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Master's Project

1 Guidelines

1.1 Definition

The Master's Project Thesis (= "the Master's Project") is a large group project for 2 to 5 students. It is an intensive and demanding piece of work worth 15 ECTS credits. The Master's Project is supervised by an IfI professor (= "responsible person") and, if necessary, by other persons (= "supervisors").

The proof of achievement of the Master's Project usually consists of a presentation or demonstration of the solution and the mandatory final report. The responsible person may specify further requirements.

1.2 Time and duration

It is recommended to carry out the project during the summer break. You have a maximum of twelve months to work on the Master's Project (according to the dates defined in the registration form, see section 2.3 below). As a rule, i.e. during the lecture period, the processing time is six months (part-time), during the lecture-free period three months (full-time). The responsible person may require the passing of modules (esp. compulsory modules).

1.3 External/Interdisciplinary Master's Projects

The Master's Project must always be supervised by an IfI professor. Whether the work is co-supervised by an external person or completed at a company is the decision of the responsible person.

1.4 Type of work

The Master's Project is carried out with scientific methods and requires a mandatory final report, which should be a combination of essential technical results and scientific aspects. The work must be scientifically sound and the results must be reflected and classified in an appropriate form.

2 Procedure

2.1 Acquisition of a project

You can find project topics on the websites of the research groups, further Master's Projects are presented at the Master Project Market every semester. You have to search for group members for project work on your own.

2.2 Project description

The project description should consist of the following parts:
- Specification of the task
- Schedule with milestones and activities
- Presentation of the required and optional parts of the task
- Signatures of the responsible person and all participating students

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2.3 Registration

You and your group members discuss the topic with the responsible person or the supervisor and fill out the form "Registration for a Master's Project" together. This registration form must be sent from a UZH email account to studies@ifi.uzh.ch, either by the responsible person or by a group member (with the responsible person and the other group members in the CC). Note the "Agreement on the rights to written works and artifacts" on the registration form.

Your Master's Project is considered "officially registered" only once you receive the registration confirmation email from the Study Coordination.

2.4 Support

The supervisor is the point of contact during the preparation of the Master's Project for the discussion of the assignment, disposition, any difficulties and questions.

2.5 Submission

You complete the Master's Project according to the assignment and, if necessary, present or demonstrate the results. In any case, the group members must submit a jointly written final report (description of the project implementation) to the responsible person.

2.6 Evaluation and crediting

The responsible person evaluates the performance of each group member with a grade. The ECTS credits are recorded by the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics, and listed on the next transcript of records.

The Master's Project can be repeated once if it is not passed.