

M.A. Program in International Relations Faculty of Social Sciences

Thesis

Submission of thesis

- Upon completing his/her studies, and not later than the end of the second year of studies, the student will submit the thesis to the Departmental M.A. Committee after obtaining the approval of the advisor(s) for its submission and after the work has passed a form review in the Graduate Studies Authority.
- Thesis refereeing proceedings are confidential and will be coordinated by the chairperson of the Departmental M.A. Committee.
- The referee's evaluation will be forwarded either anonymously or not to the student in accordance with the referee's request.

Thesis grade

- The final thesis grade comprises an average of the referees' grades: the advisor's grade or the average of the combined grade of the advisor and the co-supervisor, added to the grade of the additional referee.
- If the difference between the grade awarded by the advisor and that of the referee exceeds 15 points, the chairperson of the Departmental M.A. Committee, after consulting the advisor(s), will appoint an additional referee. The final thesis grade will then be calculated as the average of the grades of all referees.
- The minimum passing grade for a thesis is 76 (average of the referees' grades).
- A thesis grade may be appealed only in the case of a failing grade (when the average of all referees' grades is lower than 76). In case of an appeal, another referee will be appointed, and the final grade of the thesis will be the average of all the referees' grades. A further appeal is not allowed.

*** Students selecting the thesis track should take into consideration that completion of a Master's thesis within one year is not guaranteed. A Master's thesis is an independent research project, and the pace of progress largely depends on the student's efforts. Completion of a thesis may often require more than one year.