

Requirements for an AMC-UvA PhD thesis

A PhD thesis of the AMC-UvA should meet the requirements of the UvA Doctorate Regulations 2020, as well as the Additional Requirements for the Faculty of Medicine (AMC).

You find these listed below.

Article 15

Content and length of thesis manuscript and doctoral thesis

1. The thesis manuscript consists of a scientific treatise on a particular subject or a number of separate scientific papers that have been published, in whole or in part, provided that these demonstrate sufficient coherence in relation to a particular subject. In the latter case, an additional section needs to be added to the individual papers which explains how they relate to one another and states the significance of each.
2. The length of the thesis should remain within certain limits. As a guideline, the maximum length is 70,000 words (excluding bibliography, references and appendices). Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Dean, on the basis of a reasoned proposal by the supervisor.
3. The doctoral thesis and any accompanying propositions are to be written in Dutch or in English. The supervisor may, with the approval of the Dean, ask the Doctorate Board for permission to use another language. This request must take explicit account of the possibility of appointing a Doctorate Committee that complies with the requirements of these Doctorate Regulations and whose members have sufficient ability in the language in question to be able to assess the doctoral thesis.
4. The doctoral manuscript that is submitted to the supervisor for final approval must be identical in form and content to the doctoral thesis submitted to the Doctorate Committee for assessment and public defence during the doctoral thesis defence ceremony. It should include the following elements:
 - a title page as supplied by the Office of the Beadle;
 - a table of contents;
 - an overview of the literature consulted;
 - if the doctoral thesis consists of articles or contains articles by multiple authors: a page with a complete reference list for each article with a list of authors for each article and an explanation of the relative contribution of the co-authors;
 - an explanation of how the research was funded, if applicable, as laid down in Article 29, par. 6;
 - a separate summary bearing the title of the thesis in the language in which it is written;
 - a separate summary bearing the title of the thesis, both in Dutch;
 - a separate summary bearing the title of the thesis, both in English.

An acknowledgements section is optional.

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE (AMC)

by decision of the Board of Directors 21.02.227/HR.kvp.U dated 7 July 2021

1. The thesis contains the following:

- a. At least four chapters describing original scientific research, in which in three chapters the PhD candidate as the responsible researcher takes responsibility for all elements of the research, which fact will be made visible in their position as first author (including shared first author roles);
- b. Of these chapters, at least two have undergone the whole submission cycle, including rebuttals, in peer reviewed journals. Committee members must be informed of the status of these articles by presentation of the publication details or the editorial decision letter;
- c. The thesis may only include a limited number of manuscripts for which the PhD candidate does not act as first author. In these cases, the substantial contribution of the PhD candidate to the research reported must be evident to the committee members.

2. The thesis contains a portfolio of education (guideline 30 EC)

Specific concerns

- In terms of content the Dutch and English summary must be identical.
- The General Discussion forms a separate chapter in the thesis and should not be included in the English summary.
- In case a publication is accepted after the submission of the manuscript to the Doctorate Committee and for screening on plagiarism, it may **not** be published in its final version in the definitive PhD thesis. Instead, add a reference to the article as published in the journal in the definitive version of the PhD thesis (note: report as a change in the final manuscript!).