



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013

GRA 1920 Master Thesis in Professional Accountancy - students admitted in 2008 and earlier

Programme

Master in Professional Accountancy

Responsible for the course

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Department

Department of Accounting - Auditing and Law

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

30

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Introduction

This course description applies for students admitted to the Master Programme in Professional Accountancy in autumn 2008 and earlier.

A master's degree includes an independent work of minimum 30 ECTS credits (Master regulation § 6)

Learning outcome

The purpose of the master thesis is that students prepare an independent work. Students shall choose topic(s) and define problem(s) and the work shall be based on research and use of research methods.

Prerequisites

Compulsory reading

Other:

Pensumlitteratur opplyses på kurset.

Recommended reading

Books:

Saunders, Lewis og Thornhill. 2009. Research methods for business students.. 5th ed.. Harlow FT Prentice Hall. Ch. 3: Critically reviewing the literature, pp. 58-105.

Course outline

The students must complete a research methods course (10 hours) as part of the master thesis. This course provides insight into qualitative, quantitative and legal methods, as well as literature search and reference assessment. The research methods course is mandatory and includes a test or another appropriate evaluation based on the decision of the person in charge of the course. The evaluation is graded pass/fail and must be passed in order for the master thesis to be approved. Specific ECTS credits are not given for the research methods course. Students who have completed another relevant research methods course at a master level may upon application be exempted from the research methods course.

Computer-based tools

The library's electronic resources.

Learning process and workload

As a main rule the master thesis is to be written in groups of up to 2 students. Students wishing to write alone have to apply for this and state the reasons for the application. Work on the master thesis normally starts with the research methods course which is given in the beginning of the 2nd term.

Students must register the master thesis in the following form: "Master thesis registration form" by 2nd May in the 2nd term. This also applies for students who due to an alternative study progress have not completed the research methods at this point. The grade pass/fail is given. Along with the registration the

students hand in a 2-3 page memo describing the topic of the thesis, the problem to be addressed, proposed use of research methods and relevant literature on the subject. The students must also hand in a preliminary thesis by 15th January in the 4th term. The preliminary thesis is graded by the supervisor and the evaluation is pass/fail. The latest submission deadline for the thesis is 1st September after the 4th term. 10 hours of supervision are usually given for a regular master thesis.

The master thesis in professional accountancy may be written in Norwegian or English.

GRA 1921 Thesis proposal pass/fail
GRA 1922 Preliminary thesis - pass/fail
GRA 1923 Final master thesis

Examination

Research methods course: Mandatory attendance and test. Students with lawful absence from the course may be given a separate test by the person in charge of the course.

Thesis proposal: pass/fail
Preliminary thesis: pass/fail. (Deadline: 15th January 4th term)
Final master thesis: final grade (deadline 1st September after 4th term)

Examination code(s)

GRA 19201 Thesis proposal
GRA 19202 Preliminary thesis
GRA 19203 Final master thesis

Examination support materials

Re-sit examination

If the master thesis is not passed the student may 1) write a new master thesis or 2) revise the submitted thesis.

Additional information



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Introduction

This is a course description for the master thesis in professional accountancy for students admitted in autumn 2009 and later. This student group follow a methods course GRA 6276 where registration of topic and methods for the master thesis are included in the autumn term of the second year.

A master's degree includes an independent written work of minimum 30 ECTS (Master regulation §6).

Learning outcome

The aim of the master thesis is for students to complete an independent work. The students shall select topic(s) and define problem(s) and the work shall be based on research and use of research methods.

Prerequisites

GRA 6276 Research methods for master of professional accountancy.

Compulsory reading

Other:

Pensumlitteratur opplyses på kurset.

Recommended reading

Books:

Saunders, Mark, Philip Lewis, Adrian Thornhill. 2009. Research methods for business students. 5th ed. Pearson Education. Ch. 3: Critically reviewing the literature, pp. 58-105.

Course outline

Computer-based tools

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Learning process and workload

As a main rule the master thesis is to be written in groups of two students. Students wishing to write the master thesis on their own must apply specifically and explain why. The work on the master thesis usually starts with the research methods course which is given in the 3rd term.

In connection with the research methods course GRA 6276 the students must submit and have approved a first outline of the master thesis. This first outline is the basis for allocating a supervisor. The associate dean of the programme decides on the supervisor. The further progress of the master thesis is decided on with the supervisor. 10 hours of supervision is normal for a regular master thesis. All ongoing master theses must be presented for supervisors and fellow students in a thesis seminar which is usually given during the 4th term.

The normal submission deadline for the master thesis is 1st September after the 4th term. A postponed submission deadline for 1st December may be given upon application. In the case of further delays

(without a valid reason) a new study fee will be due.

The master thesis in professional accountancy may be written in Norwegian or English.

Examination

A final master thesis counts 30 ECTS

Examination code(s)

GRA 19204 Final master thesis

Examination support materials

Not relevant.

Re-sit examination

Additional information