

CENTRE FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Guidelines for PhD Thesis in the Format of Submission by Publication

1. INTRODUCTION

- (1) University Malaysia Perlis permits the presentation of thesis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the format of published / and or submitted papers, where such papers has been published or accepted by high impact journal (e.g...ISI Journals) during the period of candidature.
- (2) Papers submitted as a PhD thesis must be based on a particular theme or focus and form a cohesive research write up.
- (3) The quality of a thesis by published papers should be in accordance with PhD-level research.

2. FORMAT OF THESIS

(1) Introduction

Same as/similar to a normal thesis, which include;

- (a) Description of research problem investigated; and
- (b) Objective and scope of study

(2) Literature Review

Same as a normal thesis. This chapter must contain in accordance with discipline norms, a critical review of relevant literature, identify the knowledge gaps and the relationship of the literature to the programme of research.

(3) Published or Accepted Papers (Research Methodology & Results)

Published or accepted papers must be presented coherently in the thesis according to the requirement of UniMAP including any accompanying declarations.

(a) Synopsis of all publications

The chapter shall be prefaced by a synopsis which summarises the most important findings presented in each published paper. It should indicate how the included works are thematically linked or tied to a particular research framework and how, when considered together, they contribute significantly to knowledge in the discipline i.e equivalent to a PhD work;

(b) Evidence of published/accepted papers and acknowledgements of joint writers and evidence of permission (if any);

(c) List of publication papers (minimum is 3 high impact journals accumulatively 5 point of impact factors) ;

(4) Unpublished research work (if any)

(5) Conclusion

This chapter establishes the cumulative effect of the papers, the significance of the findings and the knowledge claim in the thesis.

3. EXAMINATION

- (1) The examination process for thesis in the format of submission by publication is similar to that for conventional thesis by research.
- (2) Thesis that does not achieved sufficient academic merit may be referred for further work within a period of time and be re-submitted for re-examination. In such cases, the candidate may chose to submit the thesis for re-examination in the same format or in the conventional PhD thesis format.