

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 19 May 2017

Proposed Degree Regulation Amendment: PhD by Published Work,
The Glasgow School of ArtRobbie Mulholland, Clerk, Joint Liaison Committee of the University of Glasgow and
The Glasgow School of ArtPhD by published work: proposed addition to the GSA's section of the University of
Glasgow Calendar for 2017-18Introduction

It is proposed that small changes are made to the GSA's PhD programme regulations concerning PhD by published work, in order to ensure clarity for prospective candidates when depositing copies of their thesis with the GSA.

Rationale for the proposed change

As of September 2014, a requirement was introduced for both a print and a digital copy of a thesis (or research project, extended written texts and portfolio documentation) to be deposited with the GSA, updating the previous requirement for two print copies.

Following the submission of the GSA's first PhD by published work since the above requirement was introduced, it has become necessary to clarify what should constitute a "digital copy of a thesis", where the examined texts supporting the critical text / synthesis of the PhD by published work are concerned. This is because copyright laws do not permit published works to be digitised for this purpose.

The University of Glasgow Calendar currently states, within Schedule D: Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Published Work at The Glasgow School of Art:

"6. If a full application is permitted by the RDSC, a candidate must then submit two copies of the work to be examined; both copies, if approved for the Degree, shall become the property of The Glasgow School of Art."

This wording does not reflect sufficiently the issue of depositing "digital copies" of examined texts, and small changes are therefore proposed to ensure clarity, as set out below.

It should be noted that the GSA's own PGR guidance document, as well as its Thesis Deposit guidance¹, will also require updating to reflect the above information.

Proposed change to the wording

The addition of the following wording (in ***bold italics***) to Schedule D: Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Published Work at The Glasgow School of Art, within the University of Glasgow Calendar, is proposed:

"6. If a full application is permitted by the RDSC, a candidate must then submit two copies of the work to be examined, ***one print and one digital***; both copies, if approved for the Degree, shall become the property of The Glasgow School of Art.

¹ <https://vle.gsa.ac.uk/> → Research Degrees Programme → Thesis Deposit

For PhD by publication, an electronic copy of the critical text / synthesis should form the digital element, with a print copy of the critical text / synthesis and all examined texts forming the print element.”

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