

Integrated Thesis Policy for Psychology

1. An integrated thesis consists of student work based on published papers, conference proceedings, or papers awaiting publication as compared to the traditional “monograph thesis”.
2. The integrated thesis must consist of a coherent account of a unified research project. It is not a collection of loosely connected papers.
3. The integrated thesis must be original and present the student’s own work completed during the program of study for which the thesis is being submitted. The student should be the sole author or principal author of any included materials.
4. The student must obtain permission from the publisher and include it along with the thesis as a separate document.
5. Double dipping will not be permitted. For example, work submitted for credit as an independent study would not be able to be included in an integrated thesis.
6. The thesis will generally include the following sections:
 - a. Abstract
 - b. Preface: The preface must provide full bibliographical details for each article included in the thesis, as well as whether the article is reproduced in whole or in part. In the case of a partially reproduced article, the preface must include a description of the changes that have been made to the published version. Use of copyrighted material must be acknowledged in the preface. The preface must include a statement from the supervisor and the student indicating that the student was fully involved in setting up and conducting the research, obtaining data and analyzing results, as well as preparing and writing the material presented in the co-authored article(s) integrated in the thesis. There must also be a statement that clearly distinguishes the specific contributions of the student from those of all other collaborators or co-authors. The supervisor must include a statement which confirms the information provided by the student in the preface. Additionally, each co-author must confirm in a signed statement the extent of her/his contribution to the co-authored article(s) included in the thesis. These statements must be provided along with the thesis as separate documents.
 - c. Introductory Chapter: In addition to reviewing relevant literature and setting out the objectives of the thesis, this chapter provides an overall thematic cohesiveness of the chapters (research papers) to the reader.
 - d. Methods Chapter: The methods chapter should include an overview of the methodological approach used in the thesis and the common methodological assumptions or techniques that link the data chapters into a cohesive entity. This information could be included in the individual research papers.
 - e. Data Chapters (Research Papers): Normally, 3 or 4 peer-reviewed articles form the body of the thesis and are divided into separate chapters, but the precise number will be agreed upon by the student’s committee. This work must be smoothly integrated into the flow of the thesis to produce a unified and appropriately sequenced argument. This may require some changes to the papers, including additional information at the front end and back end of the paper.

f. Conclusion

g. Bibliography and References and Citations

h. Appendices

7. As a general rule, the same text from a co-authored published article should not be used in more than one thesis. In the case of students who have worked collaboratively on projects leading to a published article which comprises different sections of text with different single-author attribution, the relevant section(s) of the article may be included in different theses. In the case of a wholly collaborative article where individual contributions cannot be determined, the same article may be used in more than one thesis, but to a maximum of three theses. In cases where the same article appears in more than one thesis, each thesis must include a statement from all students and all supervisors involved confirming that all students collaborated equally in the production of the article(s). These statements must be provided along with the thesis as separate documents.

8. Thesis examination rules/policies and procedures are not changed to accommodate the integrated article thesis.