

Endringsforslag for emnebeskrivelser HGO4090 og HGO4080, sak 3 (63/2019)
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HGO4090 – Master's thesis 60 credits

Course content

~~The master thesis constitutes independent academic research and the core of the master's degree programme in Human Geography. The independent academic piece of work is the core of the master's degree programme. All students are required to must~~ have a member of the academic staff as ~~their~~ supervisor. ~~Any~~Alternatively, an external co-supervisor or main supervisor must be approved by the ~~department~~programme.

[Getting started on a master's thesis](#)

Feltkode endret

Teaching

~~During the first year of the programme, three workshops will be organized to assist students in developing their master thesis projects. Attendance to the workshops is voluntary, but students are strongly encouraged to participate.~~

~~Students You~~ will receive individual supervision ~~by a member of the academic staff, the supervisor.~~ - ~~A~~Supervisors will be ~~assigned~~suggested for all students in the first semester of the master's degree programme.

[Supervisor contract](#)

Examination

~~The master's thesis must have a maximum of 48 000 words all inclusive (summary, table of contents, bibliography etc.). The length of a 60-credit master's thesis is maximum 40 000 words +/- 25% including everything (cover page, summary, table of contents, preface, reference list, annexes, figures, acronyms, etc.).~~ These that exceed this limit will be rejected, and a new submission deadline will apply. If there is a need to deviate from the word limit, the student must, together with his/her supervisor, apply to the head of studies three weeks before the submission deadline. The application must be academically justified.

Once the thesis has been graded, an adjusting oral examination will be held on the thesis and its topic.

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HGO4080 – Master's thesis 30 credits

Course content

A master's thesis of 30 credits is an option for students who wish to carry out an independent academic work of minor scope than a 60 credit master's thesis.

Students are required to have a member of the academic staff as their supervisor. Any external co- or main supervisor must be approved by the [department/programme](#).

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Teaching

During the first year of the programme, three workshops will be organized to assist students in developing their master thesis projects. Attendance to the workshops is voluntary, but students are strongly encouraged to participate.

Students will receive individual supervision by a member of the academic staff, the supervisor. A sSupervisor will be proposed-suggested for all students in the first semester of the master's degree programme.

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Formatert: Ingen, Mellomrom Før: 0 pkt., Etter: 0 pkt., Linjeavstand: Enkel

Examination

The length of a 30-credit master's thesis should is maximum 24,000 +/- 25% including everything (cover page, summary, table of contents, preface, reference list, annexes, figures, acronyms, etc.). The thesis should be a total of between 20,000 and 25,000 words (inclusive of summary, table of contents, reference list, etc.).

Theses that deviate from the specified maximum word limit will be rejected. The next deadline for submission will then apply. If there is a need to deviate from the specified word limit, the student is required, in consultation with her supervisor, to apply to the head of studies three weeks before the submission deadline. The application must be academically reasoned.

Following the assessment of the thesis, there will be an oral examination of the thesis and its theme that adjusts and finalizes the grade.

A high academic level is required of all master's theses in human geography, both those of 30 and 60 credits. "Minor scope" refers to how comprehensive the academic work required for the individual research project is. Independent research of a minor scope involves:

- More limited research questions and/or narrowly defined research topic.
- More focused and selective review of relevant literature and analytical framework.
- More reliance on secondary sources.
- More limited fieldwork and/or primary data collection.

«Minor scope» is used here in relation to how extensive the work is academically, not its quality. Narrower issues, limited data collection, use of secondary sources and more focused analytical frameworks are considered to be of less scope than is expected for a 60 credit master theses.

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