Summary

A Master’s thesis summary should start with a brief introduction to frame *the research problem* or to highlight the relevance of the research question. Depending on the topic, an illustrative example can be included in the introduction. The introduction should be a separate paragraph from the rest of the text.

Next, the *research* itself is described. This should be the main part of the summary. Describe the issue dealt with in the Master’s thesis, the specific *research question* and the *method* used. It may be useful to briefly summarize the different chapters in separate paragraphs. Depending on the type of research, it may also be possible to write a summary which is not based on the division into chapters. Try to write in an argumentative rather than an enumerative style. Describe the content of the Master’s thesis accurately, concisely and completely, without going into detail. Do not include effect sizes or references (except if the reference is the basis of your Master’s thesis). In the summary, use a 11 point font and 1.5 line spacing. The summary covers one page with maximum 3500 characters. The summary should be on a right-hand page of the Master’s thesis, leaving the opposite page blank. The summary should enable readers gain an understanding of the research. The text should be written in academic style, but it should be clear to readers unfamiliar with the research. As far as formatting is concerned, use only italics to emphasize words, and do not use boldface or underlining.

In a final paragraph, the main *conclusions* are reported. *Brief recommendations or reflection* can also be included.