

Standards for Evaluating Master's Thesis

The Graduate School of Social Sciences endeavors to conduct fair and impartial evaluations of master's thesis. With that in mind, the School has formulated clear standards concerning those evaluations. The standards, which are listed below, will provide the basis for judging the quality and acceptability of theses.

Students in the master's program as well as their research supervisors should familiarize themselves with the contents and standards of evaluation.

Master's Theses are expected to reach a sufficient level of the standards for evaluation listed below.

- 1) Originality and insightfulness of perspective, methodology, content, and conclusion
- 2) Appropriateness and importance of thesis topic
- 3) Appropriateness of structure of thesis for addressing the thesis topic
- 4) Effective use of existing research and contribution to the field
- 5) Appropriate substantiation of data and materials
- 6) Strength and persuasiveness of argumentation in the development of the thesis
- 7) Accuratness, appropriateness, and completeness in the use of terminology and concepts
- 8) Accuratness, appropriateness, and completeness of quotations, citations, use of materials and structure of the bibliography
- 9) Employment of interdisciplinary approach or practical approach required in accordance with the fundamental principles of the Graduate School of Social Sciences
- 10) Overall excellence of Master's Thesis