

THE DOCTORAL THESIS

1. The Doctoral Thesis

The doctoral thesis consists of original research work carried out by the doctoral candidate in any field of knowledge. The doctoral thesis should enable the doctoral student to undertake independent work in the field of R&D&I and must pertain to one of the lines of research that constitute the doctoral programme.

2. Format of the Doctoral Thesis

2.1. The doctoral thesis must consist of, at least, an introduction to the subject of study, the intended objectives of that study, a thorough description of the research carried out to date, textual discussion of the results obtained, conclusions and bibliography. Additionally, the thesis may contain as many annexes deemed appropriate. The thesis may include research results presented at conferences or published in articles and can also include articles or book chapters previously published, in the annex(es).

2.2. The thesis cover must state that the document is a doctoral thesis, its title and subtitle (if applicable), the author, supervisor, academic tutor, the full name of the doctoral programme, department or institute of research, university and the year in which the doctoral thesis has been formally deposited. In the case of doctoral theses that consist of more than one volume, volume number must be clearly indicated.

3. Language Used in the Thesis; Presentation (“Defence”) of the Thesis

3.1. The doctoral thesis can be written and presented in any of the official languages in Catalonia or in the usual languages of academic communication in the field of the social sciences.

4. Depositing the Doctoral Thesis

Deposit of the thesis must be completed online through the following link: <https://www.uab.cat/web/estudiar/doctorado/deposito-online-de-la-tesis-1345791573660.html>.

In addition, and as a specific documentation for this programme, the following documentation must also be uploaded to the online deposit application:

- CV of the members of the examining panel who are external to the UAB (single file).
- The doctoral student’s document of activities.
- In the case of a conventional thesis, the doctoral student (also termed “candidate” at this stage) must present an article that they have published during

the period of doctoral study or, alternatively, an “in press” certificate from a journal certifying that the article has been accepted for a forthcoming publication.

In the case of a thesis by compendium of publications or thesis with articles, the following documentation must be uploaded:

- Request /resolution to present the thesis as a compendium of publications
- Copy of the first page of the articles that will form the doctoral thesis, or of the “in press” certificates confirming future publication.
- Documents, if applicable, in which written acceptance is given by all PhD-holding co-authors for the candidate to submit the work as a thesis, as well as confirmation by any non-PhD-holding co-authors that such an article or articles will not be presented as part of other future doctoral theses.

Please contact the secretary of the doctoral in advance (doc.psico.social@uab.cat) in order to prepare the documentation required for the deposit.

This programme promotes the presentation of theses by compendium of publications.

5. Theses by Compendium of Publications

5.1. Format

The doctoral theses presented as a compendium of publications must contain the following sections:

- An introduction in which the work is presented, and the overall thematic integrity of the thesis is justified.
- A general summary of the results and the discussion of these results.
- All conclusions.
- A copy of the works already published.

5.2. Requirements

In order to present a thesis by compendium of publications, the candidate must have published a minimum of two articles as first signatory. One of these must be published in a journal indexed in the Journal of Citation Reports, in either of its two editions or in SCImago Journal Rank. The works must have been published, or accepted for publication, subsequent to starting the Doctoral Programme.

All articles must indicate the UAB via affiliation of the supervisor or of the candidate, either in the acknowledgments or in the footnote, with the following wording “This work has been carried out under the auspices of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona’s Doctoral Programme in People and Society in the Contemporary World”.

5.3 Resolution of the compendium

For the presentation of the doctoral thesis as a compendium of publications you must submit to the Department, at least one month before the date of the Academic Committee of the Program that will resolve your deposit the following documentation:

- Request / Resolution of compendium of publications
- Original document (i.e. not a fax or a scanned copy) in which the co-authors, both PhDs and non-PhDs, undertake not to include the works in any other doctoral thesis.

The Committee Program will notify you of the resolution of your request by email.

NB: The publication of theses online is mandatory. For this reason, articles that are part of a doctoral thesis and that have not been published in open access cannot be physically included in the thesis due to copyright problems. Part of the first page of such works, or their DOI number, may be included; however, unless the publisher has specifically authorised this, inclusion of complete publication is not permitted.

TDX (*Doctoral Theses Online*) and “thesis blocking”: In accordance with Spanish Royal Decree 99/2011, the publication of the thesis on the TDX system is mandatory for all thesis deposited as of 13 February 2012. However, a system has been enabled to protect the subsequent publication of the thesis in academic journals. In such a event, the candidate can request, on deposit, a temporary blocking of the thesis for a period of between 6 and 24 months in accordance with the variety of circumstances set out in the document authorising the digitisation of the thesis. A report from the thesis supervisor must be provided justifying the reasons for this blocking.

Remember that, from the academic year 2024-2025, the publications of the compendium must be published open access in the UAB Digital Repository of Documents (DDD), via this [form](#), by following the instructions on this [page](#).

In the thesis deposit you must incorporate the resolution of acceptance of the compendium containing the DDD URLs or a document from the Library Service exempting from publishing open access.

For more information on the compendium of publications, check this [link](#).

5.4 Other provisions

None of the co-authors of the papers presented may be part of the candidate’s thesis-examination panel.

