

Graduation thesis

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An excellent thesis is ...

- An **independent** research with a **clear result** (an algorithm designed, intended or tested software, process analysis, etc.)
 - Addresses a **timely/novel** topic, while giving sufficient and relevant **review of alternative** or similar approaches (based on professional literature)
 - Uses a correct set of research **methods** or methodology to analyze the problem
 - The result of work done is **reasonable** and **reliable**
 - A well-**structured** and -reasoned **analytical** work
 - A well-**balanced** work – an introduction/review of **scientific literature**, methodology, description of work done, analysis and justification
 - Formatted correctly – references, spelling, volume, etc.
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What kind of thesis should **NOT** be submitted?

- Report or general **essay** on a selected topic;
- Work with missing or **not clearly defined** research problem and methodology;
- Work in which **choices** made by the author, e.g. in regards to methodology, review of scientific literature, **are not justified or adequately reasoned**;
- Work where **author's contribution** is not clearly distinguishable, or is otherwise poorly structured;
- Work where it seems that everything is technically correct, but there is **no fundamental content**;
- Work which includes important and relevant content, but is **technically incorrect**;
- **Plagiarism** and otherwise **incorrectly formatted** work;

Thesis and internship

- In ideal case, the thesis could be systematic analysis of work you have done at your internship.
 - The suggestions for upgrading of IT systems in enterprise you have practised could be crone jewels in your thesis!
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Looking for subject

- Find the problem to solve – on internship, among hobbies, ...
 - Describe the problem with two-three sentences
 - Describe in free form the solution (vision)
 - Find the achievable result (scope) and fix in written form
 - Find the different ways of solving of the problem.....
 - Choose the optimal (best) method for solution. Prove, that your way is the best one!
 - Describe, how the world has changed after your great work!
 - Describe your future plans in this field!
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Timetable

- Submission of draft (pdf, in moodle) February, 19th
- Defense of draft March, 1 - 5th
- Preliminary defense May, 3 – 7th
- Submission in ÕIS May, 10th
- Final defense May, 31st - June, 4th

Permission to defend

Defense application can be satisfied, if:

- all modules of one specialization of curriculum are fulfilled
 - all subjects are in correct modules
 - for transfer of subjects, a written consent form the head of the study program is needed
 - results of last exams are in a week before defense
 - performances done in Open University are transferred to your account in ÖIS a week before defense
 - assessment for internship (practical placement) is in ÖIS
 - the paid students have paid for the defense
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Permission to defend

- submission in ÕIS. (May, 10th)
 - The subject in english and Estonian (misspelling is not allowed!)
 - Supervisor(s)
 - Supervisor accepts the declaration
- Submission of thesis (upload pdf-file in moodle),
 - metadata form (May, 17th)
- The chairman of defense commission can not accept the work to defense, if it is not in accordance with stated requirements.

Defense

- Be in time!
- Be sure, that all materials needed are in hand;
- Presentation: 7 – 10 minutes;
be punctual!
- Approximately 1 slide per minute;
- Underlining the main result;
- You have to present to commission;
- The defense is governed by chairman;
- Be correct and punctual when answering the questions!
- The defense is ceremonial event (appropriate dressing-code!)
- In final speech, it is relevant to render thanks to supervisor, referee, commission, family ...

Grading

- The actuality of subject
- The structure,
- The methods and materials used in work,
- The formatting,
- The result,
- The performance of student
- Presentation, answering the questions,
- The opinions of referee and supervisor

Grading matrice (in Estonian)

More information about thesis writing:

- Moodle-course:
<https://moodle.taltech.ee/course/view.php?id=30706>
Self registration key: finalthesis
- Formatting rules, templates, ...
<https://www.taltech.ee/en/thesis-and-graduation-it>
- How to organize your thesis (Prof. John W. Chinneck)

Thank you for attention!
