



Master's Thesis/Dissertation Examiner Report

Thank you for agreeing to examine the attached Master's thesis/dissertation. Please use this form to report your recommendation and return it as an email attachment to the Department 'National and Regional Security'. This form will be released to the candidate and supervisors at the completion of the examination process. Additional guidelines are attached.

A Master's thesis student at the University of National and World Economy is expected to demonstrate critical insight and a capacity to carry out independent research/scholarship in his/her chosen discipline. We would expect a thesis to include a critical appraisal of the literature, excellence of presentation, appropriate analyses, and good integration of the candidate's work with prior work in the relevant discipline.

The thesis/dissertation should:

- contain a critical review of the relevant literature on the subject, demonstrating an understanding of the theoretical underpinning and context of the research;
- set out clearly the aims and the objectives of the research;
- use appropriate methods, described in sufficient detail, to meet the standards of the discipline;
- use suitable techniques to evaluate the results, presented in a clear manner and consistent with the standards of the discipline;
- contain discussion that integrates the present results into previous work and might identifies further research needs;
- contain clear, precise, comprehensive and well-justified conclusions;
- be free of typographical, spelling and grammatical errors and should reference work by previous researchers appropriately;
- be devoid of plagiarism.

Examiners are asked to evaluate the thesis/dissertation as a whole, rather than giving specific weighting to different aspects of the thesis. Although all the aspects of the thesis described above are important, the relative weighting of each aspect may vary by thesis/dissertation size and research discipline. The content, presentation and structure may also vary by discipline or approach. Written presentation is of secondary importance, although poor presentation may result in a lower grade.

Having assessed a thesis, the examiner is asked to allocate grade in accordance with the criteria in Table 1.

Examiners shall not require nor allow, substantive revision or correction of the thesis, and must recommend a grade for the thesis as submitted. Examiners may, however, recommend that, as a condition of the award of the degree, minor editorial corrections or amendments (e.g. correction of typographical errors) be made to the thesis.

The result of the examination is final, unless the candidate can demonstrate the examination process has been affected by procedural errors or inappropriate practice. A student who believes that there has been such a violation can make an informal academic appeal to the Dean of Faculty. If the student is not satisfied with the response from the Dean, he or she can formally appeal to the University Rector.

TABLE 1 - MASTER'S THESIS EVALUATION

Student's name:

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Thesis title:

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Thesis supervisor(s):

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Narrative evaluation of the thesis

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Recommendations and questions:

Numerical assessment of the thesis:

/The theses are evaluated according to the following scale: 6 (excellent) - 5 (very good) - 4 (good) - 3 (satisfactory) - 2 (fail)/

Criteria	Grade
Logic and clarity of the thesis:	
Connection to theoretical and conceptual background:	
Understanding of the literature:	
Understanding of the method and/or experiments:	
Interpretation of results and conclusions:	
Student's independence and initiative:	
Final quality of the thesis and language usage:	
Examiner's recommended weighted average grade:	

Date:

Examiner's name:

Examiner's signature: