

Department of Media, Communication and Culture

Internal regulations of the Doctoral Programme in Media, Communication and Culture for the submission of theses consisting of a compendium of publications.

(Agreed by the Academic Committee of the Doctoral Programme, 18 October 2022. Last amended in September 2025)

1. To submit a thesis based on a compendium of publications, you must have published or had accepted:

a) A minimum of three publications (academic articles). Of these, at least one must be indexed as Scopus Q1, or in the first quartiles in the JCR of the Web of Science. Given that the field of Communication is open, areas of literary studies, history, cultural studies, political science and related fields will be accepted.

Of the three publications, the candidate must be listed as the first author in at least one of them.

b) These contributions must have been published and accepted for publication after the date of registration of the thesis project.

c) The publications that make up the doctoral thesis must not have been used in previous theses, nor previous publications other than those presented.

d) That the publications that have been published or accepted mention the Doctoral Programme in Media, Communication and Culture, either through the affiliation of the doctoral supervisor or in the acknowledgements in a footnote, with a statement such as: 'This work has been carried out within the framework of the Doctoral Programme in Media, Communication and Culture at the UAB', or similar.

e) Submit an application to the Academic Committee of the Doctoral Programme, attaching the following documentation:

i) A report from the thesis supervisor, indicating the suitability of the thesis submission by publication compendium.

ii) A copy of the articles that make up the doctoral thesis. If they have been accepted but not published, a letter from the publication attesting to this.

iii) Written acceptance from the co-authors of the articles, if any, stating that they are aware of and give their permission for the articles to form part of the thesis by compendium.

2. Theses submitted as a compendium of publications must contain the following sections, which are consistent with those required by Article 358 of the Law on the format of doctoral theses:

a) An introduction presenting the works and justifying the thematic unity of the thesis.

b) An overall summary of the results and a discussion of these results.

c) Final conclusions.

d) A copy of the works already published and accepted by the Academic Committee of the Doctoral Programme to form part of the thesis.

3. Once the application has been approved, the thesis may be submitted for defence. At this point, new works may be added to the compendium provided that:

a) They meet the requirements of those already submitted, and

b) They have been previously approved by the Academic Committee of the Doctoral Programme.

4. The framework regulations of the Autonomous University must also be observed and respected, which stipulate that the version of the articles permitted by the publisher must be deposited in the UAB Digital Document Repository (DDD) two months in advance. If an article cannot be published in open access, the Library Service will record this in a document that will exempt it from compliance with this requirement while the embargo period for the text remains in force.

Approved by the CAPD and signed by the Doctorate Coordinator:

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