APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/2016

GRA 1920 Master Thesis in Professional Accountancy - Students Admitted in 2009 and Later

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 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

All courses in the Masters programme will assume that students have fulfilled the admission requirements for the programme. In addition, courses in second, third and/or fourth semester can have spesific prerequisites and will assume that students have followed normal study progression. For double degree and exchange students, please note that equivalent courses are accepted.

Compulsory reading

Other:
Pensumlitteratur opplyses på kurset.

Recommended reading
Books:
Saunders, Mark, Philip Lewis, Adrian Thornhill. 2012. Research methods for business students. 6th ed. Pearson. Ch. 3: Critically reviewing the literature, pp. 58-105.

Course outline

Computer-based tools
Not applicable

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.

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 reasn) 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.

Form of assessment	Weight	Group size
Final master thesis		

Specific information regarding student assessment will be provided in class. This information may be relevant to requirements for term papers or other hand-ins, and/or where class participation can be one of several components of the overall assessment.

Examination code(s)
GRA 19204 Final master thesis

Examination support materials

Permitted examination support materials for written examinations are detailed under examination information in the student portal @bi. The section on support materials and the use of calculators and dictionaries should be paid special attention to.

Re-sit examination

Additional information