

Name student: \_\_\_\_\_ Student number.: \_\_\_\_\_

Course code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Course name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title master's thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

**1-3 Assessment on content [(1+2+3)/3] (50%)** Assessment (55-100):   $\times 5$  Points

**1. Problem statement and theoretical framework** Assessment (55-100):

Criteria

- Various (core) concepts, theories, models and working methods of the discipline are appropriately chosen and used (in combination) and show a thorough understanding of the meaning and interrelationships as well as good knowledge of the domain and area of specialization.
- An extensive and in-depth literature review has been performed as a theoretical framework for the problem statement.
- The problem statement and/or the research question are explicit, carefully developed and formulated (including preconditions, limitations, sub-questions etc.), and researchable (providing direction to the research strategy).
- The problem statement is justified and embedded in a theoretical framework; the choices and suppositions made are clearly indicated and the scientific and social relevance of this research is clearly and adequately substantiated.
- In the case of an external (design) assignment: needs, wishes and demands of the client are adequately translated into a specific problem statement, a characteristic which is expressed in the description and the justification.

**2. Research plan and analysis** Assessment (55-100):

Criteria

- A well-founded choice of research method(s) and instruments and/or design plan has been made, corresponding to the statement of the problem and partly based on the theoretical framework.
- The acquisition of the data has taken place in an adequate and transparent manner, making the data valid and reliable.
- The choice for the method of processing and the processing of the data has taken place in a comprehensible and transparent manner; the results are valid and reliable.
- The student has performed a correct, advanced analysis, which logically arose from the problem statement and results.
- In the case of an external (design) assignment: the design approach has been applied adequately, including the implementation and evaluation, and has resulted in a high-quality design of intervention(s) or instrument(s).

**3. Conclusion, reflection, discussion** Assessment (55-100):

Criteria:

- In the conclusion, the initial problem statement / research question is answered.
- The student has managed to lift the conclusions to a higher level (abstraction, generalization) and an interpretation and consideration are given concerning the practical, social and/or scientific relevance of the research (related to the theoretical framework, recent research), while attention is paid to ethical aspects.
- The student has critically assessed and discussed the research and the results (reflection, good argument and argumentation, recognition of strong/weak point, putting the research into perspective). The student has reflected on the implications of strong/weak points of the research and on possible solutions.
- The thesis has contributed to the development of new knowledge and ideas and to the formation of theories, models and instruments (this could also be: valid replica with expansion of existing research).
- The student has made a proposal for follow-up research based on practical and theoretical considerations.





