

## Master Thesis in Sport Science: Evaluation Guidelines for Reviewers

### Formal and organizational aspects:

The Master thesis will be evaluated and graded by the main supervisor and separately by one other examiner. In the case of an external reviewing process (as 1st or 2nd reviewer) the other examiner has to be a professor of the Department of Sport Science of the University of Freiburg.

### Criteria for evaluating the M.Sc. thesis:

The examiners should evaluate and grade the M.Sc. thesis according to criteria and guidelines listed below. The following table contains a column where the examiners can note their grading for a specific criterion in order to assist them in their evaluation process. Please be aware that the weighting of each criterion falls to the examiner and that the final score of the Master thesis cannot simply be derived by calculating the grand mean of the single ratings.

Criterion	Grading
<b>Coherence and clarity of presentation</b> i.e., the work has a logical entity and clarity of structure; it is intelligible to a person with a background in the field	
<b>Theoretical and conceptual context</b> i.e., the student provides relevant background; the own work is set in a general context	
<b>Command of the literature</b> i.e., the work contains key literature in the field (appropriateness of quality and quantity); correct referencing is provided	
<b>Purpose of the work</b> i.e., the aim of the work is clearly presented and based on a theoretical and literary background; hypotheses are precisely presented	
<b>Command of appropriate methods</b> i.e., methodological and statistical approaches are appropriately chosen with respect to the purpose of the study; the student presents them in a repeatable format	
<b>Presentation and discussion of results</b> i.e., the presentation of the results is comprehensive; the discussion is appropriate and embeds the results of the work in the context of the literature; the own work is critically reflected and provides a clear conclusion	
<b>Finishing and language</b> i.e., the language is clear; the general format is compatible with instructions given (incl. length of the thesis as agreed in advance between supervisor and student; please note that there is no general requirement regarding the length of the manuscript)	

As the evaluation of the thesis has to be based upon the written outcome the following criterion should only be considered if it is reflected by the thesis itself.

### Own initiative

i.e., the student worked independently under supervision and contributed in an outstanding way to the success of the project

### Scores:

The Master Thesis is to be judged by one of these grades (see first column):

Maximum Grade: 1,0 / Minimum Grade: 5,0 / Minimum Grade of passing: 4,0

Grade	In words	Grad Description
1,0 or 1,3	Very Good	An outstanding achievement
1,7 or 2,0 or 2,3	Good	An achievement, which is above average requirements
2,7 or 3,0 or 3,3	Satisfactory	An achievement, which meets average requirements
3,7 or 4,0	Sufficient	An achievement with deficits but which still meets the requirements
5,0	Not Sufficient	An achievement which does not meet the requirements

## Review details:

### The review should include:

- Name of student
  - Master thesis title
  - Name of reviewer, contact details and email address
  - Review text
  - Grade for the master thesis:
    - Grade as decimal number as indicated in column one of the above listed score table (i.e. 1,7)
    - Grade in words as indicated in column two of the score table (i.e. *good*)
  - Date of the review
  - Reviewer's signature
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The review can be sent either by email or by post.

➔ Please keep the hardcopy of the master thesis and send only the review.

➔ In case you send the review by post we would be very pleased about a short email note informing us that you have sent it.

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