

CONVENTIONS FOR WRITING A MASTER'S THESIS IN THE MASTER'S STUDY PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH STUDIES

PROCESS OF WRITING

The students registered for the academic Master's Study Programme in English Studies can choose to write a Master's thesis (MA thesis) by proposing their own theme in the following fields:

- linguistics, literary studies, English language acquisition (sub-programme "English language, literature, and language acquisition");
- translation and interpreting (sub-programme "Translation").

The proposed theme must be discussed with a potential advisor and approved by the end of June.

The MA thesis is written in English and the process of writing comprises several stages, namely:

- 1) Submitting a typed application (see Appendix 1), addressed to the Head of the Department of English Studies and signed by the advisor. In the application you propose a theme for the MA thesis.
- 2) Submitting a research proposal, in which you formulate the research problem, briefly describe the theoretical background and the methodology of the planned research as well as add the outline of the MA thesis.
- 3) Submitting the draft of the theoretical part of the MA thesis to the advisor.
- 4) Submitting the draft of the MA thesis, which includes a review of literature, a detailed description of the research methods, research results and a discussion of these results.
- 5) Submitting the final draft to the advisor.
- 6) Registering the final version of the thesis, in which all the suggestions and changes noted by the advisor have been implemented.

The file of the MA thesis is converted into the PDF format and uploaded in the University of Latvia informational system (LUIS). The abstract is also pasted in the provided slot in LUIS. The electronic copy is saved under the name formed from the student's full name without diacritic marks and ID, e.g., Berzins_Janis_BJ93010. The size of the file being

uploaded must not exceed 50 MB. Five copies of the theses, with your name and surname and the title of the MA thesis, are printed and submitted.

7) Defending the MA thesis.

Each stage has to meet the deadline specified at <https://www.hzf.lu.lv/en/studies/researchpapers/> , and it is your responsibility to plan the work, search for relevant literature, organise and edit the MA thesis according to these Conventions. We advise that you keep a copy of every submitted draft of your MA thesis.

ORIGINALITY AND AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

The MA thesis aims at extending your expertise with the knowledge gained in the process of your independent research, and, as such, the MA thesis should be an original synthesis based on the interpretation of the collected data.

To avoid plagiarism, any theories, ideas, and data used in your research have to be duly acknowledged with references (see the section on references and in-text citations below). Unacknowledged sources amount to plagiarism, and detected plagiarism severely affects the assessment of the MA thesis and may even lead to the requirement to start a new MA thesis.

The use of the artificial intelligence tool must be cited in the paper. Always check with the advisor for what purpose you are permitted to use AI in your research. You have to cite any AI tool (e.g. Chat GPT), writing assistant (e.g. Grammarly) or any other digital tool (e.g. NVivo, Voyant, English Corpora) which has been used in writing your paper for generating ideas, paraphrasing, summarising, translating, editing, collecting and analysing data.

LENGTH OF THE MASTER'S THESIS

The volume of the MA thesis is **from 20,000 to 25,000 words**, with the word count indicated at the end of the list of references. The limits of length **include** the introduction, chapters, conclusions, and theses, but **exclude** the acknowledgements, *anotācija*, abstract, list of abbreviations and acronyms, list of references and appendices.

INFORMED CONSENT

If your research involves participants, e.g. respondents in interviews and questionnaires or students in pilot teaching, informed consent in a written form has to be obtained BEFORE starting any research activities. The following steps should be taken to obtain it:

1. A free-form application to the programme director and the academic advisor is filed out with a request to grant permission to start research activities that involve the research participants (see Appendix 6).
2. An informed consent statement should be placed either in the introductory section of the questionnaire or on a separate participant information sheet.
3. Informed consent requires researchers to ensure the following factors. When participants or their guardians give their formal consent,
 - a) they are aware of the nature and the aim of the research,
 - b) they are aware of how the data they have provided will be used and shared.
4. Informed consent should also include information about:
 - a) whether the data will or will not be anonymized,
 - b) how the data will be protected from theft and misuse,
 - c) how present or future researchers might apply the data.
5. If your research involves the collection of research participants' personal data, additional consent for such data processing is to be obtained. This type of information is provided in the form of a written participant information sheet along with a consent form to be signed to stipulate the research participants' agreement has been reached.

STRUCTURE OF THE MASTER'S THESIS

1. COVER (see Appendix 2)
2. TITLE PAGE (see Appendix 3)
3. ANOTĀCIJA

It is a precise translation of the abstract. The key words (Atslēgvārdi) are also translated.

4. ABSTRACT

The length of the abstract does not exceed 850 characters with spaces.

The one-paragraph abstract comprises

- ❖ background of the research or its topicality
- ❖ research goal
- ❖ research methods
- ❖ main results and conclusions

The abstract is followed by 4-8 keywords, which are words or phrases representing the main concepts of your research. For example,

Key words: essay writing, argumentative essays, coherence, organisational patterns

5. CONTENTS

The table of contents is designed automatically (see Appendix 4).

6. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (optional)

7. INTRODUCTION

The introduction states concisely:

- the background of the study
- the significance of the problem
- the research goal (specific, not general)
- research questions or the hypothesis derived from the goal

Note: The proposed hypothesis should not be axiomatic, i.e., self-evident and in no need of proof or explanation.

- enabling objectives to achieve the research goal that comprise but are not limited to:

1. to read and analyse theories / theoretical literature on ... (*name them*)
2. to apply the developed theoretical framework to ... (*state the research goal*)
3. to implement ... (*state the necessary research activities to achieve the goal, e.g., to analyse metaphors in the chosen articles, to design a test*)
4. to draw conclusions

- research methods
 - theoretical research method(s), e.g., analysis of theories
 - empirical research method(s), e.g., discourse analysis, genre analysis, stylistic analysis.

- theoretical framework
- data collection technique(s) or tool(s) (if used), for example, tests, interviews
- research subjects/participants/population (where applicable)
- a corpus of the analysed texts (where applicable)
- a short summary (1-2 sentences) of each chapter

8. CHAPTERS

The body of the paper presents a literature review and empirical research, and it is organised in chapters and subchapters, each provided a heading. Each chapter starts with a paragraph long introduction and concludes with a paragraph that briefly summarises the findings of the chapters and draws conclusions. To create a strong link to the next chapter, a transitional paragraph can be added.

The chapters include:

Literature review, the aim of which is to demonstrate your knowledge of the previous research on the theme and to provide theoretical background for addressing the problem under research. The theoretical part is one third, while the empirical part is two thirds of the body of the paper. Depending on the theme, the Master's thesis is based on 45 theoretical sources. While prior studies are taken from published journal articles, theories are mainly taken from well-known books in the field.

Empirical research, which provides the empirical data used to validate the proposed hypothesis or answer the research questions. The empirical part comprises

- **the methodology section**, including the description of the selected research method(s), description of participants (if applicable), data collection tools and/or collected data (corpus), research procedure
- **results of the study**, comprising a presentation of the results, organized in terms of the hypothesis/research questions.

The length of the corpus for analysis depends on the research method and is suggested below.

Method	Amount
Text/ discourse, stylistic analysis a.o.	From 15,000 words (to be approved by the advisor)

Genre analysis	From 30,000 words (to be approved by the advisor)
Multimodal analysis	To be approved by the advisor
Quantitative and qualitative analysis of linguistic units in available corpora	To be approved by the advisor
Quantitative and qualitative analysis of linguistic units in self-developed corpora	To be approved by the advisor
Analysis of pronunciation when doing text self-transcription	From 3,000 words (to be approved by the advisor)
Surveys, testing a.o. for language learning	To be approved by the advisor
Study book and online resource analysis on a specific language acquisition topic (comparative research)	To be approved by the advisor
Interpretation, comparative analysis, close reading, literary text analysis	At least 3 stories, or 1 novel, or at least 20 poems (to be approved by the advisor)

9. CONCLUSIONS

The chapters are followed by relevant conclusions drawn on the basis of the data. This section restates the goal, briefly summarizes and generalizes the main findings of the research, both theoretical and empirical, and may describe practical implications. The section outlines limitations of the study and sets directions for future research.

10. THESES

Theses are the most significant theoretical and empirical findings presented in brief and general statements. Ten to twelve theses would be sufficient.

11. REFERENCES

The list of references lists all the sources – books, scientific papers, journal articles, etc. – used and referred to in the MA thesis. The entries on the list are numbered and arranged in alphabetical order, first listing references in Latin characters, followed by titles in Cyrillic characters.

To ensure research transparency, all in-text citations contain page numbers (if available) and all links of online sources (books, journal articles, etc.) are cited in the list of references and are available.

Unauthorised websites as well as websites that can be altered by anyone and not protected by copyright are put on a separately numbered list of **Online sources**. They are not viewed as reliable theories.

See examples of references by type below.

❖ **Book by one author**

Name of author Year of publication Title Place of publication Publisher
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Cook, G. (1989) *Discourse*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Porte, G. K. (2010) *Appraising Research in Second Language Learning: a practical approach to critical analysis of quantitative research*, 2nd ed. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamin Publishing Company.

❖ **Book by several authors**

Note: The names are given in the same order as they are on the title page.

Swales, J. M. and Feak, C. B. (1994) *Academic Writing for Graduate Students. a course for nonnative speakers of English*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

❖ **Book with an editor**

Celce-Murcia, M. (ed.), (2001) *Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language*. Boston: Heinle & Heinle.

❖ **Chapter or article in an edited collection**

Coady, J. (1979) A psycholinguistic model of the ESL reader. In R. Mackay, B. Barkman and R. R. Jordan (eds.) *Teaching Reading Skills* (pp. 219-223). London: Longman.

❖ **Dictionaries and encyclopaedias**

[LDELIC] *Longman Dictionary of English Language and Culture* (1992) Essex: Longman

❖ **Doctoral dissertations**

Thompson, P. (2001) *A Pedagogically-Motivated Corpus-Based Examination of PhD Theses: macrostructure, citation practices and uses of modal verbs*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation. Reading: University of Reading.

❖ **Government and legal documents**

Department of the Environment (2013) *Clean Air*. Available from <http://www.environment.gov.au/cleaner-environment/clean-air.html> [Accessed on 5 November 2021].

Child Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2005 (Qld).

❖ **Journal article**

Name of author Year of publication Title Journal Volume Number/issue Page numbers

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Brown, B. (1994) Reading for research. *Journal of Education*, 1 (1): 21-24.

Note: References to different items by the same author in the same year have letters a, b, etc. added to the year, for example,

Monaghan, J. and Ellis, A. W. (2002a) What, exactly, interacts with spelling-sound consistency in word naming? *Journal of Experimental Psychology: learning, memory & cognition*, 28: 183-206.

Monaghan, J. and Ellis, A. W. (2002b) Age of acquisition and the completeness of phonological representations. *Reading and Writing*, 15: 759-788.

❖ **Newspapers and magazines**

Kelly, P. (2010) Labor leadership change rewrites rulebook. *Australian*, 24 June. Available from <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/opinion/labor-leadershipchange-rewrites-rulebook/story-e6frg74x-1225883864100> 7 [Accessed on 7 July 2021].

❖ **Online sources (1)**

Online sources are referred in the same way as printed sources, but added their URL (Internet address) after *Available from*, and the date when they were viewed or downloaded after *Accessed on* in square brackets; for example,

Brown, B. (2003) *Research*. London: University of London. Available from <http://www.oup.com/elt/global/> [Accessed on 2 January 2021].

Note: If there is no publishing date, n.d. is written instead of the year, for example, Streefkerk, R. (n.d.) APA citation guidelines. *Scribbr*. Available from <https://www.scribbr.com/category/apa-style/> [Accessed on 7 October 2022].

❖ **Online sources (2)**

A separate list of **Online sources** is numbered anew in order of the source appearance in the text, for example,

1) [Online 1] Available from <http://www.oup.com/elt/global/> [Accessed on 2 January 2021].

❖ **Films**

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) [Film] Directed by: Chris Columbus.
USA: Warner Brothers.

Other relevant details can be added, for example,

Pride and Prejudice (1995) [Film] BBC/A&E mini-series, (300 min). Directed by
Simon Langton; Screenplay by Andrew Davies.

❖ **DVD and video**

Life of Campus (2006) [DVD] London: Imperial College London.

Fragile Earth, 5 (1982) *South American Wetland: Pantanal*. [Video: VHS]. Henley:
Watchword Video.

If the Video/DVD publication year is different from the film release year, then the year of publication is also indicated in the square brackets. If the producer (here the manufacturer of the disc) differs from the original producer, this information is mentioned as well; for example,

Pride and Prejudice (1995) BBC/A&E mini-series, 6 parts (300 min). [DVD 2002,
AVG Videos]. Directed by Simon Langton; Screenplay by Andrew Davies.

❖ **TV recordings**

World in action (1995) *All Work and No Play*. [Video: VHS]. London, ITV, 21st
January 1996.

❖ **CD-ROMs**

CD-ROM entries usually start with the author or editor or the title of a particular text:
James, A. (2002) Heart attack. *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. [CD-ROM]. London:
Encyclopaedia Britannica.

❖ **Tool**

AI generated text: Title. Year. Place of publication: Publisher. Software: Platform.

ChatGPT (2023) San Francisco: OpenAI. ChatGPT: Microsoft Windows.

An in-text citation: (OpenAI 2023)

Sinclair, S. and Rockwell, G. (2016) *Voyant Tools*. Available from <http://voyant-tools.org/>
[Last accessed on 25 July 2024].

❖ **Corpora**

[BNC] *The British National Corpus*. Available from <http://www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk/>

[Accessed on 2 March 2024].

[COCA] *The Corpus of Contemporary American English*. Available from <https://www.english-corpora.org/coca/> [Accessed on 2 March 2024].

[GloWbE] *The Corpus of Global Web-based English*. Available from <https://www.englishcorpora.org/glowbe/> [Last accessed on 25 July 2024].

❖ **E-book**

Lowry, L. (2018) *The Giver*. Boston, NY: Clarion Books. Kindle Edition.

Chapter in an edited e-book:

Goodwin, J. (2022) Teaching pronunciation. In M. Celce-Murcia, D. M. Brinton and M. A. Snow (eds.) *Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language* (pp. 136-153). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning. Kindle Edition.

❖ **Analysed texts**

For the analysed texts, the list of references has a separate heading **Analysed texts**, aligned left, 12 pt. Each item starts with the acronym chosen by you (e.g., T1, A1).

A sample of the list of references is provided below.

References

- 1) Flower, R. (1991) *Language in the News: discourse and ideology in the press*. Abingdon: Routledge.
- 2) Julian, P. M. (2011) Appraising through someone else's words: The evaluative power of quotations in news reports. *Discourse & Society*, 22 (6): 766–780. Available from <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0957926511411697> [Accessed on 12 February 2020].
- 3) ...

Online sources

1) [Online 1] Available from <https://www.cambridge.org/core> [Accessed on 12 February 2020].

2) ...

Corpora

1) [GloWbE] Davies, M. (2013) *Corpus of Global Web-based English: 1.9 billion words from speakers in 20 countries*. Available from <https://www.englishcorpora.org/glowbe/> [Last accessed on 25 July 2024].

2) ...

Analysed texts

1) [T 1] Elliot, L. (2019) George Soros: China is using tech advances to repress its people. *The Guardian*, 24 January. Available from <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2019/jan/24/george-soros-china-using-techadvances-to-repress-its-people> [Accessed on 12 February 2020].

2) [T 2] Graham, R. (2017) Global press freedom plunges to worst level this century. *The Guardian*, 30 November. Available from <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2017/nov/30/press-freedom-at-all-time-lowjournalist-safety-article-19-v-dem-study> [Accessed on 12 February 2020].

12. GLOSSARY (optional)

Glossary may contain definitions of the key terms. It is given only when the term is:

- often used ambiguously in the research area
- too general and needs to be specified

13. APPENDIX/APPENDICES (optional)

Appendices include materials relevant to the research but too voluminous to appear in the body of the MA thesis, such as, for example, text corpora, questionnaires, used or designed language acquisition materials, visual aids, less important tables and figures, and other kinds of illustrative materials. Appendices are provided with appropriate headings and numbered, for example,

Appendix 1: Lesson Plan

14. ATTESTATION PAGE (Dokumentārā lapa) (see Appendix 5)

FORMATTING

The text is formatted according to the following requirements:

- A4 paper, 2.0 cm top, bottom, and right margins, and 3.0 cm left margin
- main text: Times New Roman, 12 pt. regular, aligned left, indent 1.5 cm (except the first paragraph), 1.5 spaced, no extra space between paragraphs
- headings: Times New Roman, 14 pt. bold, centred, title case
- subheadings: Times New Roman, 12 pt. bold, aligned left, sentence case
- long quotations: Times New Roman, 12 pt. regular, single spaced, 1-cm indented
- captions and text of tables and figures: Times New Roman, 11 pt. regular, single spaced
- footnotes (better avoided): Times New Roman, 10 pt. regular
- page numbers: Times New Roman, 12 pt. regular, centred (see Appendix 4). The numbering starts with the list of abbreviations and acronyms (if any) or the introduction.
- if required, printed single sided

Chapters and subchapters

Each chapter starts on a new page and contains at least two subchapters, if used. Headings are written in title case and subheadings in sentence case, both in bold and without a full stop at the end. Subchapters do not start on a new page, but an empty line is left before and after each subheading.

Abbreviations and acronyms

The first time an abbreviation or an acronym is used, the term is spelt out in full, with the abbreviation/acronym shown in brackets immediately afterwards, e.g., English for Specific Purposes (ESP). Further on, only the abbreviation/acronym is used.

Tables and figures

Tables are referred to as *Tables*, while anything pictorial (be it a graph or a photograph) is called a *Figure*. Tables and figures are similarly numbered by chapter and with no reference to subchapters. Thus, the first figure (even if it is the only one) in chapter two will be Figure 2.1, the first table in chapter two – Table 2.1, the second table – Table 2.2, and so on. If the fourth table/figure is inserted in subchapter 3.1.1, it will still be Table 3.4 / Figure 3.4. **Note:** In captions, the words *Table* and *Figure* are written in italics whereas they are regular in the text (e.g., Table 1.1 presents the findings...). The caption itself is in bold, with table captions written above and figure captions written below the representation (see the examples below).

Table 1.1 Linking words and phrases (Swales and Feak, 1994: 22)

Heading	Heading
Text	Text

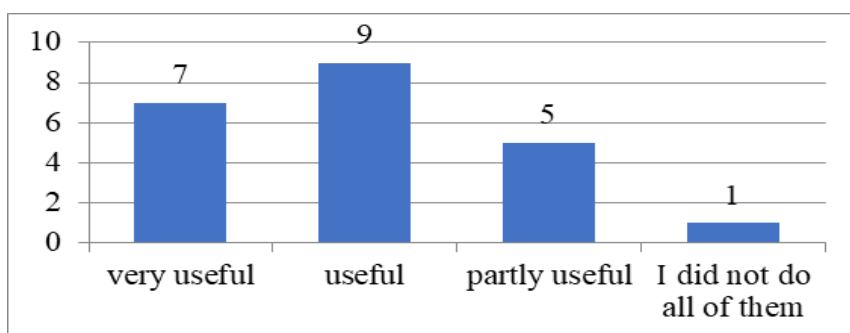


Figure 1.1 The students' opinion on the use of the tasks (N of students)

In-text citations

To ensure research transparency, page numbers are always used in in-text citations when quoting, paraphrasing or summarising. If an online source does not have page numbers, *n. p.* (i.e. no pages) is used.

- **Quoting, paraphrasing and summarising** words or ideas, the author(s)'s surname(s), the year of publication and the page number(s) are credited, e.g.,
 - 'The study of "speaker meaning" is called pragmatics' (Yule, 1996: 3).
 - '[...] "All my books investigate the end of Eden and the possibility of its reconstruction"' (Doucornet, 1999: 3, quoted in Trendel, 2013: 106).

- ‘The learners’ results, rather than being limited to a numeric grade, provide meaningful feedback and promote learning’ (Brown and Hudson, 1998, discussed in Czura, 2013: 22).
- If there are **more than three authors**, all their names appear when a reference to the source is made for the first time. Then, only the first author is mentioned followed by *et al.*, for example, (Ding et al., 2018)
- If a reference is made to **two different items by the same author in the same year**, *a* or *b* is added to the year, for example, (Ellis, 2002a, 2002b).
- If **more than one source** is cited, they are placed in chronological order.
 - number of research studies have been conducted into the effect of motivation on language acquisition (Smith, 1995; Brown, 1997; Anderson, 2002).
- If more than one work by the same author are cited, the name is followed by all years of their publications, for example, (Ellis, 1998, 2011).
- If a quotation is translated, the translator’s name is mentioned in brackets (e.g., translated by Ozols). If the translation is done by you, write ‘transl. mine’ instead.
- If there is **no publishing date**, n. d. is written instead of the year, for example, (Brown, n. d.: 5).
- If reference is to **the whole work**, a page number is not necessary.
 - Stern (1983) argues that the language user knows the rules governing his native language.
- If a reference to a **course book is made** in the body of the text and its title is long, then the first three words are cited which are followed by three dots.
- When a **literary work** is first introduced in the text, the title and the author are mentioned, but the publication date may be omitted. Referring to the book under analysis, only page numbers are used.
- For a text produced by an **organisation**, the name of the organisation (the corporate author) is used instead of the author’s surname, for example, (Ministry of Education and Science, 2021).
- If the author of a **video/audio recording** is not known, the title and the year of release are cited.
 - *World in Action* (2002) depicts ...

- The beginning of the **exact scene** is indicated by adding minutes and seconds.
 - ‘Mrs. Bennet: You should have seen how handsome and elegant he is!’ (*Pride and Prejudice*, 1940: 5' 02").
- **Short quotations** are incorporated into the text.
 - According to Jordan, ‘It is important to acknowledge the source of the quotations; otherwise, you may be accused of plagiarism’ (Jordan, 2001: 98).
- **Note:** When quoting, single quotation marks are used. When the quoted material contains yet another quotation, the second quotation is enclosed in double quotation marks, e.g., Bach and Harnish (1982: 188) argue that “‘speak colloquially’ is almost as empty as
 - “‘speak idiomatically’ is obscure if it has nothing to do with using idioms’.
- **Longer quotations** (more than three lines in length) are set out separately. They are single-spaced and indented from the left-hand margin by 1 cm and written without any quotation marks, e.g.,
 - Jordan considers that the *main features* [italics added] of academic writing are as follows: it is formal in an impersonal [...] style (often using impersonal pronouns and phrases and passive verb forms); cautious language [may, might, would, can, could, seem, appear a. o.] is frequently used in reporting research and making claims. (Jordan, 2000: 88)
- To add words to an original quotation, square brackets are used. An ellipsis in square brackets, i.e. [...], is used to show that part of the quotation has been omitted.
- To refer to a **website without the author and the title**, the word Online and the source number in the order of its appearance in the text is used, for example,
 - number of research studies have been conducted into the effect of motivation on language acquisition (Online 3).
- To refer to a website with an author, but no page numbers, n.p. is written instead of the page numbers, for example, (Brown, 2010: n.p.), (Brown, n.d.: n.p.).
- When citing an e-book (either on an e-reader like the Kindle or online in an e-book format like epub), please use page numbers where available. If the book does not use page numbers, please use the chapter number or paragraph number, or a combination thereof.
- In-text citation: (author, year: page number) or (author, year: chapter number, paragraph number) (Goodwin, 2022: 146) or (Lowry, 2018: ch. 10, para. 37)

- **ibid.** *is used* to avoid repeating the author's or source name if the same page of the same source is referred to several times in a row, for example,
 - Quotations are the exact words of the author, which are accurate, with the same punctuation and spelling (*ibid.*).
- **Note:** If the page number is different, it is added as in, for example, (*ibid.*: 1-2).
- In order to cite the analysed texts, acronyms may be used after they are properly introduced; for example,
 - Thirty articles (henceforth As) were chosen for analysis. The volume of A1 and A2 was....
- Similarly, all sample sentences are introduced first, for example,
 - As shown in Example 1 (henceforth E1), the link verbs were used most frequently (15 instances out of 30) in the present simple tense:
 - [1] She's a very charming and pretty girl. (A1)
- To highlight key words in samples or terms in a text, *italics* is used.

STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION

The presentation reflects the key information of the BA thesis. It should not exceed 10 minutes and should contain the following:

- the title and the author of the paper, group
- prior research (authors, years, findings) to show/establish the niche
- the goal
- the research questions
- the objectives
- the research methods (empirical)
- the data collection tools
- the analysed texts and participants
- the theoretical background used in the empirical part (authors, years, themes)
- the empirical part: results (tables/figures with a few samples) and discussion/interpretation of the findings

- the conclusions (from the theories and the empirical part); limitations, further research
- the references + texts analysed (included in the presentation)

DEFENCE PROCESS

Defence process and assessment	
Student's presentation	10 min.
<p>Student's answers to questions.</p> <p>The reviewer or the board comments on the relevance of the answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question is answered. • The question is not answered. • The question is answered partly. 	Not less than 7 min.
The reviewer presents his/her review on the MA thesis	5 min.
The discussion of the board and the decision on the assessment.	<p>The final grade consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complete draft of the MA thesis – 10% (graded according to the MA assessment criteria); • The complete MA thesis – 60%; • The defense of the MA thesis – 30%.

Appendix 1
Application (typed)
Humanitāro zinātņu fakultāte

Anglistikas nodaļas vadītājam

(vārds, uzvārds)

_____ maģistra studiju programmas

_____ semestra studenta/es

(vārds, uzvārds)

(studenta apliecības Nr.)

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Lūdzu apstiprināt bakalaura darba tematu (nosaukums jānorāda latviešu un angļu valodā):

Darba vadītājs: _____
(vārds, uzvārds)

Rīgā, _____
(datums)

(studenta paraksts)

Saskaņots: _____
(darba vadītājas paraksts)

(datums)

Apstiprinu: Nodaļas vadītāja _____
(paraksts)

(datums)

Appendix 2 Cover of the Master's Thesis

LATVIJAS UNIVERSITĀTE

MAGISTRA DARBS

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Appendix 3

Title Page of Master's Thesis

UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH STUDIES

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TITLE IN ENGLISH

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TITLE IN LATVIAN

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MASTER'S THESIS

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Name Surname

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Appendix 5 Dokumentārā lapa

Maģistra darbs „Nosaukums angļu valodā” (Nosaukums latviešu valodā) izstrādāts LU Humanitāro zinātņu fakultātē.

Ar savu parakstu apliecinu, ka pētījums veikts patstāvīgi, izmantoti tikai tajā norādītie informācijas avoti un iesniegtā darba elektroniskā kopija atbilst izdrukai.

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Appendix 6

Informētā piekrišana

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iesniegums.

Lūdzu atļaut man veikt pētījumu, iesaistot respondentus. Respondenti tiks informēti par pētījuma mērķi, pētījuma norisi, ieguvumiem un riskiem, konfidencialitāti un personas datu aizsardzību un brīvprātīgu piedalīšanās, un no viņiem tiks saņemta informētā piekrišana.

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Rīgā,

_____ (datums)

_____ (studenta paraksts)

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(datums)

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Informētās piekrišanas paraugs dalībai pētījumā

Aicinām Jūs piedalīties pētījumā [*pētījuma nosaukums*], ko veic [*pētījuma veicējs – institūcija, pētnieks*]. Vēlamies Jūs iepazīstināt ar pētījuma mērķi, norisi un saturu. Pirms šī dokumenta parakstīšanas rūpīgi izlasiet visu informāciju! Pirms dokumenta parakstīšanas Jums ir tiesības uzdot jautājumus par pētījumu un saņemt uz tiem atbildes.

Pētījuma mērķis:

[*Pētījuma dalībniekiem saprotamā valodā aprakstiet pētījuma mērķi un to, kā tiks izmantoti pētījuma rezultāti*].

Pētījuma norise:

[*Pētījuma dalībniekiem saprotamā valodā aprakstiet, kāda ir paredzētā pētījuma norise. Kur notiks pētījums? Kas pētījuma dalībniekiem būs jādara? Cik daudz laika aizņems dalība pētījumā? Kādas pētījuma metodes tiks izmantotas?*]

Ieguvumi un riski

[*Pētījuma dalībniekiem saprotamā valodā aprakstiet, kādi ieguvumi no pētījuma ir paredzami pētāmajām personām (ja tādi ir paredzami) un sabiedrībai kopumā.*

Pētījuma dalībniekiem saprotamā valodā aprakstiet visus iespējamus riskus, t.sk. psiholoģiskos riskus, kas var rasties pētījuma gaitā. Vai tiks uzdoti jautājumi, kas var radīt diskomfortu, rosināt nepatīkamas atmiņas, radīt stresu? Kā šie riski tiks novērsti vai mazināti?]

Konfidencialitāte un personas datu aizsardzība:

[*Ir jāapliecina, ka personas datu apstrāde notiks atbilstoši Vispārīgās datu aizsardzības regulas un Fizisko personu datu apstrādes likuma prasībām. Pētījuma dalībniekiem saprotamā valodā aprakstiet, kā tiks nodrošināta personas datu drošība un konfidencialitāte. Jāņem vērā, ka personas dati ir visa veida dati, kuri ļauj identificēt personu. Precīzi jāuzskaita, kādi tieši personas dati tiks iegūti un apstrādāti (t.sk. vārds, uzvārds; dzimšanas dati; fotogrāfijas; video vai audio ieraksti; konkrētu mērījumu, testu, eksperimentu rezultāti; ģeoloģijas dati; informācija no sociālajiem tīkliem u.c.). Cik ilgi, kur un kā tiks uzglabāti personas dati? Kas notiks ar personas datiem, ja persona pārtrauks dalību pētījumā vai pētījums tiks pārtraukts/izbeigts? Ja dati tiks pseidonimizēti (kodēti), kā tas notiks? Jāņem vērā, ka arī pseidonimizēti dati Vispārīgās datu aizsardzības regulas izpratnē ir personas dati. Ja datus kodē, kādos gadījumos dati var tikt atkodēti? Kā tiks publicēti pētījuma rezultāti?*

Spēkā esošie normatīvie akti prasa norādīt personas datu pārziņi un pārziņa kontaktinformāciju. Gadījumā, ja pārziņis ir LU, ir jānorāda atsauce uz LU Privātuma politiku (LU mājas lapā) un datu speciālistu kontaktinformācija – datu.specialisti@lu.lv.

Brīvprātīga piedalīšanās:

Piedalīšanās šajā pētījumā ir brīvprātīga. Jums ir tiesības atteikties piedalīties pētījumā vai pārtraukt dalību pētījumā jebkurā laikā. Jūsu atteikšanās piedalīties pētījumā vai dalības pārtraukšana neradīs nekādu nevēlamu ietekmi uz Jums sniegtās veselības aprūpes kvalitāti. Mēs informēsim Jūs par izmaiņām pētījuma norisē, kas var ietekmēt Jūsu vēlmi turpināt dalību šajā pētījumā.

Šis dokuments ir sagatavots divos eksemplāros, no kuriem viens atrodas pie pētījuma veicēja, bet otrs – pie pētījuma dalībnieka.