



Guidelines for Including a Scientific Article into Two Separate Theses

Principle

The integration of a co-first authored article in two master's or doctoral thesis may, exceptionally, be permitted by the program director, after consultation with the research supervisor. The decision is based on the following guidelines issued by the Faculté des études supérieures et postdoctorales (FESP).

- a) The thesis must follow a specific **guiding thread** and form a coherent whole, demonstrating that the content or concepts are distinct.
- b) The introduction must be **structured** and support clearly and comprehensively the **overall research problem**.
- c) The student must demonstrate that the topic, **working hypothesis** and **objectives** are sufficiently distinct from those of the other thesis integrating the article.

Rules

If permission is granted by the program director, the following rules must be respected:

1. Limit

Only **one single article** that will be integrated into two theses can be included in each thesis.

2. Authorization by the program director

- **Written provisional** authorization must be obtained at the beginning of the article-writing process.
- **Final** authorization must be obtained at the time of initial thesis submission.

3. Preface to the article

A **preface** to the chapter containing the integrated article* **is required** in both theses to explicitly detail the student's **contribution** to the presented research, the interpretation of results, and the writing process of the article. The specific

contribution of the article to the objectives of the research work presented in the master's or doctoral thesis should also be clearly defined in the preface.

- An examiner evaluating both theses must be able to recognize each student's unique contribution and evaluate its effect on the final grade.

* At present, the statement of contributions is required only in the general preface of the thesis or dissertation. This therefore introduces an additional requirement regarding the content of the manuscript's constituent sections.

4. Additional chapter

The student must **add at least one chapter** containing an additional original contribution (e.g., results, critical literature analysis, method, etc.), written either in traditional form or as an article used exclusively in that thesis.

5. Authorship requirement

Only co-first authored papers may be integrated into two theses. **Co-authored papers cannot** be integrated. However, a student's contribution to a co-authored article (for example, a figure, a table, or other material) may be included in a traditional chapter. This contribution may be considered an additional original contribution as required under point 4.

Program-Specific Rules

Program committees may set specific rules for integrating co-first authored papers into two separate theses. Research supervisors must validate with the relevant program director whether these rules prohibit this practice before the thesis writing process begins.

If two different programs are involved and one of those programs does not permit the integration of one article into two theses, the rules of the student's program shall prevail.

Co-Author Authorization

The form entitled "[Coauthor Authorization for inclusion of an article in a master's or doctoral thesis](#)" includes a checkbox indicating that the article has been or may be integrated into two theses.