thesis director, the thesis may also consist of a series of articles that have recently been published or are in press. In the latter case, the doctoral thesis must include a report presenting the thesis defended, with an introductory chapter and final conclusions. Articles that are included in a thesis cannot be included as part of another thesis.

1. MODALITIES

The Communication Department of University Pompeu Fabra has two modalities of thesis using a Compendium of Publications:

MODALITY A

This modality requires a set of **three articles** published (or accepted for publication) in academic peer-reviewed journals that are part of repertoires accepted by evaluation agencies, especially in one of these:

- CARHUS Plus+
- ERIH PLUS
- Journals accredited with FECYT quality seal
- MIAR
- Web of Science
- Scopus

Other requirements of this modality:

- At least, **two of these articles** must have been published (or have been accepted for publication) in an indexed journal or in Scopus or in the main collection of Web of Science.
- The doctoral candidate must be the first author in all articles.
- At least one of the articles must be published in English.

MODALITY B

This modality requires a set of **four items**, of which at least **two articles** must have been published (or accepted for publication) in journals that are part of some of the repertoires accepted by the evaluation agencies, especially some of the following:

- CARHUS Plus+
- ERIH PLUS
- Journals accredited with FECYT quality seal
- MIAR
- Web of Science
- Scopus

Other requirements of this modality:

- At least **one of the two articles** must have been published (or have been accepted for publication) in an indexed journal in Scopus or in the main collection of Web of Science.
- The **other two items** in this modality can be:
 - **Book chapters** published by academic publishers.
 - **Communications** presented at international academic congresses, just in case that the communication has been accepted for publication as part of the Congress proceedings or in an indexed journal associated with the Congress.
 - **Articles** published in indexed journals that are part of one of the repertories mentioned in the first paragraph.
- The doctoral candidate must be the first author in all articles.
- At least one of the articles must be published in English.

2. REQUIREMENTS (FOR BOTH MODALITIES)

- All items must have been published (or accepted for publication) after the registration in the Doctoral program.
- Items used in a thesis cannot be included as part of another item. In both modalities, co-authors who are not doctors must sign a commitment to renounce their use in other theses.

3. DOCUMENT OF THE THESIS – STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION FOR BOTH MODALITIES

- Thesis document must contain, at least, two main sections: the research **report** and the **compendium** of publications resulting from the research.
- The **report** presents the research globally and explains the research coherence. We recommend that it contains at least these sections: Introduction / Theoretical framework / Methodology / Results / Conclusions, with an approximate length of 20,000 words.
- The **compendium** contains the publications derived from the research. For each item that is part of the compendium, both the complete reference data (including the DOI, ISSN or ISBN numbers as the case may be), as well as the publications themselves must be provided.
- In the case of materials **not yet published**, but accepted before submitting the thesis document, the letter or mail of acceptance from the corresponding journal or publisher must be included (as well as the publication itself or preprint, if there is no copyright restrictions).
- In the case of publications subject to **copyright** restrictions, the first page of the corresponding item must be included.
- In order to be part of the compendium, it is understood that an article is part of a database or repertoire determined based on the situation of the journal in the corresponding repertoire or database, either on the date of publication of the article or on its date of acceptance

4. FINAL DISPOSITION

This regulation enters into force upon its approval and replaces the previous ones. The students of the Doctorate course prior to 2018-2019 can choose to keep in the previous regulations or in this one.