

Kreitman School of Advanced Graduate Studies

Instructions for collection of articles

1. **The Ph.D. Thesis may be submitted as a collection of articles** – as per the following instructions:
 - a) **The entire work must be in the same language (Hebrew/English).**
 - b) **When submitting the form requesting permission to submit a Thesis as a collection of articles** (available on the Kreitman School website) to your request must include the journal impact factors and journal rankings of each article to be included in the Thesis.
 - c) Note that a Thesis be submitted as a collection of articles must also be submitted in accordance with the regulations for the submission of a regular Thesis as instructed above (nos. 1-8).

Paragraph 10 of the BGU Regulations for Ph.D. Studies stipulates:

10. General

A doctorate may be submitted consisting of articles presenting the results of the student's research. Note that also, especially in such cases, it is important to realize the determining prerequisite that, in order to receive the degree, the student must do independent and original research, making a unique contribution to the promotion of knowledge and understanding in his/her field of research, which is to be presented as a "Ph. D. Thesis."

Conditions for submitting a request

- 10.1.1 At least three articles must be submitted that have been accepted for publication in reputable academic journals in the field, after being judged. These articles must be written by the student, i.e., the student must be the primary author of these articles or, alternatively, it must be explicitly stated that the scientific contribution of the student to these articles was equal to that of the other author/s. However, the same article may not appear in two doctoral theses.
- 10.1.2 Only articles relevant to the approved research topic may be accepted for use in the Thesis.

Submission of this request

- 10.2 The request to submit a Thesis as a collection of articles must include letters from the student and his/her Advisor, along with copies of the articles:
 - 10.2.1 The student's letter should relate to the following subjects:

- a) All the bibliographic publication or pre-publication details of the articles (in cases of articles not yet published, letters received from the journal confirming their acceptance for publication must be attached).
- b) The order in which these articles will appear in the Thesis; how do they create a logical, consistent framework towards answering the research question.
- c) Details regarding other chapters containing results not appearing in the articles, also meant to be included in the Thesis.

10.2.2 The Advisor's letter should address these articles and the student's part in each one, detailing the following:

- a) What was the student's contribution to the articles. What was the student's contribution in relation to that of the other authors.
- b) The quality of the journals in which the articles appear.
- c) An affidavit stating that, although this doctoral work is not being submitted in the regular format, all the fundamental research rules are being observed—that the work was done independently, that it is original and makes a unique contribution to the promotion of knowledge and understanding in his/her field of research.

10.2.3 Consent by the Advisor/s and other author/s to the incorporation of the joint articles in the Ph.D. Thesis. Clearly, if there is no full consent, the Research Students' Committee determines whether a certain article may or may not be included.

10.3 The decision of the Research Students' Committee, after careful consideration of the student's and Advisor/s' requests is final.

10.4 The process of submission for judgment begins with the completion of both the studies and the research; the student submits his/her Thesis as a collection of articles to the Research Students' Committee as indicated below:

10.4.1 The introduction must include the following subjects:

- a) An up-to-date survey of the literature in the relevant research field/s.
- b) A general survey of the articles and their part in the research field/s.
- c) A description of the order of appearance of the articles, the connections between them and how they produce a logical and consistent framework.
- d) The research methods used and the experimental procedures--a description of the research methods not described in the articles, particularly any techniques developed during the research process. In cases of experimental work, a detailed survey must also be made regarding the experimental system used in the research.

10.4.2 The published and pre-published articles should be in a separate section, sequentially organized according to the progress made in the research process.

10.4.3 Discussion and summary

- a) Considerable discussion on the results and their significance.
- b) The main results presented in the articles.
- c) Emphasis on innovations and their contributions to the field.

10.4.4 A list of bibliographical sources for the Introduction and Summary, and those not listed in the articles.

10.5 The language of a Thesis submitted as a collection of articles must be either Hebrew or English. Writing a Ph.D. Thesis in any other language requires permission granted in advance by the Head of the Research Students' Committee.

10.6 A Ph.D. Thesis submitted as a collection of articles is evaluated and judged as per the normal process. However, since this work has been submitted in a special format, a general letter of explanation should be attached for the Judges' Panel. Similarly, a letter written by the Advisor should be attached which details the value of each article and the contribution of the student to each one.