

Master Thesis

Title	Master Thesis
Semester	F2025
Master programme in	International Politics and Governance
Type of activity	Master Thesis
Teaching language	English
Study regulation	

REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

Registration is through [stads selvbetjening](#) within the announced registration period, as you can see on the [Studyadministration homepage](#).

Registration

When registering for study activities, please be aware of the potential conflicts between study activities or exam dates. The planning of activities at Roskilde University is based on the recommended study programs which do not overlap. However, if you choose optional courses and/or study plans that goes beyond the recommended study programs, an overlap of lectures or exam dates may occur depending on which courses you choose.

Registration for projects: Please remember to confirm your registration by signing up for exam as a group when the group formation is final. The registration is through [stads selvbetjening](#)

Number of participants	
ECTS	30
Responsible for the activity	Laust Schouenborg (lausts@ruc.dk)
Head of study	Laust Schouenborg (lausts@ruc.dk)
Teachers	
Study administration	ISE Registration & Exams (ise-exams@ruc.dk)
Exam code(s)	U60146

ACADEMIC CONTENT

Overall objective The thesis is written on the basis of politics and international administration. The master's thesis is written in the programme's teaching and examination language. The Head of Studies must approve the master's thesis outline

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Guidance on the use of quantitative methods in projects and theses

Detailed description of content If you and your group find quantitative analyses relevant to answer your research question, and your supervisor cannot help, here is an offer of assistance. We offer a workshop where a group of researchers will talk about how to use quantitative data in projects and theses. We will present an overview of publicly available data sets, as well as the possibilities, if you wish to collect your own data. We expect you to have taken a course in basic quantitative methods (BC 8 or equivalent).

The workshop is held on February 26, 2025, 12:15-02:00 pm, in theory room 20.1-009

After the workshop you/your group will have the opportunity to book an appointment with a skilled student, who will help with downloading and preparing data for analysis and interpretation. If you need extra guidance on any particular issue, you will be referred to a relevant researcher. To schedule an appointment, please contact: Cassie Skjærbæk, cassies@ruc.dk

Course material and Reading list Determined individually in collaboration between student and supervisor.

Overall plan and expected work effort ***** Workload **** The MA thesis accounts for 30 ECTS, which corresponds to 810 working hours and is distributed over the semester at approx. 40 hours a week. The tasks include preparation for and

participation in supervision meetings as well as independent work on the thesis and exam.

**** Activities ****

Students will learn to work independently on their MA thesis.

At regular meetings with their allocated supervisors, they will receive feedback on draft sections of the thesis.

At regular supervision meetings students will also be expected to engage critically and discuss the overall development of the thesis as well as, among other things, the merits and limitations of their choice and use of scholarly literature, theoretical framework, methodological approach, case study and empirical data and analysis."

Format

Evaluation and feedback If, this semester, the activity is a part of the study board's evaluation rotation (not all activities offered are evaluated - only the ones chosen by the study board), the students will be asked to evaluate mid-term and by the end of the activity according to the [evaluation practice of the study board](#).

Programme Will be made available on Moodle before semester start.

ASSESSMENT

Overall learning outcomes

- Research-based knowledge in selected subject areas and understanding of and reflection on how one's own thesis research fits into its academic context.
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- Proficiency in applying and mastering scientific theories and methods while working with a defined, professional and relevant research question.
- Proficiency in identifying scientific research questions.

- Proficiency in analysing, categorising, discussing, arguing, reflecting and evaluating on a scientific basis.
- Proficiency in critically addressing and choosing scientific sources, literature, theory and methods.
- Proficiency in discussing and participating in academic argumentation.
- Proficiency in writing in accordance with academic text norms and for the purpose of an academic target group.
- Competences to independently initiate, manage and conduct a lengthy academic research and writing process
- Competences in identifying and taking responsibility for one's own professional and written language development and specialisation.

Master thesis exam based on the written product and the oral exam.

The master thesis can be written individually or in a group. Permitted group size: 2-4 students.

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.

The assessment is individual and based on the student's individual performance.

Form of examination

The assessment is an assessment of the master thesis and the oral performance.

The character limits of the master thesis are:

For 1 student: 122,400-163,200 characters, including spaces.

For 2 students: 163,200-204,000 characters, including spaces.

For 3 students: 163,200-204,000 characters, including spaces.

For 4 students: 163,200-204,000 characters, including spaces.

The character limits include the cover, table of contents, summary, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.

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.

Time allowed for exam including time used for assessment for:

1 student: 30 minutes.

2 students: 60 minutes.

3 students: 75 minutes.

4 students: 90 minutes.

Writing and spelling skills in the thesis are part of the assessment.

Permitted support and preparation materials at the oral exam: All.

Assessment: 7-point grading scale.

Moderation: External examiner.

Form of Re-examination

Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam

Type of examination in special cases

"Knowledge and understanding of the academic genre and the academic audience to which the master thesis is addressed.

Examination and assessment criteria

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Course days:

Hold: 1

Thesis workshop (GDS, GS, IDS, IPAP, IPG)

time 11-02-2025 09:15 til
11-02-2025 16:00

location 09.2-009 - teorilokale (60)

Teacher Markus-Michael Müller (muellerm@ruc.dk)

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**Master Thesis in International Politics and Governance - Master Thesis
hand-in, exam**

time 02-06-2025 10:00 til
02-06-2025 10:00

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