Guidelines for Master Thesis in European Business Law, 15 and 30 Higher Education Credits (15/30 ECTS)

1. Course overview

The course JAEM03 Master Thesis (30 credits) is a compulsory course for the degree Master of Laws (two years) in European Business Law. The course is offered during the fourth term of the programme and is scheduled to require 20 weeks of full time studies.

The course JAEM01 Master Thesis I (15 credits) is a compulsory course for the degree Master of Laws (one year) in European Business Law. The course is given during the second term of the programme and is scheduled to require 10 weeks of full time studies.

The Master thesis shall be written in English. All mandatory lectures and/or seminars – including the seminar for the defense of the thesis – are held in English.

2. Obligatory components

The obligatory components in writing a Master thesis are as follows:
- attendance at any seminars or meetings requested by your supervisor
- defense of your own thesis at a defense seminar
- opposition on another student's thesis at a defense seminar
- electronic publishing of the thesis in the thesis database

3. Learning outcomes

See syllabus on the course website.

4. Grades and grading criteria

See syllabus on the course website.

5. Supervision

A supervisor is assigned for every student. The student has a right to supervision during the term if he/she is initially registered for the Master thesis course. In cases of re-registration, a supervisor is assigned only if there are special circumstances, or if the supervisor has approved the extension. The student also the responsibility to arrange to meet with the supervisor, once a supervisor has been assigned to him/her. The supervisor, however, has no responsibility for the student’s research, as the Master thesis is based on individual research.

6. Literature

Researched by the student.
7. Style guide

All submissions should conform to the Oxford Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities, which is also the style guide used by the Lund Student EU Law Review. A copy is available at: [http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/published/OSCOLA_4th_edn.pdf](http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/published/OSCOLA_4th_edn.pdf)

8. Page and time limits

The suggested page limit is 30-40 pages for the 15 ECTS and 50 pages for the 30 ECTS Master thesis. The distinction between the two lies not only in the quantity but also in the quality of the text produced. Consult your supervisor about the final date that your thesis needs to be submitted for the supervisor’s final review and the course website for the date that the opponent and the examiner need to receive the final thesis before the thesis defense.

9. Thesis template

A template for the front page or your thesis can be found on the course website.

10. Plagiarism

The University views plagiarism as a very serious academic offence and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. A particular data program is applied to all Master theses submitted to detect any possible plagiarism. The penalty that may be imposed for plagiarism, or any other unfair practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

11. Submission

It is a requirement for the Master thesis course that you submit the final version of your study to the online thesis database. You find the relevant links on the course website. It is also a requirement to respect the set deadline for thesis submission. Should the deadline not be respected, the student will not be able to pass the course and, as such, attend the degree ceremony.

12. Examination

Examination is in the form of defence and opposition seminars and the writing of a Master thesis.