

Thesis supervision at the Resource Economics Group

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1. Consult the topics list, the *Resource Economics Group* website, other students or scientists that work in or collaborate with the *Resource Economics Group*, and discuss ideas in the ERE III module. The ERE III module is specifically intended to prepare a thesis.
2. Informal request for master thesis supervision per pdf [request form](#) , in English or German), and send it to Renate Judis (for IMRD) or Sigrid Heilmann (other programs). This form is the basis for checking whether a thesis can be supervised at the Resource Economics Group. The request might be declined if a supervision is not possible within the available competences and capacities at the Resource Economics Group.
3. At an appointment with Klaus Eisenack and a second supervisor: the topic, the approach, the responsible supervisors, and the tentative time plan are discussed. The decision about the supervision and the official topic will be made after this appointment.
4. After confirmation: If available, contact to other MA thesis students and PhDs with similar/earlier topics is established. Work can begin.
5. Official registration of the master thesis needs to be done, after consultation with supervisor, not more than 6 months before submission.
6. Every master student is obliged to participate in the master colloquium (MaKo). It is also obligatory to defend the thesis after submission at MaKo.

Additional information

Formal requirements

- Thesis can be written in German or English
- About 50 pages, not more than 100 pages; exceptions need to be agreed upon with supervisor
- Use a coherent style for citations and references, preferably Harvard style (author-year; see, e.g. <http://guides.is.uwa.edu.au/harvard>)
- Plagiarism is a violation of good scientific practice and intellectual property rights. A thesis with plagiarized content is graded as 'nicht ausreichend (5)' (see https://www.agrar.hu-berlin.de/en/institut-en/departments/dao/ress-en/lehre-en/graduierung-en/noticeplagiarism/at_download/file for more information).
- For submission we prefer duplex printed pages and an accompanying pdf to the supervisor.

Example for a typical outline

1. Introduction: main motivation, main research question
2. State of the art: Background and context from of the literature / field of study / case etc. (only background that is necessary for the further thesis).
3. Theoretical basis
4. Methods
5. Results (own; reported results under point 2)
6. Conclusions: summarize main points, answer research questions, reflects on weaknesses, clarifying contribution to the state of the art, providing outlook

Master thesis request form and Current list of topics

See [website](https://www.agrar.hu-berlin.de/de/institut/departments/dao/ress/lehre/graduierung): <https://www.agrar.hu-berlin.de/de/institut/departments/dao/ress/lehre/graduierung>