

Master's thesis at BOKU

You can find the current and effective version on the website:

<https://boku.ac.at/en/studienservices/themen/infos-studienabschluss/abschlussarbeiten/masterarbeiten>

Choosing the thesis topic and supervisor

Students may choose their own thesis topics and supervisors (university professors, honorary professors, professors emeritus or university lecturers). The Dean of Studies may also appoint individuals from other accredited domestic or international universities as thesis supervisors, provided that these individuals possess a teaching credential deemed equivalent to an Austrian habilitation.

The same topic may also be prepared and researched by several students if their individual input can be assessed.

After consulting with the thesis supervisor and relevant institute head, students will enter the title of the agreed-upon topic and the supervisor into the Master's thesis registration form (with the exception of Master's students of degrees with examination before an examination committee who have to specify two examiners and examination subjects. When selecting examination subjects, please refer to the provisions specified in the curricula). The proposal must be submitted to the Study Services for approval.

The title of the thesis is provisional and can be changed at any point before the thesis is completed. The supervisor and the second examiner can also be changed until the thesis is submitted. All changes require the approval of the Dean of Studies. For more information, please contact the Study Services.

The Dean of Studies is responsible for determining the composition of the examination board, although students have a say in the choice of examiners and examination date. The thesis supervisor is also responsible for assessing the thesis and is usually part of the committee. If the supervisor is not a member of the BOKU faculty, the second examiner must be a member of the BOKU faculty.

The author of a Master's thesis is entitled to apply for a use restriction on submitted copies of the thesis. For information regarding use restriction, see [Restricted access for scientific papers](#). In the absence of an approved restriction, the Master's thesis is effectively approved for public display in the library of the University for Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.

Forms:

- For Mountain Forestry Master programme: [Master's thesis registration \(for courses of study with a presentation or defensio\)](#)
- [Master's thesis registration \(for courses of study with a Master's examination\)](#)
- [Application for appointment of an external examiner and supervisor](#)

Copyright

Students and supervisors must observe the provisions of the Austrian Copyright Act, Federal Law Gazette no. 111/1936 while working on a Master's thesis.

Abstracts

Students must enter the abstracts of their theses – written in both German and English – into the abstract application of the Central Information System (<http://www.boku.ac.at/abstracts.html>). After the Master's thesis has been registered, the Study Services will create a record, which can be edited using students' access permission. The supervisor is responsible for closing the record.

You are expected to meet high standards of quality with your abstract as it will be displayed on the Internet and will thus form a part of BOKU's international presentation. The popular science part of the abstract must be accessible to the general public in addition to experts. It is important that both the objective and the results of the thesis be properly conveyed.

Find Information on Graduation from international Master's degree programmes (Mountain Forestry) online: <https://boku.ac.at/en/studienservices/themen/infos-studienabschluss/studienabschluss-von-masterstudien/studienabschluss-von-internationalen-masterstudien>

Excerpt from the curriculum on Master programme Mountain Forestry (classification no. 066 429) Effective date: 1.10.2012:
<https://boku.ac.at/en/wabo/ife/mountain-forestry/curriculum>

§7 MASTER'S THESIS

A master's thesis is a paper on a scientific topic, to be written as part of a master's degree programme (for exceptions please see the By Laws (Satzung) of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, part III- Teaching, § 30[9]). The thesis is worth a total of 30 ECTS credits. With their master's theses, students demonstrate their ability to independently address a scientific topic, both thematically and methodologically (§ 51 [8] UG 2002 BGBl. I no. 81/2009).

The topic of a master's thesis shall be chosen in such a way that it is reasonable to expect a student to be able to complete it within six months. Multiple students may jointly address a topic, provided that the performance of individual students can be assessed (§ 81 [2] UG 2002 BGBl. I no. 81/2009).

The master's thesis shall be written in English. Languages other than English are permissible only if approved and confirmed by the thesis supervisor. The thesis defence must be held in English.

§8 COMPLETION OF THE MASTER'S PROGRAMME

The Master's Programme in Mountain Forestry has been completed when the student has passed all required courses and received a positive grade on the master's thesis and defence examination.

Website & Contact

Transfer-M Incomings: <https://short.boku.ac.at/int-in-js-transform>
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