

Master's thesis plan as attachment to the application for the extension to the right to study

If your graduation plan for the extension application includes a master's thesis scheduled for the next semester, a master's thesis plan must be attached. The master's thesis plan includes a research plan and a schedule plan for the master's thesis. Formulate the master's thesis plan according to the below instructions.

Research plan

The research plan must include the following things:

- Problem setting: a definition of the research problem and the research questions (0,5 pages)
- Scope of the study: how are you going to solve the problem, what will be your methodology (0,5 pages)
- Description of the state-of-the-art - how has the problem been approached so far (by others) (~2-3 pages of text in theoretical part of your work)
- Literature survey - a preliminary list of references (5-10 relevant references you will use in your work)
- Preliminary outline (table of contents) of the MSc thesis
- Bullet list of the most important things you will explain in each chapter

In case your supervisor provides you with research plan instructions different from the above, act according to the instructions of your supervisor and attach in your application the research plan completed according to those instructions.

If you will use the Aalto Latex-template in your work, you can write the research plan directly on the template.

Schedule plan

The schedule plan must include the milestones of your master's thesis scheduled for the coming semester as well as the schedule for submitting the completed work.

- The schedule must indicate the progress of your work as concrete milestones, eg. which chapters or phases you will work on in each month or week.
- Name the milestones in such manner that it is evident which concrete phases of your work they concern (eg. reviewing source material, writing the theory part, measurements, simulations etc.)
- In the schedule, include the planned meetings with your supervisor and advisor. We recommend having meetings or placing requests for feedback at least once a month.
- In the schedule, include the submission deadlines for the draft versions as agreed with your supervisor.
- The schedule must include the final deadline for the thesis, ie. the submission deadline where you aim at.
- Also schedule the seminar presentation and the maturity essay. Times for these are agreed with the supervisor.
- You can include the schedule plan in the same document with the research plan.

Application for the thesis topic

As a part of your extension application, you must also submit the application for the confirmation of your thesis topic in the eAge system. In many cases the supervisors require a research plan before giving permission for the topic application. Please consider this when preparing your extension application.