**Formal requirements to Master Dissertation**

The master dissertation should be **60 000 to 80 000 characters in length** (including spaces) and should demonstrate the student’s ability to perform an independent research. The latter includes student’s ability to:

* formulate a problem or research question,
* undertake and complete a piece of independent research and analysis,
* collect, analyze and interpret data,
* adequately use the methodology or theoretical framework relevant to the research question and the body of academic research in the chosen field,
* produce an academic text with appropriate structure and idiomatic use of language,
* discuss coherently the outcome of the research, its relevance for the practical implications.

The structure of the dissertations content must include the following **main sections**:

- **title page** with student name, title of the research project, and name of research supervisor (the template is provided in Appendix A)

- **abstract** and the list of **key words** (up to 6 words or phrases). The abstract should be no less than 150 words and should not exceed 300 words.

- **introduction** containing the research goal and objectives, arguments for the relevance of the research, a brief description of its distinctive features, the structure of the dissertation

- **literature review**

- **methodology**

- **results and their discussion**

- **contribution** of the paper to the theory and its possible practical implications

- **references** (in Harvard style).

The text of the dissertation must be structured according to the sections detailed above. Generally, three chapters cover these sections: Chapter 1 covers the literature review and the argumentation of the research question, Chapter 2 describes the methodology, and Chapter 3 is devoted to the report on the results and their discussion. Contribution to the theory and practice is provided in the Conclusion. Other options of structuring the dissertation are possible, according with the logic of the research. Each part should have an appropriate heading. All headings should use initial capitals only.

The dissertation should be computer printed on white A4 paper in **Times New Roman 12pt, 1.5 space intervals, single-sided**. Single spacing should be used for footnotes and references.

**Margins should be 2.5 cm on all sides**. Paragraphs should be indented.

Pages should be numbered at the bottom in the centre using Arabic numerals starting with the first page of the introduction.

Format your paper, using bold and italics as appropriate. Do not use any formatted styles other than bullets or numbers where required for lists. The text may contain appropriate figures and tables.

Figures should be numbered consecutively throughout the paper and not numbered according to the section in which they appear. Figure captions should appear below the figure.

Tables should be set as “Autofit to contents” and centered on the page. If your table runs over two pages, please ensure that headings are also carried over. Do not allow rows to split across pages.

Use footnotes if necessary (Times New Roman 11 pt), endnotes are not permitted.