

Ph.D. thesis

a) Appointment of tutor and thesis director

The competence to designate the tutor and the director of the doctoral thesis corresponds to the Comisión Académica. Both functions may fall on the same person when he or she is a member of the Doctoral Program. If the director is a professor from outside the Program, a tutor will necessarily be appointed who does belong to him.

A tutor's appointment will occur immediately when the doctoral student accesses the Program. The director may take up to three months. During this time, the doctoral student and the tutor will collaborate in determining the most suitable one to assume the directing tasks considering the subject on which the doctoral thesis will be carried out. If the proposal for the thesis director and its acceptance had been submitted with the application for access to the program, the Comisión Académica would immediately designate said professor as director.

b) Co-supervised thesis

A joint supervision thesis is one in which there is a joint direction between two professors from the Universidad de Cádiz and another foreign one, giving access to a doctoral degree from both Universities.

In addition to the international nature of the direction, the participation of foreign professors is also required in the evaluation of the thesis and in the formation of the panel that will finally evaluate it, in addition to a research stay at the foreign university.

To carry out this modality, the signing of a specific agreement is required in each case between both Universities.

This is regulated by [Reglamento UCA/CG08/2022](#), primarily published for co-supervised theses.

In order to help obtain this mention, the UCA grants financial aid through the call that remains open throughout the year.

c) Thesis with international mention

The thesis with an international mention or "International Doctorate" is regulated in art. 34 of [Reglamento UCA/CG06/2012](#), whose reading is recommended for those who are interested in obtaining it.

Other requirements include conducting a research stay of at least three months outside of Spain at a prestigious higher education institution or research centre and studying or carrying out research related to the doctoral thesis.

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d) Deposit and defense of the doctoral thesis

The rules that regulate the deposit and public defence of the doctoral thesis are found in *Reglamento UCA/CG06/2012*, which regulates the organization of doctoral studies at the Universidad de Cádiz, and which has been developed in this matter by the *Instrucción UCA/I04VP/2015*.

A careful reading of the Instruction above is recommended. In summary, it is foreseen that once the writing of the thesis is finished, the following phases will be developed:

- Request for authorization to deposit the thesis.
- Evaluation of the thesis by the Academic Commission.
- Deposit of the thesis in the General Secretariat of the UCA.
- Publication of the deposit and period for its knowledge and observations by any doctor.
- Authorization for the public defence of the doctoral thesis.
- Appointment of the thesis panel.
- Authorization of the act of reading.
- Celebration of the act of reading, defence and evaluation of the doctoral thesis.

This last act can take place via videoconference by the requirements of *Instruction UCA/I04/2020*.