



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013

## **GRA 1900 Master Thesis for students admitted autumn 2010 and later**

### **Programme**

Master of Science in Business and Economics, Master of Science in Financial Economics, Master of Science in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Master of Science in International Management, Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Psychology, Master of Science in Political Economy, Master of Science in Strategic Marketing Management, Thesis

### **Responsible for the course**

Dag Michalsen, Astrid Richardsen, Tor W Andreassen, Nick Sitter, Carl Arthur Solberg, Knut Sogner

### **Department**

Department of Economics

### **Term**

According to study plan

### **ECTS Credits**

30

### **Language of instruction**

English

### **Introduction**

#### **This is the course descriptions for thesis for students admitted autumn 2010 and later**

In the course of the MSc Programme all students are required to write a thesis. A thesis of 30 ECTS is a requirement for masterdegrees (Masterforskriften §6) The thesis shall be written in groups of two students, but may upon application be written individually. The thesis work consists of thesis seminars, guidance, a thesis proposal, a preliminary thesis report, and the final thesis.

Each Associate Dean is responsible for approving the thesis topic and thesis advisor. In addition the Associate Dean is responsible for thesis seminars in the program.

### **Learning outcome**

The thesis work forms a process of learning where students are given the opportunity to apply knowledge in scientific research and/or survey work. The purpose is to provide the student with knowledge and skills in survey methods and/or scientifically based research. Students are expected to treat a broadly formulated problem and prepare and submit a report, which will contribute to a solution of the problem and/or provide a sound basis for decision-making within a given time and resource framework.

### **Prerequisites**

Admission to the MSc programme

### **Compulsory reading**

### **Recommended reading**

### **Course outline**

The thesis is normally written in groups of two students. Students who wish to write their thesis individually may apply to the Associate Dean of their program. The thesis is written in English.

Students will be introduced to research methods in Research Methodology courses. In addition the Associate Dean will arrange a thesis seminar (minimum 10 hours) introducing possible topics and advisors. An oral presentation may be a part of the thesis seminar and count for a part of the grade of the preliminary thesis report. Students are expected to participate in the thesis seminars and to have individual/group guiding (10 hours) by the thesis advisor.

Students are responsible for selecting a topic/problem area, which is suitable for a thesis related to their major in the MSc program. Students need to fill in a thesis registration form, and have the topic and advisor

approved by the Associate Dean. Please see the Student Handbook for detailed information on thesis work.

### **Computer-based tools**

It's learning

### **Learning process and workload**

The Schedule

Thesis seminars are held in the 2nd and/or 3rd and/or 4th semester. The thesis registration form is submitted in connection with the Research Methodology courses. The preliminary thesis report should be submitted by January 15th in the fourth semester. The final thesis should be submitted no later than September 1st of your final year. An extension is only given by approval of the Dean and must be supported by relevant documentation. Read BI's Academic Regulations carefully for more information on thesis extension and late submission.

Students are expected to devote time in the third semester for working on the preliminary thesis project. The remaining work on the thesis is in the fourth semester. Once the final thesis has been graded with a passing grade this will cover 30 ECTS credits.

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GRA 1901 Thesis seminars participations  
GRA 1902 Thesis preliminary thesis report  
GRA 1903 The final thesis

### **Examination**

The preliminary thesis report (20%) is given a grade in points by the thesis advisor. An oral presentation may be a part of the thesis seminar and count as a part of the grade of the preliminary thesis report.

The final thesis (80%) , with the preliminary thesis project attached is evaluated by the thesis advisor and an external grader. Students may be called upon to orally defend their thesis. Students will not be given a grade on their thesis unless the thesis registration and preliminary thesis report, as well as the thesis, are passed.

### **Examination code(s)**

GRA 19003 Preliminary thesis report and the final thesis (Æ) counts for the final grade and 30 ECTS credits

### **Examination support materials**

Not applicable

### **Re-sit examination**

In case of "Fail", the student may: 1) write a new thesis, or 2) rewrite the thesis and attain a maximum grade of E.

If you choose to write a new thesis, a full tuition fee for a whole semester will be charged.

If you choose to rewrite your thesis, the ordinary retake fees will apply.

Please see Academic regulations for further information.

### **Additional information**

Academic honesty and trust are important to all of us as individuals, and represent values that are encouraged and promoted by the honor code system. This is a most significant university tradition. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the ideals of the honor code system, to which the faculty are also deeply committed.

Any violation of the honor code will be dealt with in accordance with BI's procedures for cheating. These issues are a serious matter to everyone associated with the programs at BI and are at the heart of the honor code and academic integrity. If you have any questions about your responsibilities under the honor code, please ask.



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Students are expected to devote time in the third semester for working on the preliminary thesis project. The remaining work on the thesis is in the fourth semester. Once the final thesis has been graded with a passing grade this will cover 30 ECTS credits.

GRA1901 Thesis registration form - pass/fail

GRA 1902 Thesis preliminary thesis report -

GRA 1903 The final thesis

## **Examination**

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2. The preliminary thesis report (20%) is given a grade in points by the thesis advisor. An oral presentation may be a part of the thesis seminar and count as a part of the grade of the preliminary thesis report.
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## **Examination code(s)**

GRA 19001 Thesis proposal (Thesis registration form)

GRA 19002 Preliminary thesis report and the final thesis (Æ) counts for the final grade and 30 ECTS credits

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