

Attachment to supervision agreement for Department of Media and Communication

## Recommended time frame for the master thesis

According to the supervision agreement, the supervisor and student should clarify and agree on the format of supervision, the expected progress and intended date of thesis submission. This attachment outlines a standard time frame for a full-time work with the master thesis at IMK, and is a recommended starting point when planning the progress of the master thesis work.

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### First semester

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Develop project idea and write a project description. Hand-in in December.

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### Second semester

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It is recommended that the students take 20 credits of courses during the second semester. In addition, the students are expected to get started with the master thesis:

January – April: Getting research question(s) clarified and identifying your data material/object of research together with supervisor. Securing consistency in the research design and methodological approach. Any possible change of the topic can be done in this period.

April – June: Reading relevant research. Preparing for and possibly starting collecting data material and/or starting analyzing object of research. The writing process should get started in the second semester.

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### Third semester

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In the third semester students are recommended to take the last 10 credit course. Students are therefore expected to work more on their master thesis in this semester.

June – October: Continue collecting data material and/or continue analysis of research object.

October – November: Finishing collecting data and/or the analysis. Starting writing the first draft (all main parts of the master thesis).

November – January: Writing a full first draft.

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### Fourth semester

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January – March: Finishing first draft; then writing your second draft. Hand in a full draft to supervisor by 1. April.

April – May: Finishing your thesis. Hand-in deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

