# Final Activity Form

This form has to be completed by each student and forwarded back to the Master Council. It carries the proposal regarding the students’ final activities during the last three months of the Master’s programme (August 1st to October 31st). The Council of the Master may approve it or not but may also suggest changes. The possible activities are:

1. Internship+ mini-dissertation/paper
2. Academic dissertation
3. Field research
4. or a combination of them.

The project proposal must clearly indicate the topics covered, the working hypothesis, an indication of the methodology to be used and the expected results of the research/activity.

The activity chosen must be interdisciplinary and include in the main research the analytical tools learnt during the modules of the Master. The methodology followed must be scientific, with a strong bibliography as base of the dissertation/mini-dissertation and an evidence based argumentation. Annex 1 to the present document offers a list of possible research topics provided by the Council of the Master. However, students are free to propose a different topic related to the master’s contents. In both cases, the Council of the Master will evaluate each individual proposal. This form, duly completed is to submit back at the latest by May **31st ,** **2020.**  The Council of the Master will provide comments, suggested changes and approval by mid-June. Students may suggest a Tutor/ Supervisor, among the Member of the Master Council and the Modules Coordinators. Students may also suggest a second tutor (the co-tutor) among the lecturers met at the occasions of their lesson at the Master or among relevant personalities from outside the Master. The Master Council take final decision regarding students’ supervisors according to the requirements.

In any case students are strongly invited to discuss their proposal with suggested supervisors and members of the Council of the Master before submitting the present form. This will greatly facilitate and accelerate the approval process by the Master Council.

**Students are requested to meet and/or contact regularly their tutors**. There should be at least 4 contacts/meetings: 1) before the end of May to select the research topic; 2) before the end of June to define objectives and [field] work organisation; 3) before end of July to discuss the methodology; 4) before the submission of the final draft (due on October 15th) to discuss the final version of the report. Although such contacts may take the form of one to one meetings, students are invited to follow up on such meetings with written confirmation so that the minimum contact with the supervisors can be proven.

The present form duly completed must be returned by email not later than **May 31st** to: [humandev@uniroma3.it](mailto:humandev@uniroma3.it).

Dates of the Final Exams: **Mid**-**November 2021(TBC basing the availability and on the number of students that will be admitted to the first session).**

Submission of the Draft: **October 15th 2021**

Submission of the Final version: **October 31st 2021**

As the Final Exam will take place in mid-November 2021, the submission of the final draft by October 15th and of the final version by the end of October **are mandatory for all students.**

The Council of the Master, in case of unsatisfactory, incomplete or late final drafts, may upon proposal of the supervisor/tutor and the co-tutor, decide that the student is not authorized to present at the November session and will have to discuss the final exam during the second session in March. **In this case the student will not be granted any possibility to obtain a distinction or a special recognition for the work done.**

Exceptionally, in case of "force majeure" or due to constraints linked to a field survey or to the outstanding complexity of the research, the Council of the Master may agree that a student will present directly during the March session as the first session. **In such case the student can be awarder with a distinction but there will be no possibility for a second session in case of missing deadlines.**

In any case, students can defend their research during the March session of examination only upon specific decision taken by the Council of the Master.

**The Dignity of publication will be reserved to exceptional dissertations/mini-dissertations/ field research.**

**The Laude on the overall program will be conferred to students whom score a final average of at least 28/30 and whom will have presented an equally valuable final activity.**

## Internship + mini- dissertation/ paper

The stage/internship is a temporary work in an organisation in order to receive supervised training and to gain work experience. The activities carried out during the stage/internship must be strictly related to the master contents.

The minimum length of the internship is 500 hours, equivalent to 3 months of full time work. Students can ask to the Council of the Master to start their internship before the end of the master lectures. However, this early start should not prevent students from attending the lectures. The stage/internship minimum length must be completed no later than October31 [[1]](#footnote-1). The stage/internship can be carried out in any country. The stage/internship location and terms of reference must be discussed with at least one of the members of the Council of the Master. The Master Council will evaluate student’s proposal in order to suggest the necessary changes and provide final agreement.

At the end of the stage/internship, each student must deliver to the Master Steering Committee by October 31 the following documents:

* An official certificate released by the hosting organization describing the activities carried out and the length of the internship;
* A scientific and critical paper of a minimum length of 8.000 to maximum 10.000 words on the subject on which the students has worked during the internship or related to it. The structure and contents of the paper should be discussed and agreed with the supervisor/tutor(s).

## Dissertation

The dissertation is a scientific essay on a subject strictly related to the master contents. The dissertation must have a minimum length of 8.000 and maximum 10.000 words, **including** the references, annexes, figures and tables. Each student must choose a tutor between the members of the Council of the Master in order to define subject and contents. Students are free to choose a second tutor from outside the Council of the Master, among the master lecturers or other experts and professors. Annex 1 to this document presents a list of proposed research topics provided by the Council of the Master. However, students are free to propose a different topic related to the master’s contents. In both cases, the Council of the Master will evaluate proposals in order to suggest the necessary changes and give the final approval.

The dissertation proposal must include a clear objective (the working hypotheses), a brief reference to the relevant international literature and the expected results.

## Field research

The “field research” is a research project that: 1) is strictly related to the master contents; 2) is carried out by a group of students or a single student; 3) includes a fieldwork; 4) is implemented in the three final months of the master’s programme. Each group of students or single student must choose a tutor between the members of the Council of the Master. The fieldwork can be organised with the support of and/or in collaboration with an organisation. In case of a single student, the results of the project must be presented in a “research report” that has a minimum length of 8,000 words and a maximum of 10.000 words, **including** the references, annexes, figures and tables. **If the project is carried out by a group of students, the minimum length of the report must be agreed with the tutor(s).**

**Internship + mini-dissertation / paper proposal**

Surname and name:

Hosting organization:

Stage/Internship location:

Estimated start date:

Estimated end date:

Please describe the terms of reference (min. 500 words):

**Dissertation proposal**

**Tutor** (Member of the Master Steering committee): Prof. Nora Mckeon **Second Tutor:** Marinella Cirillo, FAO

**Research topic**: Issues on Food insecurity

**Title**: A research proposal on the prevalence of food insecurity using the FIES data: An Evidence from Ethiopia

**Please describe your research (min. 500 words):**

Dear the Master Committee,

My research proposal starts from the next page.

Best

Elsa Abebe Sima

**Field Research proposal**

Tutor (Member of the Master Steering committee):

Second Tutor:

Research topic:

Title:

Place:

Supporting organisation:

Please describe your project (min. 500 words):

1. . However, the activities of the students within the host organizations can continue even after this date. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)