

## Information on the Master's thesis

The Master's programme ends with a Master's thesis (25 ECTS) and an oral examination (5 ECTS).

### Steps to the Master's thesis

1. Think about a topic and do some preliminary research.
2. Find a supervisor and contact another examiner for your Master's thesis. The supervisor does not have to be a member of the Faculty of Human Sciences. Both persons must have a doctorate, at least one of them a habilitation.
3. The topic of the thesis is agreed with the supervisor and the examiner is informed.
4. Submit the application for the assignment of a Master's thesis topic, signed by the supervisor, to the examination board. This includes the supervisor, the examiner and the title of the thesis. The examination board forwards the confirmation to the Examination Office, which registers the student in Wuestudy. With this registration, which you can view via Wuestudy, you are considered to be informed. The processing period begins. We advise you not to submit your application until you have **about 60 ETCS points**.
5. The deadline is **six months**. The thesis is approximately **60 pages** long.
6. It is strongly recommended that you present your Master's thesis at your supervisor's colloquium.
7. Please note: The topic can only be returned once for valid reasons and with the approval of the examination board within the first third of the processing time.
8. Three written copies of the thesis and two electronic storage media must be submitted to the Examination Office by the deadline. The **original** declaration of independence must be signed. If the thesis is not submitted by the deadline, it will be considered a failure and will be graded as "unsatisfactory" (5.0).
9. The reports of your work may be inspected by the supervising lecturers.

### Comments and notes

- A prerequisite for the supervision of a Master's thesis is the successful completion of at least one seminar on climate, sustainability, environment or energy.
- Your topic should have a clear relation to social science sustainability research. A document with suggested topics is available on the website.
- Your topic will be discussed during [office hours](#).
- A prerequisite for the supervision of a thesis is the preparation of a synopsis of about 5 pages outlining the topic and the research interest. Instructions on how to write an exposé can be found in the [Handbook on Academic Work](#).

Further forms can be found on the website of the [Institute of Political Science and Sociology](#).