

Formal requirements for final theses in Sociology

Bachelor thesis for Sociology majors / Bachelor Abschlussarbeit Hauptfach Soziologie

Page limit: 60,000-70,000 signs (incl. spaces), max. 30 pages incl. references but excl. tables and figures

For theses written in English, the page requirement can be reduced to 22-25 pages incl. references but excl. tables and figures

Format: Times New Roman, font size 12pt, line spacing 1.5

Margins: top: 3 cm/ bottom: 3 cm/ left: 3cm / right: 2.5 cm

References and citations: APA-Style (American Psychological Association, 6th edition)

Start date: needs to be agreed with Professor Schober and official registration at the examination office required (Prüfungsamt, Herr Löser)

Deadline: 6 weeks after registration

Submission: please submit 1 printed and stapled version to the examination office and email 1 electronic copy as a pdf-file to Professor Schober (pia.schober@uni-tuebingen.de)

Declaration of originality/ Eigenständigkeitserklärung: please fill in and sign a form to confirm that the thesis is your own work and include proper acknowledgements of other people's work. The form should be attached to your thesis upon submission.

Grading period for the examiner: 4 weeks

Final paper for Bachelor Sociology minors / Freie wissenschaftliche Hausarbeit Nebenfach Soziologie

Page limit: 20 pages +/-10% incl. references but excl. tables and figures

For papers written in English, the page requirement can be reduced to 15 pages +/-10% incl. references but excl. tables and figures

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Master thesis for Sociology / Master Abschlussarbeit Soziologie

Page limit: 120,000-150,000 signs (incl. spaces), max. 60 pages incl. references but excl. tables and figures

For theses written in English, the page requirement can be reduced to 45-50 pages incl. references but excl. tables and figures

Format: Times New Roman, font size 12pt, line spacing 1.5

Margins: top: 3 cm/ bottom: 3 cm/ left: 3cm / right: 2.5 cm

References and citations: APA-Style (American Psychological Association, 6th edition)

Start date: needs to be agreed with Professor Schober and official registration at the examination office required (Prüfungsamt, Herr Löser)

Deadline: 4 months after registration

Submission: please submit 2 printed and stapled versions and 1 digital version (on CD or USB-Stick) to the examination office and email 1 electronic copy as a pdf-file to Professor Schober (pia.schober@uni-tuebingen.de) and to the second examiner of your thesis

Declaration of originality/ Eigenständigkeitserklärung: please fill in and sign a form to confirm that the thesis is your own work and include proper acknowledgements of other people's work. The form should be attached to your thesis upon submission.

Grading period for the examiner: 4 weeks

Oral master examination for the Master in Sociology

The module handbook stipulates that after completing the master thesis students also need to pass an oral examination which count towards the MA-colloquium. The examination may take up to one hour and consists of a technical discussion on two topics, which extend beyond the topic of the Master thesis (see also module M6 in the module handbook). The student and the examiner(s) agree on the two topics beforehand. The oral examination can be either done by one examiner and one observer or by two examiners. In the first case, the examiner will be in charge of asking questions and discussing both topics and the observer will take the minutes. In the second case, the two examiners are each responsible for asking questions on one topic.

Oral master thesis examination for the Master of Public Policy and Social Change

The module handbook stipulates that after completing the master thesis students also need to defend the thesis in an oral examination. The examination consists of a critical discussion of the Master thesis.