

SENATE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

APPLICATION TO PUBLISH A MANUSCRIPT WITH UNISA PRESS

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- deal with a significant problem
- be creative
- contain an appropriate background or literature review
- be written in a clear, readable manner
- contain sound and fitting analyses
- contain conclusions and/or policy implications derived from the findings
- promote a free, open exchange of ideas
- show proof of original work and represent a decided contribution to the knowledge of and insight into the subject
- show an understanding of different modes of inquiry.

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APPLICATION TO PUBLISH AND SUBMISSION DATE

1. An application form, obtainable from Unisa Press, must be completed and submitted electronically to boshosm@unisa.ac.za

2. Such an application will be considered by the Senate Publications Committee with a view to possible publication.
3. Applications will be considered with due regard to available funds and to the publishing schedule of Unisa Press.
4. Precise and complete information must be supplied on the application form. Should there be more than one author/editor, this should be clearly indicated, as should the name of the author who will act as the contact person.
5. An author/editor is required to furnish a date on which he/she agrees to submit the manuscript to Unisa Press. A request for an extension of time will be considered by the Senate Publications Committee for a maximum of two periods of three months each after which the Committee will decide whether such an author/editor should submit an application for reconsideration for publication. Authors/editors should ensure that they set themselves realistic dates with which it will be possible to comply.
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11. Should there be any changes to the language and/or the title of the proposed manuscript after the application has been submitted and accepted, you are kindly requested to inform the Head, Unisa Press, *in writing* and without delay.
12. If a work is intended to be a prescribed work for university students after publication, it is essential that the final manuscript be submitted to Unisa Press *at least* seven months before the book is required as a prescribed work.
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14. It is the author's responsibility, prior to submission of the final manuscript, to retain a copy of the manuscript for his/her own use.

15. The Publications Committee determines the order of priority in which approved manuscripts will be published. Unisa Press is, as far as it is practicable, committed to the publishing schedule arising from this order of priority. However, the schedule may be altered as a result of unforeseen circumstances.
16. The professional staff of the publication section of Unisa Press will consult with the author on the design of the cover. The Head, Unisa Press, will take the final decision in this regard.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS WITH WHICH A MANUSCRIPT MUST COMPLY

17. A (double-spaced) electronic copy of the manuscript which is intended for the appraisal process must be submitted with a minimum of editorial amendments, on or before the promised submission date, to Unisa Press. Confirmation of receipt will be issued by e-mail.
18. Only in exceptional cases will final masters of a manuscript prepared by an author/editor be accepted for publication. Further information regarding the requirements for submitting final masters of a manuscript may be obtained from the Head, Unisa Press.

APPRAISAL PROCESS

19. Manuscripts which are submitted for publication will be subject to appraisal by anonymous readers. Authors also remain anonymous to readers. Authors will be required to consider the changes recommended by the readers, with a view to amendments, before the Senate Publications Committee will finally consider the manuscript for publication by Unisa Press.
20. While a manuscript which has been appraised and approved for publication awaits its turn to be processed, an author may, with the approval of the Senate Publications Committee, take it back for essential updating and revision. Amendments must be done electronically on disk. The author/editor is required to make the same amendments to any translation of his/her manuscript.
21. Once a manuscript has been provisionally accepted for publication subject to minor or extensive revision, the author is given six months in which to submit a reworked manuscript to Unisa Press. An author may be given an extension on request.
22. If the revised manuscript is not submitted within six months, and if no request for an extension of this date has been agreed to in the interim, the title may be cancelled at the discretion of the Senate Publications Committee.
23. **Please note** – The author/editor of a manuscript is responsible for ensuring that the content of the manuscript is neither plagiarised nor libelous. A manuscript will be turned down immediately when an allegation is proven to have substance.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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26. **Please note** – The production process will commence only once the contract has been signed by all parties concerned.

PROOFS

27. As author's corrections to proofs are costly, the Senate Publications Committee has decided that an author will be responsible for the costs of author's corrections which exceed 10% of the total typesetting costs, and that such an amount will have to be paid by him/her. It is thus extremely important that an author should thoroughly edit his/her manuscript prior to final submission. Should an author still feel hesitant about the quality of the language and style of his/her manuscript, this should be brought to the attention of the Head, Unisa Press, when the manuscript is submitted.
28. It will be the author's responsibility to proofread first proofs and page proofs. The copy editors of Unisa Press will also proofread the manuscript as a control measure. Amendments suggested by an editorial officer may be considered and deliberated by the author before finality is reached.
29. Authors are expected not to cause unnecessary delays when reading proofs. For its part, Unisa Press undertakes to provide its fullest cooperation in meeting the publication schedule.

PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

30. Unisa Press endeavours to achieve the most effective promotion of a published work. In this regard, the marketing team liaises with the author to ensure that all target areas are exploited.

GENERAL

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