

Below you will find information regarding the format, publication and printing of theses.

#### **A. Printing**

- For the provisional version of the thesis:
  - Doctoral students are free to choose how they wish to print their thesis: bound, paperback, laminated or unlaminated, etc. There are no requirements.
  - It must be submitted to the members of the jury no later than one month before the decision on admissibility (which corresponds to the private defence, in the case of defences organised according to the "classic" two-stage formula).
- Regarding the final version of the thesis:
  - **Printing the thesis in the faculty collection is no longer mandatory.**  
The printing of theses is left to the discretion of doctoral students (bound or paperback, laminated or unlaminated, etc.).  
Consequently, printing no longer has to be done by CIACO;
  - **However, doctoral students still have the option of printing their thesis in the faculty collection. In this case, it must be done exclusively through CIACO.**
  - It will be submitted to the members of the jury no later than 15 days before the public defence.

#### **B. Format**

Candidates for a PhD in psychological sciences are therefore no longer required to print their thesis in the faculty collection, as was previously the case.

However, they must continue to comply with certain rules regarding layout and format: cover information, single format, etc.

In the appendix, you will find:

- The IPSY Vade Mecum, written for doctoral students as a tool to assist them in their writing work.  
This document aims to provide the basics of layout and editing;
- A template (complete article, already formatted) to be used as a guide.

#### **C. Publication**

Finally, each doctoral student has the opportunity to publish with PUL.

This choice is optional and is up to each doctoral student:

- This means publishing with a publisher (in this case, Presses universitaires Louvain).
- The aim here is to optimise the dissemination of the work. The thesis will be registered in international bookshop databases and available to order worldwide;
- But beware! The decision to publish with PUL entails certain obligations in terms of reproduction rights (among other things) and must therefore be made in full knowledge of the facts;
- If published by PUL, printing must be done by CIACO:  
<https://www.ciaco.coop/imprimerie/theses-trucs-astuces>

Good luck, and we wish you all the best!

