



## What you should know about the thesis requirements in the Master's Program Consumer Affairs

As you are approaching the end of the third semester and completing most classes, you will probably start to wonder what's in store for you. With this information, we would like to give you some advice on how you can best prepare for your final dissertation project and give you some hints on how to find an appropriate topic and a suitable supervisor. We would also like to familiarize you with the registration procedure, include some information on the writing stage and the formal requirements you should consider when finally submitting your thesis.

The first challenge for you will be to find an appropriate topic and an examiner who is willing to supervise your thesis. To get an idea for topics supervised at the chairs, you may take a look at the departments' websites that match with your research interests. Of course, you may also directly approach the teaching assistants with your project ideas. You may also do your Master's Thesis at a company. Please note, however, that you will still need an official university examiner to supervise your external project as your mentor in the company will not be allowed to grade your thesis. According to the study regulations, only those persons/examiners who are involved in the MCA Program may serve as supervisors.

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Once you have settled a topic with your supervisor, you will need to officially register for your Master's Thesis. To process your registration, you and your supervisor fill in the [form](#) and decide upon a working title for your project. Both you and the chair holder have to sign the form. Please send it to [the Grade Management Master's Program](#). You will receive a confirmation email specifying the official deadline of the submission of your thesis (6 months after registration). The registration and the submission dates are not tied to the semester dates. Please take into account that in an ideal study plan we recommend to write your Master's Thesis in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester, you should have finished and submitted it by the end of your 6<sup>th</sup> semester at the latest ([FPSO and APSO regulations](#)).

We advise students to start shortly before or after reaching 90 credits. Please note that you have to have earned at least 60 credits (75 credits for students who started with the program before Winter Term 2014/15, §46 FPSO) in order to be allowed to register. Our experience has shown that it may not be a good idea for you to try and still attend classes while working on your Master's Thesis.

During the writing process please ask for your supervisor's advice and heed the guidelines of the chair involved. TUM offers consulting at the TUM Writing Center: <https://www.sprachenzentrum.tum.de/academic-english-cluster/english-writing-center/>. If you encounter any difficulties completing your thesis, please do not wait-see your MCA coordinator immediately.

Once you have finished writing, submit three bound copies along with digital versions at the [Grade Management Master's Program](#). Make sure they include a signed declaration of authorship. Observe the deadline, late submissions are not accepted. You will receive an email as soon as your examiner has graded your work.