

## Regulations Regarding Master's Thesis

1. According to the subject-specific regulations (Fächerspezifische Bestimmungen) of the MA Sociology a master's thesis of about 70 pages has to be written to complete the studies. The international students who aim to acquire certificate of the international track have to submit the thesis in English. In addition, students must participate in a master's colloquium and present their work in progress. The master's thesis must be registered in the examination office and submitted within 6 months. A prolongation of 6 months at most can be granted upon application.
2. The student may propose the topic and the title to the main supervisor who has to confirm it. The student may also propose the second supervisor.
3. The supervisors must be professors or lecturers, the first or main supervisor must be a professor or lecturer of the Faculty of Sociology, the second supervisor can be a professor or lecturer of the Faculty of Sociology or of any other faculty of the University of Bielefeld. One of the supervisors must be a professor or have the qualification as a professor (Privatdozent). It is not possible to choose two supervisors belonging to the same chair/working group.
4. The thesis has to be delivered in triplicate at the examinations office at the due date the latest. It has to include a confirmation that the thesis has been written autonomously and all sources used have been indicated.
5. The grading is done by the supervisors according to the German grading system (see MPO), the average of both grades will be the final grade. If the grades differ by more than 2.0, a third supervisor will be appointed by the Dean. The two best grades will lead to the final grade. Both grades must be at least 4.0 (sufficient).
6. The title of the thesis will be mentioned in the transcript of records.

[According to the "Informationen zur Masterarbeit" approved and published by the commission on studies (Lehrkommission) on 27 April 2016.]

**For further information please see examination rules of master studies, the subject-specific regulations and the handbook of modules of the MA Sociology.**