

Information Sheet

Seminar Requirement According to Article 16, Article 23 (1) and Article 25 (1) lit. b (RSL RW of June 21, 2007 with amendments of May 14, 2009 and May 22, 2014)

The Regulations state:

Art. 16 Seminar Requirement

¹ During the main study period, a seminar requirement must be completed.

² The seminar requirement generally consists of an oral presentation and a written assignment. Generally, the seminar performance will be evaluated with a grade pursuant to Article 31 within six weeks.

Art. 23(1) Master's Thesis

¹ During the Master's degree program, a Master's thesis comprised of 20 ECTS credits must be completed at the Faculty. In agreement with the supervising lecturer, the Master's thesis can be completed in the form of a written assignment of 15 ECTS credits and an oral seminar presentation of 5 ECTS credits.

Art. 25(1)(b) Evaluation of Students' Work for Elective Courses

¹ Evaluation of students' work can be carried out in the following forms: [Version of May 22, 2014]

- a* ...
- b* as a seminar requirement with oral presentations and written assignments,
- c* ...
- d* ...

Seminar Requirement pursuant to Article 16

In particular, the following assessment criteria apply for the oral seminar requirement:

- Composition
- Didactics
- Content
- Supporting materials used

The subject of *the written work* is the academic analysis of a problem or a question. Generally, the main text of a seminar paper includes an introduction (introduction to the topic/problem and definition of the objectives), a main section (discussion of the question and processing of the problem), and a conclusion (taking up the objectives of the introduction, summarizing the central arguments, and concluding).

Regarding the scope, formatting, sub-headers, composition, and citation, the Guidelines of the Faculty of Law Concerning the Requirements for the Scope and Form of Problem Sets of August 16, 2012 apply.

In case there are deviating or additional requirements, they will be announced at the beginning of the seminar.

Evaluation

In evaluating the overall seminar performance, the oral seminar requirement generally accounts for at least 50 % of the grade.

If there are deviations from this principle, the lecturer will generally already announce them in the information sheet about the seminar, but at the latest at the introductory meeting.

Seminar Requirement pursuant to Article 23

The *oral seminar requirement*, done as an addition to the Master's thesis, generally lasts 20 minutes. The achieved grade for the oral presentation will be weighted as $\frac{1}{4}$ and the Master's thesis weighted as $\frac{3}{4}$, whereby the Master's thesis must achieve a passing grade. In particular, the following assessment criteria apply for the oral seminar requirement:

- Composition
- Didactics
- Content
- Supporting materials used

The supervising lecturer will consult with the student regarding the details of the oral performance.

Seminar Requirement pursuant to Article 25(1)(b)

The mandatory requirement(s) will be announced by the lecturer at the latest at the beginning of the seminar. This includes the number and length of the presentation(s) and the written work(s), as well as the weighting of the particular requirements for the final grade.

Regarding the formatting, sub-headers, composition, and citation of the *written work(s)*, the Guidelines of the Faculty of Law Concerning the Requirements for the Scope and Form of Problem Sets of August 16, 2012 apply.

In case there are deviating or additional requirements, they will be announced at the beginning of the seminar.

This information sheet enters into force beginning in Spring Semester 2022. It replaces the information sheet of January 8, 2009.

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