Requirements

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Research Proposal (Shlav B; 12 months after PhD initiation)

Format:

The proposal should be no more than 11 pages (excluding title page and references), line spacing of 1.5 and no more than 6 pages of figures.

Outline:

- 1. Title page submission date, title in Hebrew and English, student name, advisor name + signature
- 2. Abstract (1 page)
- 3. Scientific background
- 4. Research aims and significance
- 5. Detailed plan for the proposed research, experimental design describing in brief methods used, and preliminary results
- 6. References

You need to coordinate a committee meeting (three members – at least one from the department). The committee composition must be approved by the faculty doctoral committee. In the meeting you will present a short presentation. Make sure the committee files a written evaluation of the proposal.

Progress report (18 months after the proposal)

Format:

The report should be no more than 7 pages (excluding title page and references), line spacing of 1.5. If there has been a publication, this document should be included with the report.

Outline:

- 1. Title page submission date, title in Hebrew and English, student name, advisor name + signature
- 2. Abstract (1 page)
- 3. Research aims (taken from proposal)
- 4. Results
- 5. Discussion
- 6. Future plants (relevant for the first progress report)
- 7. References

You need to coordinate a committee meeting. In the meeting you will present a short presentation. Make sure the committee files a written evaluation of the report.

Final report (after 4 or 5 years from initiation)

Coordinate a committee meeting to get an approval for writing the thesis. Note that if you want a thesis which is a collection of papers it needs to be stated in the committee's evaluation report specifically.

Thesis submission and printing

Request to submit collection of papers thesis

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https://lifesci.tau.ac.il/sites/lifesci.tau.ac.il/files/media_server/lifesci/doc/phd-instuctions.pdf

You need to hand in to Nurit the following files (she might ask for a hard-copy as well):

- 1. A letter with details about the papers and how they can be integrated into a single dissertation.
- 2. A letter from Itay stating your contribution to each paper, their ranking and impact factor, etc.
- 3. The papers themselves.

Note that this process can take about a month or two since it depends on when the faculty's committee assembles (which is approximately once a month).

Printing

- 1. The university funds 90% of printing expenses when using the university's printing center (located in the underground level of the Main Library). The allowance is for up to 10 copies, up to the limit of 1,600 NIS. The rest of the 10% are payed by the student. To use this funding:
 - a. Call *Research Student Department* in the *Academic Secretariat* at **8161** and ask to print your dissertation.
 - b. A confirmation email will be sent to you and to the copy-center manager.
 - c. Call the copy center at **9668** and schedule time for printing.
 - d. Once the printing has started, the copy center will give you an invoice, with which you go to the Senate building, 2nd floor, room 215 to pay your part and sign them on the invoice.
 - e. Return to the copy center, present the signed invoice and finish the printing.
- 2. Things to decide on before you arrive to the copy center:
 - a. Make sure to bring your dissertation on a disk-on-key.
 - b. Write down the page numbers (of the PDF, not the formatted numbering) you would like to print in color.
 - c. Decide if you want to print on one or both sides. Usually a thesis is printed on one side.
 - d. Decide on the covering type (glue/spiral), color of cover page, and color of adhesive strip.

Submission

The submission process has two parts – physical copy and forms signing, and sending some files. After printing your dissertation hand-in to Nurit the hard-copy, and sign the relevant forms. You will need to decide on a list of potential referees to your thesis.

The following files should also sent to Nurit:

- 1. E-copy of the dissertation
- 2. CV
- 3. List of publications
- 4. Abstract
- 5. Concluding seminar approval (the advertisement is enough).

In case you would like to submit a collection of papers thesis you need to also send the letter Itay has sent to the committee.

Concluding seminar

Schedule a date for a concluding seminar with the faculty that is responsible for the School's seminars. You will need to give your talk's title for the advertisement. Save the invitation to the talk, as it will serve as a proof of completion (need to be submitted when submitting the thesis).

Good luck!