

How to finish the Master Programme EUS

Curriculum 2023

(for Curriculum 2018 see below)

Caution: There are extra guides for the slightly different processes for Double Degree students!

Note:

Finishing the study programme takes some effort and patience, as it involves bureaucracy and your supervisor will need time to review your thesis!

You need 2 “organisations” in the process: the SCEUS for the handing in of the thesis and managing recognitions and the Prüfungspass – and the examinations department (Prüfungsreferat) of the KW/GW Faculties for the formalities:

<https://www.plus.ac.at/gesellschaftswissenschaftliche-fakultaet/oeffnungszeiten-kontakt-standort/pruefungsreferat/?lang=en>

Make sure you are in time with everything – this means:

- Handing in your thesis **2 MONTHS** before you would like to graduate (via PAAV in Plusonline and examinations dept). The deadline of 2 months might be shortened in case your supervisor allows it.
- Handing in recognitions (if you have any) at the SCEUS.
- Handing in a Prüfungspass at the examinations dept.

The whole process Step-by-Step:

Supervisors:

Who is allowed to do the supervision?

See list of supervisors on the SCEUS website

Master thesis:

How long shall the Master thesis be and what requirements are there?

The required length of a Master thesis can vary between different programmes. The guidelines and information on the writing of a Master thesis at the faculty of Political Science mention an approximated length of 25,000 to a maximum of 30,000 words. However, your supervisor can give you more details on that as well as on other requirements he/she has (e.g. citation style etc.)

How to register for your Master thesis:

- You have to register your thesis in Plusonline (Business card at Diplom-/Masterarbeiten - PAAV)
- Your supervisor and then the dean of the faculty have to approve your registration (they will receive an email automatically when you did the registration right)

After the Master thesis has been approved, it will appear on Plusonline as “approved”. The PAAV system will ask you to make some **entries**, e.g. an abstract.

Recognitions:

If you have any courses to recognize from other universities or study programmes, you need to

- Register them via Plusonline recognition and match them with the courses of EUS you want them to be recognized for
- Print and sign the list Plusonline makes.
- Have it confirmed at the SCEUS, we will then send it to the legal department. The legal department will take some time to work on it and then email you the confirmation (Bescheid) which you need to confirm by emailing back again.

There is a detailed guide on how to do recognitions on our website.

Handing in the thesis:

Note: Please do NOT use the University Logo on your thesis, this is not allowed.

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- via Plusonline-PAAV
 - fill in the supervision protocol (at least one meeting has to be mentioned)
 - upload the thesis
 - then your supervisor has to do a plagiarism check and allow you to hand in the printed theses. It will be a good idea to stay in contact with your supervisor concerning these steps!!
- The printed thesis has to be handed in at the examination office of the KW/GW faculties. You will find more info in the PAAV-system. The University's Printcenter is happy to assist you with the hardcopies.

Note: The examination department gives some info here:

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The documents will be checked and your supervisor will write the review. The deadline for the assessment is 2 MONTHS (NOT weeks!!) and will only shorten if your supervisor explicitly agrees.

Prüfungspass:

You have to hand in a Prüfungspass at the examinations department. It is a table listing all the classes you passed to fulfil the EUS curriculum (including recognized courses). You find it on the website of the examinations department (<https://www.plus.ac.at/gesellschaftswissenschaftliche-fakultaet/studium-mehr/studienrichtungen-2/>). We advise you to send it to the SCEUS secretary first for checking before handing it in. The examinations department has to check and confirm the form, that usually takes some time.

Degree/notification of the granting of the Master degree:

When your documents are complete, your supervisor has reviewed and graded your thesis and you handed in the Prüfungspass, the degree certificate and the notification of the granting of the Master degree are issued by the examinations department. (You will be informed via email). This might take up to a month max.

Award certificates and notices will be issued electronically and sent via e-mail.

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Information on the graduation ceremony ("Sponsion"):

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Curriculum 2018

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Finishing the study programme takes some effort, as it involves a lot of bureaucracy! Do not underestimate the time it takes!

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Make sure you are in time with everything – this means:

- Asking about the next possible exam dates as soon as you approximately know when you want to do your exam (at the SCEUS!)
- Handing in your thesis and other documents **2 MONTHS** before the exam (at the examinations department!) The deadline of 2 months might be shortened a little in case your supervisor allows it)
- Handing in the final registration form (at the SCEUS!) at least 15 days before the exam

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Further steps before you hand in the Master thesis:

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- Abstract of the thesis in German or original language
- Abstract of the thesis in English
- At least 3 keywords

Note: You are advised to do any recognitions of courses at this stage at the latest, as it also takes some time to process.

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Note: Contact the examinations department in time - in order to check about your documents! Otherwise you will not be able to register for the examination! The examination department gives some info here: <https://www.plus.ac.at/gesellschaftswissenschaftliche-fakultaet/studium-mehr/informationen-zum-masterabschluss/> e.g. a link to the Prüfungspass page and an Infosheet on handing in the thesis incl. a suggestion of how to model the front page. Unfortunately it is in German but it will still be helpful.

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Applying for the examination:

When, where, and how can I register for the Master examination?

The dates for the Master examinations for EUS are coordinated in advance by the secretary of SCEUS and are held about every 2 months. As soon as you approximately know when you want to take part in the examination **contact the SCEUS immediately** to be put on the list of potential examination candidates. Thereby, you will be taken in consideration during the planning of the next examination. To be on the safe side declare your interest early enough. It is possible to postpone your exam if there are any delays in your time-management. But if you wait too long it is possible that the exam date is full and you have to wait for the next one!

Application:

- You need to be on the list at the SCEUS for an exam date
- All your documents etc. as mentioned before have to be handed in and approved at the examinations department
- Your supervisor has to grade your thesis and upload his/her review

ONLY Then you receive the form "Anmeldung einer Masterprüfung" (exam application – see below for how it looks like)

- fill it in as far as possible
- Send it to the SCEUS secretary (we will complete it, hand it in at the examinations department and send it back to you including the complete info)

Deadline: 15 days before the examination date

The official registration for the examination will be done by the SCEUS at the examinations department until the deadline of 2 weeks before the examination.



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**Bekanntgabe der Prüferinnen/Prüfer und
des Prüfungstermines für die kommissionelle
Bachelor-, Diplom- bzw. Masterprüfung**

Dieses Formular (inkl. den Mailbestätigungen der Prüferinnen/Prüfer) ist spätestens 2 Wochen vor
Prüfungsantritt im Prüfungsreferat einzureichen!

Familienname, Vorname

Matrikelnummer

Header of the final document you need to register for your exam. You receive it from the examinations dept. when you have handed in everything. Fill it and send it to Miriam Krög.

Examination:

How long is the examination?

The Master examination will take about 45 minutes. It is composed of about 15 minutes presentation of the thesis, and 2 oral examinations from 2 different fields –the field you wrote your thesis in and one other you choose - of also about 15 minutes each.

How shall the presentation of the Master thesis be moulded?

Maximum 15 minutes of free speech (not just reading from your notes!)

Focus on research design and the most important results.

Contents adapted to the audience (do not start with the basic principles!)

You are allowed to use PowerPoint but you do not have to.

Who is part of the examination commission?

The examination commission consists of the primary examiner from the field of study of your Master thesis and a second examiner from your chosen second field of study and a chairman/woman. You choose the fields, but you cannot choose the whole commission, as not every examiner is able to attend every exam date.

What will be the topic of the examination?

The Master examination will focus on the topics of your thesis. However, basic knowledge of the fundamental parts of the studies will be expected.

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