

Changes to the Guidance on the Presentation of Theses

Synopsis

This paper sets out revisions to the Guidance on the Presentation of Theses. All changes to this guidance were approved by the Graduate Education Group (GEG) on 13th November 2008.

Guidance on the Presentation of Theses can be found at:

<http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/researchoffice/graduate/ordinancesandregulations/>

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Changes to Guidance notes

1. Section 7. Alternative Format

Change:

7a. The Alternative Format thesis allows a student for the degree of PhD, MD or ChM to incorporate sections that are in a format suitable for submission for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Apart from the inclusion of such materials, the alternative format thesis must conform to the same standards expected for a standard PhD thesis and candidates should follow the guidance detailed in this document.

7b. Materials included in the alternative format thesis may include those which are solely and/or partly authored by the student and may be already published or accepted for publication in externally refereed contexts such as journals and conference proceedings.

7e. The number of papers included in the alternative format thesis may vary according to discipline and is not prescribed, but should reflect the quantity, quality and originality of research and analysis expected of a candidate submitting a standard doctoral thesis.

7h. Any work submitted for the alternative format PhD degree must be substantially different from any work which may have previously been submitted for any degree at this or any other institution.

7j. The incorporation of publication-style chapters in the thesis will inevitably lead to some duplication since each publication-style chapter will have self-contained components that will overlap with parts of the other sections of the thesis. As a result, such a thesis might well be expected to be longer than a standard PhD thesis on the same topic. The maximum length of the alternative format thesis should not normally exceed 90,000 words of main text, including footnotes and endnotes.

7k. As with the standard doctoral thesis, examiners should satisfy themselves that the alternative format thesis meets the requirements of the doctoral degree as prescribed in the appropriate regulations and policies. The fact that a thesis contains material that has been published or accepted for publication does not guarantee that the examiner will recommend the award for which the candidate is being examined.

To:

The Alternative Format thesis allows a postgraduate doctoral or MPhil student ~~for the degree of PhD, MD or ChM~~ to incorporate sections that are in a format suitable for submission for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Apart from the inclusion of such materials, the alternative format thesis must conform to the same standards expected for a standard PhD thesis and candidates should follow the guidance detailed in this document.

7b. Materials included in the alternative format thesis may include those which are solely and/or partly authored by the student and may be already published, ~~or~~ accepted for publication, or submitted for publication in externally refereed contexts such as journals and conference proceedings.

7e. The number of papers included in the alternative format thesis may vary according to discipline and is not prescribed, but should reflect the quantity, quality and originality of research and analysis expected of a candidate submitting a standard ~~doctoral~~ thesis.

7h. Any work submitted ~~for~~ within the alternative format PhD-degree thesis must be substantially different from any work which may have previously been submitted for any degree at this or any other institution.

7j. The incorporation of publication-style chapters in the thesis will inevitably lead to some duplication since each publication-style chapter will have self-contained components that will overlap with parts of the other sections of the thesis. As a result, such a thesis might well be expected to be longer than a standard ~~doctoral/MPhil~~ thesis on the same topic. The maximum length of the alternative format ~~doctoral~~ thesis should not normally exceed 90,000 words of main text, including footnotes and endnotes. The maximum length of the alternative format MPhil thesis should not normally exceed 60,000 words of main text, including footnotes and endnotes.

7k. As with the standard doctoral/~~MPhil~~ thesis, examiners should satisfy themselves that the alternative format thesis meets the requirements of the ~~doctoral~~ degree as prescribed in the appropriate regulations and policies. The fact that a thesis contains material that has been published or accepted for publication does not guarantee that the examiner will recommend the award for which the candidate is being examined.