

Information brochure

Master's dissertation

Faculty of Social and Political Sciences

Academic year 2025-2026

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Faculty regulations:

Part 7: Master's Dissertation Faculty Regulations — Faculty of Political and Social Sciences — Ghent University

1. Subject registration in Plato (<https://plato.ps.ugent.be>)

There are 2 registration periods per academic year (1st term and resit period):

[Important data / Deadlines — Faculty of Political and Social Sciences — Ghent University](#)

We advise all students to register in Plato during the first term, also the students who will submit during the resit period. This is only a registration of your subject and not yet a definitive title, but it is of vital importance for the supervisor (follow-up) and the Departments (appointment of a commissioner).

You only need to register once per academic in Plato, students who have to resubmit the Master's dissertation in the second exam period, do not have to register again.

2. Title and supervisor registration in Oasis (www.oasis.UGent.be)

You have to add your definitive title and supervisor in Oasis when submitting your master's dissertation electronically in Plato.

The title has to be identical to the title in the uploaded version. Enter the title of your master's dissertation in both the Dutch and English fields. You do not have to translate the title.

=> **This registration in Oasis is required so that your title will appear on the mark sheet and diploma supplement!**

If you have problems adding your title or supervisor, please contact fsa.psw@UGent.be .

3. Master dissertation's format

There are no binding guidelines for the completion of the master's dissertation. However, keep the tips below in mind:

- format A4- line: spacing large enough to produce a legible text. (for example, 1.3 or 1.5)
- font: choose a simple and easily legible font with point size between 11 and 12
- margins: sufficiently large (outer margin of, for example, 3 cm, inner margin 2 cm, lower and lower top margin 2.5 cm)
- clear consecutive page numbering
- **word count + format: mention this on the title page**
- **NO hard copy**

The cover page can be generated via Plato.

If a third party is involved in a master's dissertation (for example, a company or external organization), it is desirable that all parties sign a master's dissertation agreement (info see [FOER part 7 H](#))

4. Language master's dissertation

The master's dissertation can be drawn up in a language other than the language of instruction, upon simple request and with the supervisor's approval. Only when the Master's dissertation of a Dutch language study program is written in a language other than Dutch, students are required to provide a summary in Dutch ([OER](#) art 59 §1, 5°).

5. Submitting master's dissertation

The master's dissertation has to be uploaded electronically via Plato (**before 12 pm**):

- Register the final title in **PLATO and Oasis**, instead of the working title already entered
- ⇒ **This registration in PLATO is required so that your title will appear correctly in the University Library online database when it is uploaded.**
- upload the dissertation in **PDF format** (as main document)
- Add a summary in Dutch if the dissertation is written in another language (as an attachment)
- Attachments (if any)

Deadlines: <https://www.ugent.be/ps/en/education/administration/data.htm>

NOTE:

- After the deadline, it will no longer be possible to upload a new version of your master's dissertation (the uploaded dissertation can no longer be deleted)
- Anyone who uploads a master's dissertation, indicates that he wants to submit and therefore uses an exam opportunity. The upload counts as the official exam copy.
- Students will receive an email confirming that their master's dissertation is received before the relevant examination period.
- If you have to upload the master's dissertation a second time within the same academic year (if you fail the first exam period), you can overwrite the old version in Plato. Please do **not** upload your second version **as attachment**.

6. Defense

The oral defense schedule will be announced by the department itself, one week after the submission date.

The schedule will be posted on Ufora.

If you cannot defend your dissertation on this date, you can always contact the secretariat of the department directly.

7. Afterwards

Announcement of results:

The results are available on Oasis, on the proclamation dates:

<https://ugent.be/ps/en/education/administration/proclamation.htm>

Master's dissertation assessment form

Every student can download the master's dissertation assessment form in Plato.

8. Contact

Faculty Student Administration ([FSA](#))

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