

# Master's Thesis – Roskilde University

Title	Master's Thesis – Roskilde University
Semester	F2024
Master programme in	Nordic Urban Planning Studies
Type of activity	Master Thesis
Teaching language	English
Study regulation	Read about the Master Programme and find the Study Regulations at <a href="http://ruc.dk">ruc.dk</a>

## REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

Registration Registration is happening through [STADS Online Student Service](#) within the announced registration period, as you can see on the [Study administration homepage](#).

Number of participants

ECTS 30

Responsible

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Teachers

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Exam code(s) U60338

## ACADEMIC CONTENT

Overall objective Through the thesis, students should independently plan and perform an interdisciplinary analysis of project-oriented problem areas within the subject area of NUPS. This should draw on and contribute to relevant current international research in urban planning and urban studies and be based on appropriate qualitative and/or quantitative methods. Emphasis is also placed on effectively communicating findings and arguments as well as the implications of the study.

Detailed  
description of  
content

Course  
material and  
Reading list

Readings should be identified and addressed according to the subject matter of the thesis.

The thesis is mostly the product of independent research conducted either individually or in a small group of up to 3 students. Each thesis student or group can expect up to 5 supervisory meetings of 60 minutes in addition to group based workshops. In addition, supervision will be supported by three group workshops that will focus on key elements of thesis research and writing, and that will encourage collaborative learning.

The proposed study intensity for a student in this activity: 810 hours

Overall plan  
and expected  
work effort

The proposed distribution of hours on teaching and learning activities  
Individual or group-based independent research (755 hours); supervisory meetings including preparation and debriefing (14 hours); group workshops and preparation: (15 hours); mid-term evaluation including preparation (20 hours); exam including preparation (6 hours)

Teaching and learning activities

- Thesis proposal (preparation meeting and group workshop held the semester before)
- Independent research
- Supervisions
- Workshops on aspects of thesis planning and writing
- Mid-term evaluation and peer feedback

Format

Supervision meetings take place on campus or via means agreed with supervisor (for example, if research location requires online supervision).

Evaluation  
and feedback

Evaluation is via an anonymous online survey. The thesis process will also be reviewed at the NUPS Education Committee.

Programme

## **ASSESSMENT**

Overall  
learning  
outcomes

By the end of the thesis, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate research-based knowledge of selected subject areas and understand how the thesis fits into its wider academic and planning contexts
- Use appropriate urban planning theories and methods while working with a defined and relevant research question
- Identify relevant research questions and analyse, discuss, argue, reflect and evaluate on a social scientific basis
- Critically choose, work with and reflect on relevant sources, literature, theory and methods
- Write effectively in accordance with academic standards and for an academic target group
- Independently initiate, manage and conduct an extended academic study and writing process
- Identify and take responsibility for one's own professional and written language development and specialisation.

Master thesis written individually or in a group

Permitted group size: 2-3 students.

The student(s) can choose whether the assessment should be based on solely the written product or on both the written product and the oral exam.

The character limits of the master thesis are:  
 for 1 student: 100,800-163,200 characters, including spaces.  
 For 2 students: 146,400-172,800 characters, including spaces.  
 For 3 students: 151,200-182,400 characters, including spaces.

Form of  
examination

The character limits include the cover, table of contents, summary, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.

The master thesis must include a summary. The summary can either be written in English or Danish.

The summary is included in the overall assessment.

Before submitting a master thesis written by a group, that have chosen an assessment solely based on the written product, each member of the group

must clearly indicate which part(s) of the thesis they are responsible for. All group members are responsible for the introduction, conclusion and summary.

The oral exam is individual for students that have written the thesis alone, or students that have requested an individual exam. All other oral master thesis exams are conducted as group exams.

Time allowed for exam including time used for assessment for:

1 student: 30 minutes.

2 students: 60 minutes.

3 students: 75 minutes.

There will be an individual assessment of each student's performance. The assessment is an overall assessment of the master thesis and, where relevant, the oral performance.

Writing and spelling skills in the thesis are part of the assessment.

Permitted support and preparation materials at the oral exam: All.

Assessment: 7-point grading scale.

Moderation: External examiner.

Form of Re-examination

Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam

Type of examination in special cases

Examination and assessment criteria

Students should start the oral exam by briefly presenting the project (max 5 minutes each). The exam is then a dialogue with the examiners, who may ask about any aspects of the project and its relations with the master's programme. Assessment criteria Assessment consists of a joint assessment of the written project and the oral exam. Written project – emphasis is put on abilities to: • Identify relevant research questions and show understanding of how these relate to wider current academic and planning contexts and concerns • Demonstrate research-based knowledge appropriate to the project, and reflect critically on the significance of the project for planning studies and practice • Outline and evaluate critically relevant theories, methods and sources • Conduct and present an independent analysis of a relevant planning problem or case, drawing on appropriately defined research materials, and developing coherent

arguments on their basis • Communicate findings and arguments clearly and effectively, in ways and language appropriate to the aims of the thesis. Oral exam – emphasis is put on abilities to: • Reflect critically on the design and approach of the study, including on its strengths and weaknesses, and on how the latter could be addressed • Discuss and evaluate critically the study's findings, arguments and implications in relation to current debates and concerns in planning studies and practice.

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## Course days:

**Hold: 1**

### **?Master Thesis - Workshop (NUPS)**

time	18-01-2024 13:15 til 18-01-2024 16:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
location	44.2-40 - theory room (50)
Teacher	David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

### **?Master Thesis - Workshop (NUPS)**

time	08-02-2024 09:00 til 08-02-2024 12:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
location	44.2-40 - theory room (50)
Teacher	David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

### **?Master Thesis - Workshop (NUPS)**

time	04-03-2024 13:15 til 04-03-2024 16:00
location	02.1-141 - lille-geo (20)
Teacher	David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

### **Master Thesis - Peer reviews (NUPS)**

time 22-04-2024 08:15 til  
22-04-2024 18:00

Teacher David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

### **Master Thesis - Peer reviews (NUPS)**

time 23-04-2024 08:15 til  
23-04-2024 18:00

Teacher David Pinder ( dpinder@ruc.dk )

### **Masters Thesis - Hand-in (NUPS)**

time 03-06-2024 10:00 til  
03-06-2024 10:00

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