

Guidelines to write a Master's thesis

Valid for Master's Degree "Programme Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Business Economics and Digital Engineering"

1 Requirements

- **Content and specific requirements** are to be discussed with the respective supervisor of the thesis.
- **Registration** is required to the Dean's Office of the Mechanical Faculty. The student must fill out the official [Registration sheet](#)¹ and obtain the signatures of the supervisor and the Dean of Studies.
- **Workplan and timeline:** the supervisor defines the main goal, and the student creates a timeline with milestones. The official start is the submission of the Registration sheet to the Dean's Office.

2 Timeframe

- **Start is possible at any time.**
- **The workload** according to the curriculum is **30 ECTS (750 hours of work)**, resulting in a minimum duration of about **6 months**, including writing .
- **Submission:** The written work must be submitted within **12 months** after start unless the delay is caused by causes independent of the student's will and agreed with the supervisor.

3 Writing the thesis

- **Language and format:** In English and using LaTeX (the Institute will provide the official template).
- The master thesis is an official academic work: **a plagiarism check** on the final revised version is mandatory.
- The use of generative AI tools, e.g., ChatGPT, needs to be preliminarily discussed with the supervisor. Any unauthorized and undeclared use is equivalent to an act of plagiarism.

¹Alternative versions, if available, are downloadable from tu4u.tugraz.at