

Instructions on Structuring a Master's Thesis

The first page with writing on after the front cover must be set out in exactly the same way as the cover itself (see example).

This is followed by a page containing a short explanation of when and in what department or institute the thesis was written. The start and end dates are, respectively, the date on which the commencement of the master's thesis was communicated to the Examination Office and the date on which it was submitted. The names and academic titles of the supervisor/first reviewer and the second reviewer go at the bottom of this page (see example).

Page 3 contains the affirmation in lieu of an oath. The "Rules of Good Research Practice" can be found on the German Research Foundation website (www.dfg.de/en/).

Acknowledgments can be added on page 4 if desired. The table of contents follows the acknowledgments.

The bibliography goes at the end of the thesis.

The appendix is for machine-generated data that is not being interpreted at this point, such as illustrations of spectra, crystallography tables, lists of abbreviations used, a list of program codes, etc.

Any typeface can be used, not just ARIAL. The following typefaces are recommended as they are a suitable size for printing on A4:

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Observing the margins recommended below, a page printed in the standard way with 1.5 line spacing will have 35–40 lines of around 80–90 characters each (including spaces). The pages of the appendix are excluded from the word count for the thesis.

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