

School of Politics and International Relations

Addendum to the

Principles for the Production of Alternative Thesis Format (Theses as a Collection of Papers)

This document builds on the general guidelines published by the UCD Graduate Studies Board and explains the subject specific requirements applying for PhD candidates at SPIRe:

https://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/t4media/Thesis_Collection_Papers_Final_Version_26_August21.pdf

1. Introduction

These guidelines apply to the PhD programme in the UCD School of Politics and International Relations and aim to add the relevant subject specific specifications to the general rules set out by the policy of the Graduate Research Board.

2. Principles of Alternative Thesis Format (Thesis as a Collection of Papers)

a. Decision on Format

nothing to add

b. Number of papers

A minimum equivalent of three papers as sole author must be submitted to be considered equivalent to a traditional PhD monograph. One of the sole authored pieces can be replaced by two co-authored papers.

c. Thesis structure

i.

A thesis in an alternative format must address a common set of research objectives. It is a single, integrated programme of supervised research whose outputs are the publication of a series of thematically integrated papers which cumulatively address a set of core research questions.

ii.

nothing to add

iii.

nothing to add

iv.

nothing to add

d. Originality of Research

nothing to add

e. Authorship, Supervisor Involvement & Acknowledgements

Where papers are co-authored, a definitive statement outlining the precise contribution of each of the co-authors must be submitted with the thesis for examination.

3. Acknowledgement of Authorship (Template)

nothing to add