



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

GRA 1950 Master Thesis - for students admitted autumn 2015 and later

Programme

Master in Accounting and Auditing, Master of Science in Business, Master of Science in Finance, Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Psychology, Master of Science in Strategic Marketing Management, Thesis

Responsible for the course

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Department

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

30

Language of instruction

English

Introduction

This is the course descriptions for thesis for students admitted autumn 2015 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 master degrees (Masterforskriften §6). 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 programme.

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

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 specific 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

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 programme.

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 account 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 programme. Students need to fill in a thesis registration form, and have the topic and advisor approved by the Associate Dean. Please see the Student Portal (@bi) for detailed information on thesis work.

Computer-based tools

Not applicable

Learning process and workload**The Schedule**

Thesis seminars are held in the 2nd and/or 3rd and/or 4th semester.

The students must submit a thesis registration form.

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 4th semester. Once the final thesis has been graded with a passing grade, this will cover 30 ECTS credits.

GRA 1951 Thesis seminars participations

GRA 1952 Thesis preliminary thesis report

GRA 1953 The final thesis

Examination

The thesis Registration form is graded pass/fail.

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.

Please be aware that this course has a combination of two examination codes and continuous assessment. Both the thesis registration form (GRA 19501) and the preliminary thesis report and the final thesis (GRA 19502) must be passed in order to get a grade in the course.

Form of assessment	Weight	Group size
Thesis Registration Form	Pass/fail	
Preliminary thesis report	20%	
Final master thesis	80%	

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. This is a course with continuous assessment (several exam components) and one final exam code. Each exam component is graded using points on a scale from 0-100. The final grade for the course is based on the aggregated mark of the course components. Each component is weighted as detailed in the course description. Students who fail to participate in one/some/all exam components will get a lower grade or may fail the course. You will find detailed information about the points system and the mapping scale in the student portal @bi. Candidates may be called in for an oral hearing as a verification/control of written assignments.

Examination code(s)

GRA 19501 Thesis Registration Form (Pass/Fail)

GRA 19502 Preliminary thesis report and the final thesis (Æ) account for 100% of the final grade and 30 ECTS credits

Examination support materials

Not applicable

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

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

Honour code. Academic honesty and trust are important to all of us as individuals, and are values that are integral to BI's honour code system. Students are responsible for familiarising themselves with the honour code system, to which the faculty is deeply committed. Any violation of the honour code will be dealt with in accordance with BI's procedures for academic misconduct. Issues of academic integrity are taken seriously by everyone associated with the programmes at BI and are at the heart of the honour code. If you have any questions about your responsibilities under the honour code, please ask. The learning platform itslearning is used in the teaching of all courses at BI. All students are expected to make use of itslearning.