

## Master's Thesis – Roskilde University

Title	Master's Thesis – Roskilde University
Semester	F2023
Master programme in	Nordic Urban Planning Studies
Type of activity	Master Thesis
Teaching language	English
Study regulation	Read about the Master Programme and find the Study Regulations at <a href="https://ruc.dk">ruc.dk</a>

### REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

Registration	Registration is happening through <a href="#">STADS Online Student Service</a> within the announced registration period, as you can see on the <a href="#">Study administration homepage</a> .
Number of participants	
ECTS	30
Responsible for the activity	David Pinder ( <a href="mailto:dpinder@ruc.dk">dpinder@ruc.dk</a> )
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Teachers	
Study administration	IMT Registration & Exams ( <a href="mailto:imt-exams@ruc.dk">imt-exams@ruc.dk</a> )
Exam code(s)	U60338

### ACADEMIC CONTENT

Overall objective	Through the thesis, students should independently plan and perform an interdisciplinary analysis of project-oriented problem areas within the subject area of NUPS. This should draw on and contribute to relevant current international research in urban planning and urban studies and be based on appropriate qualitative and/or quantitative methods. Emphasis is also placed on effectively communicating findings and arguments as well as the implications of the study.
Detailed description of content	Through the thesis, students should independently plan and perform an interdisciplinary analysis of project-oriented problem areas within the subject area of NUPS. This should draw on and contribute to relevant current international research in urban planning and urban studies and

	be based on appropriate qualitative and/or quantitative methods. Emphasis is also placed on effectively communicating findings and arguments as well as the implications of the study.
Course material and Reading list	Readings should be identified and addressed according to the subject matter of the thesis.
Overall plan and expected work effort	<p>The thesis is mostly the product of independent research conducted either individually or in a small group of up to 3 students. Each thesis student or group can expect up to 5 supervisory meetings of 60 minutes in addition to group based workshops.</p> <p>The proposed study intensity for a student in this activity: 810 hours</p> <p>The proposed distribution of hours on teaching and learning activities Individual or group-based independent research (770 hours); supervisory meetings including preparation and debriefing plus workshops (14 hours); mid-term evaluation including preparation (20 hours); exam including preparation (6 hours)</p> <p>Teaching and learning activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis proposal (preparation meeting and group workshop held the semester before)</li> <li>• Independent research</li> <li>• Supervisions</li> <li>• Workshops on aspects of thesis planning and writing</li> <li>• Mid-term evaluation and peer feedback</li> </ul>
Format	Supervision meetings take place on campus or via means agreed with supervisor (for example, if research location requires online supervision).
Evaluation and feedback	Evaluation is via an anonymous online survey. The thesis process will also be reviewed at the NUPS Education Committee.
Programme	Dates to be added.

## ASSESSMENT

Overall learning outcomes	<p>By the end of the thesis, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate research-based knowledge of selected subject areas and understand how the thesis fits into its wider academic and planning contexts</li> <li>• Use appropriate urban planning theories and methods while working with a defined and relevant research question</li> <li>• Identify relevant research questions and analyse, discuss, argue, reflect and evaluate on a social scientific basis</li> <li>• Critically choose, work with and reflect on relevant sources, literature, theory and methods</li> <li>• Write effectively in accordance with academic standards and for an academic target group</li> <li>• Independently initiate, manage and conduct an extended academic study and writing process</li> <li>• Identify and take responsibility for one's own professional and written language development and specialisation.</li> </ul>
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Form of examination	<p>Master thesis exam based on the written product and the oral exam</p> <p>The master thesis can be written individually or in a group. Permitted group size: 2-3 students.</p> <p>The oral exam is individual for students that have written the thesis alone or students that have requested an individual exam. All other oral master thesis exams are conducted as group exams.</p> <p>The assessment is individual and based on the student's individual performance. The assessment is an assessment of the master thesis and the oral performance.</p> <p>The character limits of the master thesis are: For 1 student: 86,400-132,000 characters, including spaces. For 2 students: 115,200-163,200 characters, including spaces. For 3 students: 120,000-168,000 characters, including spaces.</p> <p>The character limits include the cover, table of contents, summary, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.</p> <p>The master thesis must include a summary. The summary can either be written in English or Danish. The summary is included in the overall assessment.</p> <p>Time allowed for exam including time used for assessment for: 1 student: 30 minutes. 2 students: 60 minutes. 3 students: 75 minutes.</p> <p>Writing and spelling skills in the thesis are part of the assessment.</p> <p>Permitted support and preparation materials at the oral exam: All.</p> <p>Assessment: 7-point grading scale Moderation: External examiner</p>
Form of Re-examination	Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam
Type of examination in special cases	
Examination and assessment criteria	<p>Students should start the oral exam by briefly presenting the project (max 5 minutes each). The exam is then a dialogue with the examiners, who may ask about any aspects of the project and its relations with the master's programme. Assessment criteria Assessment consists of a joint assessment of the written project and the oral exam. Written project – emphasis is put on abilities to: • Identify relevant research questions and show understanding of how these relate to wider current academic and planning contexts and concerns • Demonstrate research-based knowledge appropriate to the project, and reflect critically on the significance of the project for planning studies and practice • Outline and evaluate critically relevant theories, methods and sources • Conduct and present an independent analysis of a relevant planning problem or case, drawing on appropriately defined research materials, and developing coherent arguments on their basis • Communicate findings and arguments clearly and effectively, in ways and language appropriate to the aims of the thesis. Oral exam – emphasis is put on abilities to: • Reflect critically on the design and approach of the study, including on its</p>

strengths and weaknesses, and on how the latter could be addressed •  
Discuss and evaluate critically the study's findings, arguments and  
implications in relation to current debates and concerns in planning  
studies and practice.

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Course days:

Hold: 1

## Master Thesis - Workshop (NUPS)

time	19-01-2023 13:15 til 19-01-2023 17:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
Location (when shared activity)	02.1-031 - geofagsal 02 (60)
Teacher (when Shared Activity)	David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

## Master Thesis - Workshop (NUPS)

time	08-02-2023 13:15 til 08-02-2023 17:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
Location (when shared activity)	02.1-095 - kort og sten-salen (60)
Teacher	David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

## Master Thesis - Workshop (NUPS)

time	02-03-2023 08:15 til 02-03-2023 12:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
location	07.1-021 - undervisningslokale (30)

Teacher David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

## Master Thesis - Midterm (NUPS)

time 24-04-2023 08:15 til  
24-04-2023 18:00

Teacher David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

## Master Thesis - Midterm (NUPS)

time 25-04-2023 08:15 til  
25-04-2023 18:00

Teacher David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

## Master Thesis Hand-In (NUPS)

time 01-06-2023 10:00 til  
01-06-2023 10:00

forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt

forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt