

LEURE guidelines for semester and master projects

We expect a research paper of about 15-25 pages of main text (20-30 pages for two authors) for a 4 credits project, 25-40 pages for a 9 or 10 credit project, 35-50 pages for a master thesis, not counting the cover page, table of contents, references, and appendix.

This text should be well-constructed, well-written, without spelling and grammatical errors (we are more lenient if it is not your mother tongue).

Correctly citing your sources and building your bibliography is very important, so please apply the standards of the EPFL library: <https://www.epfl.ch/campus/library/services/services-students/master-citation-copyright-basic-rules>. Do that from the beginning by entering your references with all needed information into a tool such as Zotero.

If you use external assistance (proofreading, artificial intelligence, etc.), you must clearly state this in the introduction or methodology of your paper.

Please email us your semester project report no later than **10 days after classes end**. We will then schedule a 45' oral exam (10-15' presentation with your slides, followed by questions and discussion), approximately one week later.

In the meantime, you are free to organise yourself as you wish. It is a good idea to submit a research plan (research questions, methodology, starting bibliography, mini-workplan: one line per week) and table of contents in the first few 1-2 weeks of your work. It is also very useful to schedule an intermediate presentation after 7-8 weeks. If you submit a first draft of your paper a month before the deadline, we will be able to give you guidance on how to improve the final version.

Your paper could be structured as follows:

- a. Abstract
- b. Introduction, research questions
- c. Literature review on research questions
- d. Theory, analysis methods
- e. Data
- f. Results
- g. Discussion
- h. Conclusions
- i. References
- j. Appendix

Wishing you excellent and enjoyable work!

The LEURE team