

Endringsforslag for emnebeskrivelser HGO4090 og HGO4080, sak 3 (63/2019) Godkjenning av emnebeskrivelser våren 2020

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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. 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 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. Supervisors will be suggested for all students in the first semester of the master's degree programme.

[Supervisor contract](#)

Examination

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.). Theses 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 a lesser 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 programme.

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Teaching

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

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Examination

The length of a 30-credit master's thesis should be maximum 24,000 +/- 25% including everything (cover page, summary, table of contents, preface, reference list, annexes, figures, acronyms, 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. Lesser 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.

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