Evaluation Criteria Thesis
Research Master

The thesis must meet the following requirements.

Contents
The thesis...
• Shows evidence of independent research at an academic level.
• Contains a relevant, clearly formulated and testable problem definition which is embedded in the literature.
• Has a sufficiently theoretical framework.
• Contains a report of the execution of a scientific research project.
• Has a good analysis of the research results with a clear feedback to the literature level.
• Has a valid conclusion.
• Has a good representation of the sources and literature used.

Format
The thesis:
• Has the level of a publishable article in a scientific journal or a design for the first chapter of a dissertation.
• Is written in clear English.
• Contains at least the following parts:
  o Descriptive title
  o Name, studentnumber and supervisors
  o Table of contents
  o Summary (maximum of one page)
  o Introduction (including the problem statement and an explanation of both the research design and the relevance of the research)
  o Research design (with theoretical framework and research methods)
  o Execution of the research project
  o Research results (with results and analysis)
  o Conclusion
  o References

Process
The thesis will be evaluated on the following procedural criteria:
• Degree of work done independently by the student
• Degree of personal development achieved by the student

Defence
The defence of the thesis will be evaluated on the following criteria:
• Defence of the contents
• Flexibility/ ability of the student to improvise
• Presentation skills