

FAQ regarding the format for Master's Theses

Q: What needs to be on the cover and does the University logo have to be incorporated?

A: There is a sample cover on the next page. Some Master's theses have a picture on the title page. A certain degree of creative freedom is possible.

Q: Must the document be printed one-sided using purely white paper or may recycled (and therefore slightly discolored) paper be used for environmental purposes?

A: It is absolutely permitted to use recycled paper; however, the paper should not be so thin as to jeopardize its readability .

Q: Since the Master's thesis must be bound are there specifications as to how the binding must be carried out?

A: Spiral binding is preferred over glued, furthermore more robust and durable.

Q: According to the definition of plagiarism even paraphrasing is plagiarism and thus is not permitted.

A: Correct. Paraphrased statements always require a reference as well.

Q: Must a summary be submitted?

A: Absolutely. Form and content must be discussed with the respective Master coordinator.

Q: There were both Master's theses in our group with and without a Statement of Authorship regarding plagiarism and a declaration of independent work. Is a Statement of Authorship obligatory?

A: A Statement of Authorship was not yet required for earlier Master's theses. Below is a sample Statement of Authorship which should be inserted at the end of the Master's thesis.

Statement of Authorship:

I declare that I have used no other sources and aids other than those indicated. All passages quoted from publications or paraphrased from these sources are indicated as such, i.e. cited and/or attributed. This thesis was not submitted in any form for another degree or diploma at any university or other institution of tertiary education.

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