At the beginning of the first semester, each MD student will receive a welcome package with all the relevant information about the doctorate in Medicine.

**Thesis plan**

- One month following registration, the MD student forwards the thesis plan to the Doctoral School.
- The thesis plan will be evaluated by an expert (chosen by the Doctoral School).
- Then, the composition of the thesis committee and the expert’s evaluation will be sent to the MD student.

**Thesis direction**

*Co-direction (art. 4 of rules)*

Co-direction is mandatory for MD students who have as thesis director an assistant professor, emeritus professor, privat-docent or head physician of the CHUV. In this case, the students require a full or associate professor as co-director.

*Co-direction art.4*

*Co-direction 3.11*

Co-direction means that the direction of the thesis is shared between 2 directors. It is possible to have a co-direction 3.11 with another university, another faculty or another department of the FBM.

*Co-direction 3.11*  
*Directives UNIL co-direction 3.11*

**Change of thesis director**

Should the thesis director change, the MD student must forward the form entitled «Attestation pour inscription au doctorat» and the form entitled «Changement de directeur de thèse» to the Doctoral School. The MD student, the former and the new thesis director must sign these forms.

*Forms for change of thesis director*

**Thesis title change**

Any change related to the subject of the thesis must be reported to the Doctoral School with a letter, signed by the MD student and the thesis director.

**Registration**

It is mandatory for the MD student to be registered at UNIL as doctoral student in Medicine during the whole thesis for a minimum of 2 consecutive semesters (art. 3 of MD rules).