

Joint international supervision (*cotutelle*) with UTC

1. Principle

Where there is a **joint international doctoral supervision (*cotutelle*)** with an institution of higher education outside France, in each of the countries concerned the doctoral candidate is under the supervision of a thesis supervisor who fulfils this role in collaboration with the thesis supervisor in the other country. There is a double registration (in each of the institutions concerned).

Main conditions:

- The time spent working on the doctorate is divided between the two institutions, with the doctoral candidate alternating between them. A minimum of one year must be spent at UTC.
- An agreement must be signed between the two institutions at the time of the candidate's first registration. The agreement will set out the conditions under which the doctorate is to be conducted, including registration fees, social security cover, accommodation, the duration of the research (subject to a maximum duration of three years), the names of the two thesis supervisors, how the thesis referees (*rapporteurs*) and examination committee (*jury*) are to be chosen, where and in what language the defence is to take place, and how the two doctorates are to be awarded.
- The thesis must be drafted in French or in English and include a summary in the language of the other country.
- The thesis is defended only once, before a panel of examiners (the thesis examination committee) comprising members from both institutions and both countries. The defence of the thesis makes the candidate eligible to be awarded a doctorate by UTC, and an equivalent qualification by the overseas institution.

2. Application to the Doctoral School

The candidate files an application on the [ADUM](#) platform, on the thesis proposal disseminated by the UTC thesis supervisor.

The candidate will also take the equivalent steps with the Doctoral School (or equivalent entity) of the foreign institution.

The UTC thesis supervisor sends the Doctoral School a contact within the foreign institution, in order to agree on the terms of the joint supervision agreement (with respect to the rules applicable in each country). The agreement shall be drawn up in English or French.

The consent of the two institutions (doctoral schools) must be obtained before the copies of the agreement can be signed.

3. Registration at the Doctoral School

Once agreement in principle has been reached between the two institutions on the terms of the joint supervision agreement, the candidate can enroll in the Doctoral School.

The initial registration of the doctoral candidate must be done at the same time in the two institutions, and he or she must continue to be registered simultaneously in both institutions for the duration of the doctorate. Registration fees are due no more than once each year at one or other of the institutions, and are due at least once at UTC during the course of the doctorate.

The doctoral candidate must provide evidence of funding not lower in value than a Doctoral Contract, and which at the very least covers the periods spent in France.

Credits obtained for course modules done in either of the two countries can be taken into account.

The Doctoral School registers doctoral candidates in joint international supervision throughout the academic year for the first registration.

NB : The joint supervision of a thesis does not concern doctorates co-directed by thesis supervisors of two different French institutions.

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