

EX 0889 Master thesis in Rural Development and Natural Resource Management

15th January – 2nd June 2024

SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES

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In advance of the course start date, it is to your advantage to work with your supervisor to define a clear, actionable project for your thesis. That way, you can ‘hit the ground running’ when the course begins.

Below is a schedule for writing during the course period. It is very important to keep this schedule as best as you can to ensure that you make timely progress toward the completion of your thesis. If you are unable to meet these deadlines for any reason, please contact your supervisor and course leader to make a plan for how you can stay on track.

Week 3

Monday 15th January 2024: Officially the course begins

Introductory lecture, 13:00-15:00. Room to be announced

(We hope you have already started on the research for your thesis!)

Week 4

Friday, January 26, 2024: 16:00

Submission deadline: Research problem, methodology and synopsis (summary of the main points to developed in the thesis). To be submitted to course leaders (on canvas) and supervisor.

Week 6

Friday, 9 February 2024, 16:00

Submission deadline: Background. To be submitted to course leaders (on canvas) and supervisor.

Week 9

Friday 1 March 2024, 16:00

Submission deadline: Key points of the empirical material / outline. To be submitted to course leaders (on canvas) and supervisor.

Week 13

Friday 29 March 2024, 16:00

Submission deadline: Full preliminary draft of empirical material. To be submitted to course leaders (on canvas) and supervisor.

NOTE: This should be viewed as a work in progress, and not the final draft of the empirics. Try to get as much on paper as you can to get feedback from your supervisor and peers, in order to be on track to finalize the thesis by the submission date.

During this phase of writing, please get regular feedback from your supervisor and peers.

Midterm presentations: Every student will have the opportunity to present their empirical findings and preliminary contributions of the thesis! (Attendance is optional, but we hope you will make it. Previous experience shows that it is really great to get everyone together and discuss their work-in-progress.)

Dates & times to be announced!

Week 18

Friday 03 May 2024, 16:00

Submission deadline: Full draft of the thesis. To be submitted to supervisors (on canvas) and course leaders.

Note: please coordinate with your supervisor beforehand to ensure that you get timely feedback on your thesis for a final round of revisions before final submission.

Week 20

Friday 17 May 2024, 16:00

Submission deadline: Final draft. To be submitted to supervisor and course leaders.

Week 22

Thursday 30 May 2024: 09:00 - 16:00

Friday 31 May 2024, 09:00 - 16:00

Defence of master theses

*We will add one more day for defences if we need to.