

Information sheet on writing a master's thesis at the chair of Prof. Dr. iur René Matteotti

1. Scope & objective

Master's theses worth 12 ECTS credits can be written at the chair. The following guidelines apply with regard to the scope of the master's thesis:

12 ECTS = 60,000 – 65,000 characters

The character count corresponds to the text without spaces, cover pages, footnotes, and indexes.

2. Design and structure

The work must include a cover page, table of contents, list of abbreviations, bibliography, and any list of materials, the actual text, and the dated and hand-signed declaration of independence in accordance with the Fact Sheet on Assessments of 6 October 2021.

"I hereby declare that I completed this paper on my own using only the sources listed in the indexes or in the comments.

Subject to other restrictive requirements by the responsible supervisor of this work, the following applies to the use of technical instruments that at least partially autonomously generate text, data, code or image material: The essentially unchanged adoption of such content must be marked. The labeling requirement is to be fulfilled on the one hand by clearly marking all affected parts of the work graphically and on the other hand by listing all the instruments specifically used in the directories.

I also confirm that this paper has not already been used for any other assessment and that I will not use it in this way in the future.

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The title of the paper, the supervising lecturer, and the name, address, telephone number, student ID number, and email address of the author must be state on the cover page.

Commonly used abbreviations in everyday language (e.g. etc.) may be assumed to be known and do not need to be included in the list of abbreviations. For legal abbreviations, the forms used by the Federal Supreme Court in each annual volume should be used.

3. Citation

For information on citation and techniques and formalities of the design (including structure, headings, paragraphs), please refer to FORSTMOSER PETER/OGOREK REGINA/SCHINDLER BENJAMIN, Juristisches Arbeiten, Eine Anleitung für Studierende, 7. Aufl., Zürich/Basel/Genf 2023.

4. Submission

The paper must be submitted on time in paper form (number of copies as agreed individually, stapled or spiral bound), with a reasonable font (Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman), font size (11-12 pt), margins, and line spacing (1.5 pt).

The paper must also be submitted in electronic form as a World file and as a PDF to the assistant (Ist.matteotti@ius.uzh.ch) and to Prof. Matteotti (rene.matteotti@ius.uzh.ch) by the deadline.

An extension of the deadline is possible in exceptional cases. This requires the submission of a justified request before the deadline.

If the requirements are clearly not met, the chair reserves the right to refuse to accept the thesis and to request a revision.

5. Content

The final choice of the topic and the determination of content requirements will be made in consultation with the chair.

6. Procedure

The exact procedure can be found on the respective seminar notice board.

7. Further information

This information sheet is subject to any other requirements and specifications within the framework of the respective seminar. If there is a specific information sheet for a seminar, this must be followed in order of priority.

After the seminar papers have been corrected, the chair's team remains at disposition for individual feedback meetings.

Zurich, 25 July 2025