



Guidelines for thesis writing

Graduation requirements

In order to acquire a bachelor's or master's degree in Human Rights, the student need to write and present an independent scientific thesis. For the bachelor's (and magister) degree the thesis is of 15 credits and for the master's degree in Human Rights and Democracy the thesis is of 30 credits.

Thesis project and thesis defense (opponent)

For passing the course and obtain a degree, the student needs to;

1. present a scientific thesis (of 15 or 30 credits),
2. be opponent on at least one thesis,
3. attend at least two more thesis defense seminars, except your own opposition and the one you oppose, which requires that the student need to have read the thesis in advance in order to be able to actively participate in the discussions,
4. Submit a written version of the opposition to the examiner and the thesis writer during the opposition seminar,
5. ensure that he/she is registered on the attendance list at the thesis seminars.

Guidelines and scope of the thesis

- Bachelor's thesis (15 credits) consists of 10,000 words (+/- 15%)
- Magister thesis (15 credits) consists of 12,000 words (+/- 15%)
- Master's thesis (30 credits) consists of 15,000 words (+/- 15%)

The footnotes and bibliography are usually included in the specified number of words. The scope of a thesis must not exceed these limits. Exceptions may only be made with good reasons and the approval of the supervisor.

The thesis must as a rule be formatted in UCS template. The basic templates can be found on the UCS website and posted in Canvas. The author can choose the line spacing at his/her own preferences.

In addition to a complete bibliography, the thesis must also contain a full list of references. These should be formatted consistently and in accordance with an accepted system, such as Harvard or Oxford. If you are writing the essay in English, you should use Chicago Style.

- 1.1 The students will be divided into groups and assigned a group supervisor.
- 1.2 The students will meet in groups on 3 occasions and on 1 occasion individually with the supervisor.
- 1.3 The complete and submitted thesis must be ventilated during a thesis defense seminar. The supervisor must give his/her approval before the thesis is submitted by the student.
- 1.4 The writer ensures that the completed thesis is uploaded in Canvas, and distributed to the supervisor, examiner, and the opponent. By uploading the thesis in Canvas, it will also be directly sent to URKUND to detect possible plagiarism.

Practical information

English title

The thesis title must be written in both Swedish and English (for thesis written in English, the Swedish title is not compulsory). Otherwise, it will not be possible to have the grade registered if the English title is not provided. Note that the translation only applies to the title, not the whole essay. The English title of the thesis must be communicated to the supervisor and examiner according to the instructions regardless of the language of the essay.

Language

The master's thesis must be written in English, while the magister and bachelors' thesis may be written either in Swedish or English.

Abstract

The abstract should be comprised of maximum 250 words and is written in English, regardless of the language of the essay.

If the thesis is written in English

If the thesis is written in English, the term "Bachelor's Thesis" must be used for the bachelor's thesis and "Master thesis" for the master's or magister thesis on the thesis' cover page. The Swedish phrase "Examensarbete" will on the diploma be named with the English term "Degree Project".

Keywords

Keywords are five subject words that describe what the thesis is about. Keywords appear under the "Abstract" and must be entered into the publication database DiVA.

Personal information etc.

When submitting the thesis, you shall state your name and last name as the author of the thesis. All other identity revealing information shall be limited to the title page. In cases

where the essay writer wants to write thanks, this should be done on the page after the title page.

Before the thesis seminar

Uploading in Canvas

No later than one week before the thesis seminar, the students must have uploaded their thesis according to the instructions in Canvas so it can be distributed to the examiner, supervisor and opponent. If examiner, supervisor or the opponent requests a printed copy, the student must provide such a copy without delay.

After the thesis seminar

After the thesis seminar (opposition), the student is allowed (if needed) a shorter period (usually 1-2 days) to correct smaller inaccuracies. The changes must not be extensive and cannot be used to argue for a higher grade. The student uploads the final version of the thesis in the publication database DiVA, before the final grade can be registered in LADOK.

Guidelines for the thesis seminar (opposition)

See the document "Thesis Seminar Guidelines" for information and instructions for the opposition.

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