

MA Thesis Requirements



The thesis should be ca. 80-100 pages (20 000 – 25 000 words)

Times New Roman, 12 points, 1,5 line spacing

It should be footnoted – Chicago Manual of Style is preferred

Expected outcome for the end of the first semester is at least a research proposal (ca. 10 pages), including:

1) Title page, with title, name of student, program, institution – as in the template: https://isad.uj.edu.pl/en_GB/current-students/diploma

2) Justification of the problem, justification of the topic selection;

3) State of the art and research gap (how this topic has been researched so far) or research puzzle to be solved by you;

4) Research questions;

5) Hypotheses (based on research questions) - if you are able to operationalize them - it's great;

6) Theories applied to your thesis;

7) Research methods and techniques - methods of data gathering and processing;

8) Provisional Table of Contents (thesis structure);

9) Provisional bibliography - divided initially into categories:

9.1. Primary sources (like government/IOs documents),

9.2. Secondary sources - divided into:

9.2.1. Monographs/books,

9.2.2. Scholarly articles,

9.2.3. Internet resources (generally it should not contain official documents),

9.2.4. Non-scholarly articles/sources - other categories may be added as well.

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The above mentioned will be used as the introductory part of thesis thereafter.

Analysis based on research questions, hypotheses, as well as theories will be crucial for preparation of your conclusions (as it should drive your research).

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- a) discussion of the structure of the thesis and a brief description of its parts,
- b) assessment of the correctness of use of the research methods and techniques,
- c) assessment of the degree of topic discussion,
- d) assessment of the accuracy of selection and use of sources,
- e) assessment of research originality and the degree of completeness of research objectives,
- f) assessment of stylistic and linguistic correctness of the thesis)