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## Doctoral Thesis Guidelines

### Ph.D. in Academic Publishing – Prisca Sapientia Institute

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#### 1. Purpose of the Thesis

The doctoral thesis represents the final and most important milestone of the program. It must demonstrate:

- Mastery of the competencies acquired during the course;
- The ability to address an original or innovative topic within academic publishing;
- The production of a scientific contribution with theoretical, methodological, or practical value.

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#### 2. Type of Thesis

The thesis may take the following forms:

- **Monographic:** an in-depth study on a specific topic, either theoretical or practical;
- **Project-based:** design and development of a scholarly journal, editorial platform, or editorial workflow;
- **Analytical/comparative:** critical analysis of editorial models, indexing systems, open access policies, etc.

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#### 3. Recommended Structure

##### 1. Cover Page

- Institute logo
- Thesis title
- Candidate's full name
- Supervisor's name
- Academic year

##### 2. Table of Contents

##### 3. Introduction

- Research objectives and context
- Methodology

##### 4. Main Chapters

- Literature review
- Case/model analysis
- Research results

##### 5. Conclusions

- Summary of findings
- Practical or theoretical implications
- Suggestions for future research

##### 6. Bibliography

- APA, MLA, or Chicago style (consistent and properly formatted)

##### 7. Appendices (if applicable)

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#### 4. Technical Requirements

- Length: Minimum 12,000 words | Maximum 25,000 words
- Page size: A4, 2.5 cm margins, 1.5 line spacing
- Font: Times New Roman or Garamond, size 12 pt
- Final file format: PDF, named THESIS\_SURNAME\_FIRSTNAME.pdf

#### 5. Timeline

- Provisional thesis title submission: by month 3
- Final approval of thesis proposal: by month 5
- Final thesis submission: by month 12 (at least 15 days before defense)
- Defense: to be held before an Evaluation Committee appointed by the Academic Board

#### 6. Supervision

Each doctoral candidate will be assigned an academic supervisor at the beginning of the program. A co-supervisor may be requested and approved by the Scientific Committee if needed.

#### 7. Submission Procedure

- Submit via email to: [secretariat@priskasapientia.university](mailto:secretariat@priskasapientia.university)
- Email subject line: PHD THESIS – Surname Firstname
- Also attach the signed Declaration of Originality (template provided by the Secretariat)

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### 8. Ethical Standards

- All candidates must respect principles of scientific integrity, anti-plagiarism policies, and editorial licensing regulations.
- Theses will be checked using plagiarism detection software (e.g., Turnitin).
- Approved theses may be published in academic journals or open-access repositories, with the candidate's consent.

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