

Guidelines Concerning the Requirements for a Master's Thesis according to Art. 23 RSL RW of June 21, 2007 (current as of April 30, 2020)

The regulations state:

Art. 23 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.

² The object of the Master's thesis is an issue from a legal field.

³ The thesis must be submitted within fifteen weeks after the assignment of the topic. It is, in general, to be evaluated with a grade pursuant to Article 31 within two months.

⁴ The Master's thesis must earn at least a grade of 4.00. A Master's thesis that has been assessed as insufficient can be repeated once with a new topic. If the Master's thesis is repeated, it must be evaluated by two reviewers. [Version of May 22, 2014]

⁵ The Faculty issues guidelines on the requirements for the scope and form of the Master's thesis.

At its session of May 15, 2008, the Faculty of Law adopted the following guidelines for Art. 23 RSL RW:

1. Scope

- The Master's thesis is generally comprised of a total of 80,000 to 120,000 characters (including spaces and including the cover page, list of sources, footnotes, and the Declaration of Independent Work).

2. Formatting and Structure

- The thesis contains a cover page, table of contents, a list of sources (books, articles, legislative materials, and websites), a list of abbreviations, as well as the actual text and the Declaration of Independent Work according to Article 42(2) RSL RW. The Declaration of Independent Work must be dated and personally signed; in case of electronic submission, a scanned signature is sufficient.
- On the cover page, the following information must be noted: the title of the thesis, the supervising lecturer's name, as well as the name, address, telephone number, matriculation number, and e-mail address of the author.
- Text of the thesis with references in footnotes: Only sources used once are cited entirely; sources used more than once are cited in abbreviated form. These sources, which are used more than once, must be listed in the list of sources.
- Literal quotations must be marked with quotation marks or indented as a block quote. The source must always be indicated in a footnote. For more information on citation and other techniques and formalities of text formatting (including structure, headings, and paragraphs) see: PETER FORSTMOSER/REGINA OGOREK, *Juristisches Arbeiten, Eine Anleitung für Studierende*, 3. Aufl., Zürich 2002, 32–48, 315–346; 53–57.
- Three important examples of source citations:

