

Before the defense – According to the decree from 2016 ([arrêté de 2006](#)), the PhD thesis must be submitted prior to the thesis defense. This submission is required for the thesis defense and for a provisional degree to be issued. An electronic version of the PhD thesis must be submitted 3 weeks before the thesis defense.

During the defense – The jury ticks only one box on the form « **Avis du jury** sur l'archivage et la diffusion de la thèse soutenue » (Notice of the jury regarding archiving and distribution of the presented thesis) aimed for the BU (University libraries):

☐ As is

« Without
modification »

Upon reception of the notice of the jury (avis du jury), the University Libraries will archive and distribute the file that was initially submitted prior to the thesis defense. No modification request will be granted.

☐ Minor
corrections

« Typos, spelling errors,
missing acknowledgements,
conclusions to be qualified,
missing reference... »

Under the following conditions, the PhD can submit a new, full version of this thesis including the minor changes suggested by the jury:

- According to the specific protocol of each école doctorale: validation of the changes and corrections by a jury member
- One new submission can be made within three month of the defense
- The changes and corrections are validated prior to archiving by the University library
- The University library will not request a new version of the thesis. **The originally submitted thesis will be archived and distributed, should the new version not be submitted within the proscribed 3 months.**

☐ Major
corrections

« As indicted on the
thesis defense
protocol »

Major corrections need to be made prior to archiving and distribution of the thesis. **Under the responsibility of a designated jury member** the PhD must submit a new, full version of his thesis that includes all major corrections that were requested by the jury during the thesis defense. The following requirements need to be met :

- According to the specific protocol of each école doctorale: validation of the changes and corrections by a jury member
- One new submission can be made within three month of the defense
- The changes and corrections are validated prior to archiving by the University library
- **The submission of the corrected thesis is required to issue the PhD diploma**

After the defense – Only to the form « avis du jury » as completed by the jury during the defense and forwarded by the ED is relevant to the University. No new thesis deposit will be accepted if it was not specified on the form. The University library will not request a new deposit, the PhD candidate and his supervisor need to be mindful of the delays.

Archiving – The file containing the thesis will be archived at the CINES. Any modification/deletion of an archived file is impossible. This is only possible if the PhD title is withdrawn.

« wide or restricted » distribution and delay of the embargo – Unless a confidentiality agreement has been signed, with the agreement of the author the university will publish the thesis on the internet ([TEL](#) server). The author can request an embargo to allow enough time to publish scientific articles of the thesis in total.

Without the author's agreement, the thesis will only be distributed on the university's intranet. Anybody can request to access the thesis.

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