

Hi Riccardo,

My name is Helena and I am a Master's student in Software Engineering, on the data science profile track.

You advised us early on to choose one profile and stick to it since it's better to be very competent at one thing than being alright at a lot of different things. This advice is great in my opinion and therefore I would like to further specialize myself in data science. However, I've been having trouble getting into data science courses on the second year since many departments have a lot of students applying to those courses.

Because of the position I am in, I believe my best shot at gaining more knowledge and skills in my field is to do so through the master thesis itself. I would therefore like to get permission for doing a 60hp master thesis. I have already come up with a suitable project which is theoretically strong and has excellent data provided by a large company. I have also got in touch with a professor, Morteza Chehreghani, who has PhD students working on closely related topics and is excited to work with me on this project and help me get a publication from it.

I attached our current draft of the proposal as well as my Ladok transcripts and hereby ask for an exemption to do a 60hp thesis. I also put Birgit Grohe in cc, she already went through my credits and grades and believes I fulfil all requirements for being granted this exemption.

Best regards,

Helena Ólafsdóttir