



## PREAMBLE

According to the Study plan and the applications directives, the Master in Economics includes a Master Thesis. This document provides guidelines about the content of the Master Thesis project, the content of the Master Thesis as well as the oral defense.

With regard to prerequisite, deadlines, registration, evaluation and retake procedure, please consult the '**Application Directives**', available on [GSEM website](https://www.unige.ch/gsem/).

## MASTER THESIS PROJECT

The Master Thesis Project is to be organized around the following elements in this order:

- Master thesis title
- Student's name
- A short background on the topic with a brief literature review
- The research question
- Methodology
- Data
- Key references

It should be maximum three pages long.

## CONTENT OF THE MASTER THESIS

The student then works under the guidance of the Master Thesis director.

## DEFENSE

When the director feels that the student is ready to defend, the director should invite a second jury member to evaluate the Master Thesis. The director, the second jury member and the student should all agree on a date for the defense. The defense is public and open to all.

Once the date is fixed and in order to make the announcement – the student sends an email to [gsem-economics@unige.ch](mailto:gsem-economics@unige.ch) **AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT** and provides the following details:

- The name of the student and registration number
- The title of the thesis
- Proposal of date and time of defense
- The name and affiliation of the master thesis director
- The name and affiliation of jury member

The Program Coordinator will book a room, prepare the announcement and send an evaluation sheet to the student for completion. The student will also receive the '**Code of Ethics for students regarding borrowing, quoting and using various sources**'. This document, available on [GSEM website](https://www.unige.ch/gsem/), is to be signed and returned. The student should hand in the evaluation sheet to the director on the day of the defense. The program coordinator posts the defense information on the public board outside the GSEM Student Services' reception.

After the defense, the director and the jury member agree on a grade, complete and sign the '**Master Thesis Evaluation**' form, available on [GSEM website](#), and return it to the GSEM Students Services, Uni Mail, 3287A.

A final version of the thesis (in .pdf format) should be sent to [gsem.economics@unige.ch](mailto:gsem.economics@unige.ch) for storage on the server.

## QUESTIONS

All questions can be sent to [gsem-economics@unige.ch](mailto:gsem-economics@unige.ch)