

 UNIVERSITI MALAYA	PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATES (INTERNAL INFORMATION) FACULTY OF LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS
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1. UNIVERSITY PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT

(a) SEMESTER I, 2017/2018 TO SEMESTER II, 2022/2023 INTAKES

- 1 full length or systematic review article (Web of Science: Science Citation Index Expanded/Social Sciences Citation Index/Arts & Humanities Citation Index)
OR
- 1 **authored** book published by an international publisher or a publisher listed in Web of Science master list/Malaysian Scholarly Publishing Council or Majlis Penerbitan Ilmiah Malaysia (MAPIM)/recognised by Universiti Malaya or Faculty)
OR
- 2 book chapters (publisher listed in Web of Science master list/Malaysian Scholarly Publishing Council or Majlis Penerbitan Ilmiah Malaysia (MAPIM)/ recognised by Universiti Malaya or Faculty)
OR
- 2 full length articles or systematic reviews listed in any of the following:
 - Emerging Sources Citation Index
 - Scopus
 - Malaysian Citation Index (MyCite)
 - Faculty journal list (Journal B)
 OR
- 1 book chapter AND 1 article (indexing/publisher status as above)

(b) STARTING SEMESTER I, 2023/2024 TO SEMESTER I, 2025/2026 INTAKE (*Senate approval 22.12.2025*)

- 1 WoS/ Scopus Q1 or Q2
OR
- 2 Scopus Q3 or Q4/ Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)/ ERA Journal List (Australian Research Council)
OR
- 1 Scopus Q3 or Q4 + 2 UM Journals
OR
- 1 book (International publisher/WoS Master Book List/ Penerbit Universiti Malaya (UMPress)/ Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP)/ Majlis Penerbitan Ilmiah (MAPIM)/ publisher approved by faculty (including university publisher).
OR
- 2 book chapters (WoS Master Book List/ Penerbit Universiti Malaya (UMPress)/ Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP)/ Majlis Penerbitan Ilmiah (MAPIM)/ publisher approved by faculty (including university publisher).

(c) **STARTING SEMESTER II, 2025/2026 INTAKE (Senate approval 22.12.2025)**

- 1 WoS/ Scopus Q1 or Q2
OR
- 2 Scopus Q3 or Q4/ Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)/ ERA Journal List (Australian Research Council)
OR
- 1 book (International publisher/WoS Master Book List/ Penerbit Universiti Malaya (UMPress)/ Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP)/ Majlis Penerbitan Ilmiah (MAPIM)/ publisher approved by faculty (including university publisher).
OR
- 2 book chapters (WoS Master Book List/ Penerbit Universiti Malaya (UMPress)/ Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP)/ Majlis Penerbitan Ilmiah (MAPIM)/ publisher approved by faculty (including university publisher)

2. IMPORTANT NOTES

- Topic of publication must be related to the thesis.
- The candidate must carry Universiti Malaya affiliation.
- The supervisor must be the corresponding author.
- If there is an external co-supervisor, the Universiti Malaya supervisor must be the corresponding author.
- Authorship guideline: See UM [Policy-of-Authorship.pdf](#) and terms/author responsibilities as stipulated by a journal/publisher.
- Other than the candidate and supervisor(s), if an additional author is added to a publication, consent must be obtained from the candidate and supervisor(s). The additional author must have genuine scholarship and authorship contributions.
- If two or more candidates co-author an article, only one candidate is allowed to use the article to fulfil his/her graduation requirement.
- Candidate may publish in any language.
- Proof of acceptance can be used for graduation purposes.
- Candidate must consult the supervisor(s) **before** beginning work on any publication and must not submit the work without the supervisor's knowledge.
- All authors must adhere to research/publication ethics and integrity.
- Ethical infractions may lead to disqualification of publications for graduation requirements and/or disciplinary action.

3. FACULTY JOURNAL LIST

(a) The faculty journal list refers to a list of legitimate peer-reviewed journals recognised by the faculty including those published by recognised universities or endorsed by the Universiti Malaya Library. It is possible that they may not be indexed in the Web of Science or Scopus.

(b) The following are indexes/journal lists that can be referred to:

- Existing faculty list (https://365umedumy-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/ddfill_pgrad_365_um_edu_my/EhPpPzARLDVLnJLyzZyWa_UBdy9HcZPTyQVg0jfwEPlkdQ?e=ogJjGB)
- Arabic Citation Index (<https://clarivate.com/arabic-citation-index/>)
- Index Islamicus (<https://brill.com/view/journals/ii/ii-overview.xml>)
- Chinese Social Science Citation Index (CSSCI) (http://cssci.nju.edu.cn/login_u.html)
- Core Journal of China Index (<http://www.lib.cdut.edu.cn/info/1025/2656.htm>)
- China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI) (<https://oversea.cnki.net/index/>)
- CiNII (Citation Information from the National Institute of Informatics) (<https://www.library.ucsb.edu/research/db/81>)
- Indian Citation Index (ICI) (<http://www.indiancitationindex.com/ici.aspx>)
- Korea Citation Index (KCI) (<https://www.kci.go.kr/kciportal/main.kci>)
- Taiwan Citation Index (TSSCI) (<http://db1n.sinica.edu.tw/textdb/tssci/searchindexe.php>)
- ASEAN Citation Index (https://asean-cites.org/list_of_journal.html)
- MyJurnal (<https://myjurnal.mohe.gov.my/public/browse.php>) – only for a candidate who is in the 9th semester and above. (Note: Faculty Meeting No.9 2023 approval 7 September 2023)

(c) Note that the country-based lists under item 2(b) may also contain journals indexed in Web of Science or Scopus. If so, the higher status is recognised.

(d) Confirm the status of a journal before submission by doing one of the following:

- Consult your Supervisor(s)
- Email the Faculty Librarian:
 - Mr. Amir Hamzah Alias <amirhamzah@um.edu.my>
- Email the UM Librarian:
 - Ms. Nuratiqahnadzira Abdul Rani<nuratiqah.ar@um.edu.my>
- Consult the librarian on duty using the library website chatbot.
- Consult the Assistant Registrar of Higher Degree Office/Deputy Dean of Higher Degree.

(e) FAQs

- What if a journal is found to be blacklisted after submission or at the point of acceptance?
 - Withdraw the article and re-submit it elsewhere.
- What if a journal is blacklisted at a later point but was legitimate at the point of acceptance?
 - The status of the journal at the point of acceptance is considered.

4. BLACKLISTED JOURNALS (Updated Senate: 22.12.2025)

- Academic Journal (www.academicjournals.org)
- Euro Journal Inc (www.eurojournals.com)
- Common Ground Publishing (www.commongroundpublishing.com)
- Africa World Press Inc. (www.africaworldpressbooks.com)
- Publications in Probable Predatory Journals according to Beall's List (<http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/>)
- The list of blacklisted journals is subject to change from time to time.

5. CONSEQUENCES OF PUBLISHED IN BLACKLISTED JOURNALS

- Unethical publication practices can lead to a wide range of academic consequences including retractions from journals, loss of funding and career termination, among others.
- Any University staff or student that publishes in predatory journals or under predatory publishers will NOT be able to access Faculty or University funding for processing charges or any form of financial assistance in the publication process.
- Previous predatory publications and/or a consistent practice of unethical publishing may significantly impact the success of individual staff academic promotion.
- Students that publish in predatory journals or under predatory publishers may risk having those publications excluded from their publication requirement for graduation (refer to the Faculty's Publication Requirement for Doctor of Philosophy Candidates guideline).
- Supervisors are encouraged to strictly monitor all student publication submissions to ensure ethical publication is being practiced.

6. SUBMISSION OF PUBLICATION PROOF

(a) Proof type

- Journal article: Proof of acceptance and journal status/indexing on the date of acceptance
- Book/book chapter: Proof of licensing agreement and status of publisher

(b) Submission

- Email proof of acceptance/licensing agreement and journal/publisher status to ddfill_pgrad@um.edu.my

DISCLAIMER:

- All information is subject to change in accordance with Universiti Malaya Rules and Regulations (Doctoral Degree) 2024.
- Faculty journal list is subject to change based on decisions by the Faculty from time to time
- For candidates who first registered prior to Semester I, Academic Session 2017/2018, please contact the office for publication requirements.