

Master of Science in Cultural Sociology

Note on supervision for Master's Thesis

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The purpose of the note is to inform supervisors about their expected role and to guide them about best practices. The note is also available to the students.

A total of 15 hours is allocated for supervising one student. These 15 hours includes the time spent on reading the final thesis and on the oral examination. In the very rare case that a student has both a main supervisor and a co-supervisor, 75 per cent of the time is allocated to the former and 25 per cent to the latter.

It is the student's responsibility to approach the supervisor to discuss an idea about a master's thesis/a research question. Contact should be made the semester before the actual work on the thesis begins. After an initial meeting/correspondence between the student and the supervisor, the supervisor agreement is signed, and the student submits the agreement electronically through SPOC which you find on MySDU for your study.

As a general, rule there will be 3-4 meetings between a supervisor and a student. In due time before the meeting the student may submit a table of contents (normally a list of discussions issues) for the meeting together with the necessary attachments. Before the final meeting the student can ask the supervisor to read (or part of) a chapter and prepare feedback. Between the meetings, there might be a minor e-mail communication about detailed issues.