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RULES FOR THE FINAL DISSERTATION

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**EUROPEAN
STUDIES
DOUBLE DEGREE
MASTER
PROGRAM
(ESIS)**

1. After completion of the programme of international mobility, the student is required to write a final dissertation (in Italian “tesi” and in Greek “διπλωματική εργασία” or “diplomatiki ergasia”) under the supervision of a member of the academic staff of one of the two participating Universities.
2. The dissertation will be discussed through an oral examination at the Institution of the designated Supervisor. The dissertation will be written and discussed **in English**.
3. If the thesis is defended at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AuTh), the discussion will take place either in person in Thessaloniki or online, at the student's request. If the thesis is defended at the University of Torino (UniTo), the discussion will take place in person in Turin.
4. The Curriculum Committee, following a relevant request by the student who proposes the title of his/her dissertation, shall appoint the dissertation Supervisor and, before the discussion, a Co-supervisor, who may be a member of either Institution and may participate in the thesis defence either in person or online. The Curriculum Committee shall also establish a three-member Examination Committee for the approval of the dissertation, one member of which shall be the Supervisor. The members of the Examination Committee must have the same field of expertise as the subject of the Program.
5. The dissertation must be approx. (and no less than) **15.000 words**, along with any footnotes or endnotes, not including the cover page and the bibliographic list at the end. The defence of the dissertation takes place before the Examination Committee on a date and place established by each University in accordance with its academic calendar, either in person or online (Thessaloniki only). Following its approval by the Committee, it must be uploaded on the depository of the relevant Department.
6. In exceptional cases, when there is an objective incapacitation or any other important reason, it is possible to replace the Supervisor or another member of the Examination Committee upon his/her request and by decision of the Curriculum Committee.
7. The dissertation is submitted to the library of each Department in electronic form and in any other way specified by each Department. The dissertation file should be in conventional font, fully aligned, 1.5 line spacing, numbering at the bottom of the page, margins of 2.5 cm from all sides of the page. The Program's website shall provide a model cover of the dissertation.
8. For **students discussing their final thesis at AuTh**, the thesis and its defence will receive a grade of between 0 and 10, which will be added to the grades of all other passed courses/exams. The final graduation grade will be calculated as the average of all passed courses/exams (including thesis defence), weighted by the number of credits of each course.

Thesis defended at AuTh		
Grade	Paper	Presentation
0-3	Manifestly problematic writing, insufficient or incorrect literature and documentation, and low originality	Simple reading of a text without rhyme and structure, limited explanation of positions. Insufficient preparation of the presentation and discussion
4-5	The student presents a paper with formal observance of the basic rules of writing a scientific thesis without originality	Moderate presentation of the work without highlighting the basic elements or establishing research questions
6-7	Observance of writing rules, good structure, little originality, no bibliographic gaps	Live presentation, motivation to participate, proper structure
8-10	Precise formulation, fully structured work, originality, contribution to scientific research	Lively presentation of completed thesis, contribution with full research questions, new research proposals

For students defending their final thesis at UniTo, the thesis and the its defence will receive a grade of between 0 and 8. This score will be added to the student's average grade from passed courses/exams, converted to a scale of 110.

Thesis defended at UniTo		
Grade	Paper	Presentation
0-2	Manifestly problematic writing, inadequate or incorrect literature and documentation, and low originality	Simple reading of a text without rhyme and structure, limited explanation of positions. Inadequate preparation of the presentation and discussion
3-4	The student presents a paper with formal observance of the basic rules of writing a scientific thesis without originality	Moderate presentation of the work without highlighting the basic elements or establishing research questions
5-6	Observance of writing rules, good structure, originality in some aspects, no bibliographic gaps	Live presentation, motivation to participate, proper structure
7-8**	Precise formulation, fully structured work, originality, contribution to scientific research	Lively presentation of completed thesis, contribution with convincing presentations of the findings, new research proposals

** A second Co-supervisor will be appointed.

9. Graduation sessions and deadlines: The dates of the graduation sessions and the related deadlines are indicated in the table on the following page.

	The graduating student contacts the thesis Supervisor	Last exam	The graduating student submits the thesis title and the Supervisor to the ESIS CC	The thesis supervisor approves the request of the graduating student and, if necessary, modifies the proposed thesis title	The graduating student applies for graduation (online)	The graduating student submits her/his thesis (online)	The Supervisor approves the thesis	Date of thesis defence
Summer Session June/July 2025	From 02/09/2024	By the first call of the summer exam session 2025	By 28/02/2025	From 01/03/2025 to 30/04/2025	From 02/05/2025 to 13/05/2025	From 02/05/2025 to 16/06/2025	From 02/05/2025 to 20/06/2025	From 30/06/2025 to 11/07/2025
I Autumn Session September 2025	From 02/09/2024	By July exam session 2025	By 30/04/2025	From 02/05/2025 to 30/06/2025	From 01/07/2025 to 10/07/2025	From 01/07/2025 to 24/08/2025	From 01/07/2025 to 01/09/2025	From 08/09/2025 to 17/09/2025
II Autumn Session November 24-25 (UniTo Only)	From 02/09/2024	By September exam session 2025, applying for the reserved call for graduating students	By 30/07/2025	From 01/08/2025 to 30/09/2025	From 01/10/2025 to 13/10/2025	From 01/10/2025 to 31/10/2025	From 01/10/2025 to 05/11/2025	From 10/11/2025 to 27/11/2025
Ext. Session February/March 2026		TBD*						

*Information on March 25-26 graduation session will be provided when available.

10. Paper specifications:

- Artificial intelligence (AI) is not allowed, neither for the contents, nor for translation; the paper must be original and the result of student's personal research (both AI usage and the originality of the essay will be checked using anti-plagiarism software)
- Typed format Word (or Word-compatible).
- 1.5 space and font in Arial or TNR 12.
- With fully justified alignment.
- After each paragraph, there should be a blank line.
- The first page will only have the model cover of the dissertation and the second page will have the table of contents.
- Separate pages for abbreviations, acknowledgments, index of tables and preface.
- The third page should include the following acknowledgment: "I hereby certify that I am the author of this thesis and that I have mentioned or referred to it, explicitly and specifically, all the sources from which I used data, ideas, sentences or words, either accurately conveyed (in the original or translated) or paraphrased. I also confirm that this document was prepared by me personally specifically for the thesis I defend hereby".
- Each chapter will start with a new page.
- References will follow the Harvard system. There will be a full bibliography table at the end of the work.
- Each verbatim reference from other text is quoted with quotation marks. You may not copy sentences of more than two lines (with or without quotation marks).
- Any attempted plagiarism leads to the annulment of the thesis.
- Second-hand referencing should be noted (e.g. Papageorgiou, 2010 as referred in Finizio, 2021)
- It is not permitted to use as bibliographic material from Wikipedia or other online or other encyclopedias.
- Electronic sources must not be referred to by their general address but with the entire electronic address leading directly to the referenced article or text. Any reference to an online source must indicate the last access date.

Students are required to investigate whether the electronic sources they refer to respect the principles of scientific accuracy and the objective recording of the events they mention.