

Information on the master's thesis for the master's programs Chemistry, WiChem, COSOM, MedChem and SynCat

Application procedure and admission requirements:

The following are prerequisite for admission to the master's thesis:

1. The master's examination **has not** already been conclusively failed in the chosen master's subject.
2. The candidate is enrolled in the current semester and throughout the time allotted to complete the thesis.
3. **MasterChem and MedChem:** the student can show they have completed at least 60 CP.
WiChem: 60 CP, including the module WiCH-MSc-CHE-M09
COSOM: two completed modules from 01-07
SYNCAT: the student can show they have completed at least 48 LP.

You may only apply to your supervisor for the assignment of your topic after the examination office has checked that the admission requirements have been fulfilled.

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The thesis supervisor is always the first examiner.

Only professors and staff with the status Privatdozent from the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy can be chosen as a supervisor.

A lecturer with the status Privatdozent needs the approval of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy to supervise master's theses.

In special cases the master's thesis can be performed outside the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy in so far as it is overseen by a professor, and a professor of the Faculty for Chemistry and Pharmacy has declared his or her agreement to take on the supervision of the thesis and thus be first examiner.

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Alongside the registration for the master's thesis, you will also be registered for the Research Methods Course and the Working Group Seminar.

Returning the topic:

The master's topic can be returned

SYNCAT: within 12 weeks in justified and exceptional cases

M.Sc. Chemistry/COSOM/Med. Chem: once within 2 weeks

M.Sc. Business Chemistry: within 4 weeks in justified and exceptional cases.

Time allowed for working on the thesis, and submitting it:

Work on the master's thesis must be completed within nine months of the assignment of the topic for the master's programs **Chemistry, MedChem, WiChem** and **COSOM**.

Work on the master's thesis must be completed within 39 weeks of the assignment of the topic for the master's program **SynCat**.

The time limit begins with the announcement of the topic to the candidate (§ 31 Para. 2 of the administrative procedure act; *Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz*). If the day of submission is a Sunday or public holiday, the next week-day is counted as the date the submission is required.

Upon application, an extension will be awarded, if the student can show that there are reasons, for which he or she is not responsible, which hinder his or her work.

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Submission of the thesis:

1. The master's thesis for the master's programs **Chemistry, MedChem** and **WiChem** can be submitted in German or English.
2. For the **COSOM** program, the master's thesis can be submitted in German or English. Submission in another language requires the agreement of the examination board in advance. A master's thesis submitted in a foreign language must contain a summary in German.
3. The master's thesis for **SynCat** is to be formulated in English.
4. The master's thesis **WiChem** should be of 80 - 100 pages long.

The thesis is to be submitted on time as three bound copies and an electronic version (as a pdf file) to the examination office. The pdf file can also be sent from your student email account to pa.chemie@ur.de. In this case, please name the file "MA.Surname,Forename".

The declaration of consent to the transfer of an unpublished thesis to the University Library is to be submitted alongside your thesis, even if you do not give your consent.

> [Declaration of consent](#)

Should you wish to submit the master's thesis when we are not open, you have the following options:

- Submit via the mail room of the scientific faculties (Naturwissenschaftlichen Fakultäten), PHY 3: room 3.0.0
- Send it by post
(Remember to show the certificate of mailing to the examinations office, as the date of the postmark counts as the day of submission)
- Mailbox for time-sensitive material (Fristenbriefkasten) in the administration building (Verwaltungsgebäude) of Universität Regensburg (submission is possible up until midnight).

The date of submission is to be put on record.

The master's thesis is to be evaluated within 2 month of submission (M.Sc.WiChem, COSOM) or 1 month (M.Sc. Chemistry, MedChem, SYNCAT).

Thirty credit points are awarded for the master's thesis.

Author's declaration:

The master's thesis has to contain, **at the end**, a signed declaration from the author.

The contents of the declaration are listed here for the individual master's degree programs.

> [Author's declaration](#)

Retaking the thesis:

If a master's thesis is failed, then, under certain conditions, it may be retaken with a new topic. The application for a retake is to be made within 1 month of the announcement of the grade for the master's programs **Chemistry**, **MedChem** and **COSOM** and four weeks by **WiChem**.

The application for a retake is to be made within 2 months of the announcement of the grade for the master's program **SynCat**.

A second retake is not possible

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Grade:

Should the examiners' evaluations differ, the grade will be the average of the two grades, with the second decimal place dropped. Should the evaluations differ by more than a full grade, then the chair of the examination board determines the grade after consulting with the examiners.

The grade of the master's thesis for the master's programs Chemistry, MedChem, SYNCAT and COSOM make up 40 % of the overall grade; for the master's program Business Chemistry it makes up 28%.

Termination of enrollment:

Generally, your final exam credits come from the master's thesis.

If this is the case, the date of certification is the date the master's thesis was submitted. Thus, you may terminate your enrollment after submitting your master's thesis.

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