



FIPDes MSc. Thesis General Module descriptor

Passing the evaluation of the MSc. Thesis is mandatory to get the MSc. Degrees awarded by FIPDes Institutions: AgroParisTech, Università degli Studi di Napoli "Federico II" (UNINA), Lund University and Technological University Dublin.

Credits: 30 ECTS

Generalities

The MSc. Thesis is the final module of the Erasmus Mundus Master in Food Innovation and Project Design (FIPDes). The present module descriptor designs the guidelines and agreements upon the general framework of FIPDes MSc. Thesis.

Within this framework, the European Institutions hosting the three FIPDes M2 options (AgroParisTech, Lund University and UNINA) apply the local guidelines and rules.

MSc. Thesis Definition:

The MSc. Thesis is a project which includes the following items:

- Running and interpretation of an original work
- Development and mastery of the project within a given research framework
- Presentation and dissemination of results

Prerequisites

Students in the FIPDes master's programme can begin their thesis project when they have earned at least 60 credits (ECTS) that can be applied toward their FIPDes master's degree.

Assessment

The following are minimum requirements. Local rules apply so there might be additional demands or deviations. Written and oral evaluation. The evaluation will concern the process (internship/project) and the production (thesis manuscript and oral presentation). The student has to produce a written report and make an oral defense to receive a passing grade on the MSc. Thesis. The assessment is done according to local rules. The evaluation criteria are transparent to the students.

More information about the local rules

AgroParisTech: http://www.fipdes.eu/IMG/pdf/agroparistech_fipdes_msc_thesis_descriptor.pdf

Lund University: https://kurser.lth.se/kursplaner/20_21%20eng/MTTM01.html

<http://www.lth.se/english/student/masters-students/degree-project/engineering-msc/>

UNINA: http://www.fipdes.eu/IMG/pdf/msc_thesis_module_descriptor_unina_final.pdf

Grading scale

The grading scale and procedure depend on the local grading systems. As an example the grading system is here shown:

Institute hosting the M2 track	Grading system	Comments
UNINA	1-11	The evaluation is added to the average grade of the exams and it determines the final grade of the Master.
AgroParisTech	0-20	Evaluated as a MSc. module.
Lund University	Pass or Fail	Evaluated as a MSc. module.

Literature

The course literature, textbooks and other teaching materials relevant to the nature of the thesis project assignment will be stipulated by the supervisor.

General literature:

Miles, M.B. & Huberman, A.M. (1985): Qualitative Data Analysis, Sage: New York

Patton, M.Q. (1992): Qualitative Evaluation and Research Methods, Sage: Newbury Park

Zuber-Skerritt, O. & Knight, N. (1986): Problem Definition and Thesis Writing,"Higher Education, None.