

Master of Statistics Master in de Statistiek Thesis information session



Master thesis (24 ECTS)

1. Determination of the subject

- List of topics will be made available (April of the 1st phase) on website (Student Information page <http://lstat.kuleuven.be/masterBologna/studentinformationpage.htm>)
- Students have two weeks to choose at least 2 and at most 3 topics from the list (or they have agreement concerning an own topic).
- If they want, students can contact supervisors individually with regard to the topics they are interested in.

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Selection thesis topic

At least a first and second choice should be indicated. Third choice is optional.

Name:

First choice

Promoter:

title

Second choice:

Promoter:

title

- **Own topic**

- ✓ Student write at least 1 A4 document with a proposal on a topic of own interest.
- ✓ They contact a professor who works in that field of interest.
- ✓ If the professor agrees to guide you on that topic, then you have your thesis topic.
- ✓ Specify this own topic on the 'selection thesis topic' document. Put in attach the A4 document with your proposal.

2. Allocation of topics to students 1st round(May) /2nd round

A subcommittee of the Programme Steering Committee assigns a topic to each student to the extent possible. (taking into account: preferences of the students, background, study progress). There is a mail to all students about the assignment of thesis topics.

- Some students will have to make a new choice in the 2nd round. (based on the list of still available thesis topics or you can propose a topic of your own).
- Students with a global January percentage below 40%, no thesis topic is assigned to you. You'll receive the advise to concentrate on courses. In case you obtain at least 48 ECTS in September, you can make a choice of thesis topics at that time.

3. Contact promotor (early July)

- After the exams, take contact with your promotor.
- read carefully all the instructions about the thesis on <http://lstat.kuleuven.be/masterBologna/studentinformationpage.htm>

4. Phase 2 (September – December)

1. Add thesis to your ISP (next to other courses) (when you've obtained at least 48 ECTS in September).

2. Written summary (before December 1st)

Before December 1st, the student has to deliver at Lstat a short summary (max. 5 pages) of the literature study and the forthcoming steps in his/her thesis work. This document has to be discussed and signed by the promoter before delivery. This is step 1 of the Thesis Progress Form.

Use Thesis progress form available on website.

Thesis progress form

Academic Year;

Name:

Thesis title:

Promoter:

Co-promoter:

Steps	Content	Deadline	Signature promoter
Step 1	Written summary of literature study	Before December 1	
Step 2	15 ' presentation	Mid March	
Step 3	Agreement to submit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ June 1 (June defense)✓ August 15 (September defense)✓ January 10th (January defense)	

5.) Intermediate presentation (mid March)

- Presentation of 15 min. (summary of their work and an overview of what still needs to be done.)
- This is step 2 of the Thesis Progress Form.
- Promoter and jury members can formulate questions and suggestions for another 15 minutes.
- At that time, the jury will also decide whether the thesis can be defended in June or whether it has to be delayed to September.
- The jury will consist of at least 3 people of which the supervisor is one.

6. Submit your thesis (June 1st) + final defense

- The final thesis presentation is scheduled for June or September.
- Before submission of the thesis, the signature of the supervisor is required on the Thesis Progress Form (step 3). This form has to be handed in at the LStat secretariat together with the thesis.
- The student should hand in 3 printed copies to the LStat secretariat, with one additional copy per co-promoter. LStat will forward these copies to all members of the jury.
- The student should upload the thesis in KU Locket. There is automatic detection on plagiarism with Turnitin.
- Each defense consists of a 12 minute presentation (at most) by the student of his/her work (oral, preferably with the help of slides), followed by about 18 minutes in which the jury may ask questions.

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Procedure:

1. List of topics will be available (April of the 1st phase)
2. Indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice or propose your own topic
3. Topics will be allocated to students (May- June)
4. Contact promotor
5. Written summary (before December 1st)
6. Intermediate presentation (mid March)
7. Submit thesis (June 1st)
8. Defense of thesis (end of June)
9. Evaluation criteria
(<https://wet.kuleuven.be/studenten/mastersthesis/evaluation>)

Thesis progress form etc. available on website.

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Please read the instructions carefully!

Students are obliged to stick to the deadlines!

No reminders will be sent!

Only under special circumstances, deadlines will be waived!!

Thesis presentation

- Regular students: June session or September session
- There is a session in January but..

students can only present their thesis in January if they do NOT have to take any other exams in January/June

Plagiarism

- Plagiarism is any identical or lightly-altered use of one's own or someone else's work (ideas, texts, structures, images, plans, etc.) without adequate reference to the source.

<http://www.kuleuven.be/plagiarism/avoidance.html>

- KU Leuven has a tool for plagiarism detection
 - Turnitin
- Learn to provide appropriate citation!

Plagiarism appears in different forms

- The literal or near-literal use of someone else's text(s) (or parts of these) irrespective of the source (including digital sources, whether or not through the internet) without indicating a citation (for example, through quotation marks) and / or without adequate reference to the source
- Copying images, diagrams, graphics, figures, sound or image fragments, etc., without adequate reference to the source
- Paraphrasing someone else's arguments without adequate reference to the source
- Translating texts without adequate reference to the source

Plagiarism

- Plagiarism damages the quality of a paper and thus can be interpreted as fraud. Other forms of fraud lean towards plagiarism and are just as intolerable, such as:
 - Commissioning or having papers revised (whether or not for pay), and passing this off as one's own work
 - The re-use of one's own work and passing it off as a new paper
 - Simulating or falsifying research data



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