

# GUIDANCE FOR THE MASTER'S THESIS

## *European and International Economic Law (LL.M.)*

### 1. General information

The **Master's thesis** aims to demonstrate that students are capable of **independently addressing a research question** within their field of study by applying **appropriate scientific methods** and completing the work **within a defined time frame**.

The **final module** carries a total of **21 ECTS credits**, comprising **18 ECTS credits** for the **written Master's thesis** and **3 ECTS credits** for the **presentation**.

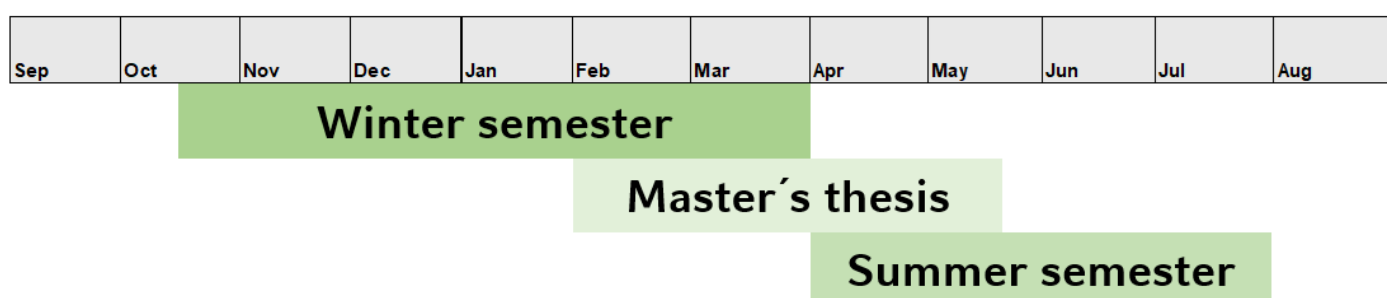
### 2. Timeline and Deadlines

Students are requested to submit their **preferences for supervision** by the **end of December**. Supervisors will be assigned at the **beginning of January** (calendar week 1). The **allocation of thesis topics** will take place during the **first week of February** (calendar week 5).

The **processing period** for the Master's thesis is **16 weeks**. An **extension of the submission deadline** is only possible **upon presentation of a valid medical certificate**.

The **submission deadline** for the thesis is set for the **end of May** (calendar week 20).

The **evaluation and correction process** will be completed by the **beginning of September** (calendar week 36), and the **final results** will be recorded and released by the **end of September** (calendar week 39).



### 3. Formal Requirements and Submission Regulations

The Master's thesis must comprise a **minimum of 80,000** and a **maximum of 120,000 characters** (including spaces and footnotes). The cover page, table of contents, bibliography and any list of sources and abbreviations are not included in the character count.

The following **guidelines** apply to **text formatting**:

- Font size: 12 points
- Character spacing: normal
- Line spacing: 1,5 lines
- Page margins: left margin of 7 cm

The thesis must include a complete **bibliography** including the sources cited in the footnotes.

A **declaration of independence** must be attached, confirming that the thesis was prepared **independently** and that **only the sources and resources indicated** have been used. Both **electronic and printed versions** of the thesis must be submitted. Two **printed copies** must be handed in to the **Examinations Office**. The **electronic submission** via the **Moodle learning platform** is **decisive for meeting the submission deadline**. Submission **by e-mail is not permitted**.

#### 4. The use of artificial intelligence (AI)

The **use of artificial intelligence (AI)** tools is permitted **only in accordance with the university's academic integrity guidelines** and must be **appropriately disclosed** if applied. **Responsibility** for the content and form of the work **remains with the author**. If AI tools are used, the declaration of independence must include a **transparency clause** stating which AI tool was used. Please specify exactly which tool(s) were used.

Examples of wording:

- "The AI tool XXX (e.g., ChatGPT 4o) was used in writing this Master's thesis."
- "The AI translation tool XXX (e.g., DeepL Translator) was used in writing this Master's thesis."

#### 5. Further information

For further information, please refer to the examination and study regulations, which can be found at the following link:

**Good luck with writing your Master's thesis!**