

The doctoral thesis

The doctoral thesis must include, at least, an introduction to the topic of study, the objectives to be attained, a description of the research conducted, a discussion of the results obtained, conclusions and bibliography.

In addition, there may be as many annexes as considered necessary. The thesis may contain published or unpublished articles, both in the main body and in the annexes.

The title page of the thesis should state that it is a doctoral thesis and contain the title and subtitle, where appropriate, the names of the supervisor and academic tutor, the PhD programme, the department, the university and the year when the thesis was deposited. The volume number should be indicated if the thesis is divided into volumes.

The thesis may be written in any of the official languages of Catalonia or in one of the languages commonly used for scientific communication in the field of clinical and health psychology.

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Using the online deposit tool, you should also upload the following documents, which are **specific** to the programme:

- CVs of members of the panel of examiners who do not belong to the department (single file)
- Doctoral student's Activities Document (DAD)

If you are applying for the international doctoral research component

- CVs of the two expert consultants for the international doctoral research component: covering the last 5 years and including publications, projects and theses supervised.

In the case of a thesis as a compendium of publications or a thesis that includes articles

- A digital copy of the form requesting permission to submit the thesis as a compendium of publications, plus the resolution on this request, which should contain the complete references to the articles in the compendium (in APA, 7th edition format), the

journal's impact factor, the area it belongs to and its ranking within that area

- documents accrediting that the articles have been published or accepted
- If the thesis contains non-open-access articles, the body of the thesis shall include the reference to the publication, given in current APA format. The full article shall be provided to each member of the examining board, in digital or paper format and jointly with the thesis, but separately from the thesis document itself.
- whenever a co-authored article (submitted or accepted for publication or already published) is included in the thesis: the co-authors' agreement form indicating that they have been informed and agree to the article's inclusion in the thesis, and its exclusion from any other thesis.

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This programme encourages students to use the compendium of publications format.

The doctoral thesis as a compendium of publications

The doctoral candidate should appear as at least the first author of the two main articles published in journals indexed in the Journal Citation Reports (JCR). Exceptionally, of the two articles, one may have a shared primary author where (I) the Academic Committee of the PhD Programme has approved a detailed and reasoned justification of the substantial and fair contribution (for example, in the case of multidisciplinary research) of the people sharing the primary authorship and, (II) the article is published in a high-ranking journal (1st or 2nd quartile).

The names of the UAB and the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology should appear in the articles that make up the thesis, through the affiliation of the supervisor, the doctoral candidate and the members of the UAB who participate in the work, as specified below.

Example. Full names of the UAB members taking part in the work.
Department of Clinical and Health Psychology
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Procedure

For a thesis as a compendium of publications, you will need to submit the following documents to the Department at least one month before the meeting of the Programme's Academic Committee in which the deposit will be resolved.

- Application for 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 Academic Committee will notify you by email of the resolution on your application.

Please note that the co-authors of the articles may not form part of the thesis examining board.

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