

## Guidelines on format and structure

The following structure is recommended for your thesis.

### **Suggested total number of pages**

- 60 credit thesis: 80-100 pages (approx. 2 300 characters per page, not including spaces)
- 30 credit thesis: 40-50 pages (approx. 2 300 characters per page, not including spaces)

References and appendices are not included in this total.

!! 60 credit experimental or quantitative thesis can be between 60 and 80 pages (excluding references and appendices)

### **Recommended structure**

1. Title page
2. Summary - max. length one page. (To appear at front or back of thesis.)
3. Foreword. Every master's thesis should have a foreword. This should include, among other things, the name of your supervisor. It is good scholarly etiquette to use the foreword to thank people who have contributed to the completion of your master's thesis.
4. CREDIT page (if relevant, check with your supervisor): Provide your and your supervisor's (eventually lab assistant or lab engineer, or other person who helped with MA thesis [can be conceptualization, data collection]) contribution using the Credit Taxonomy standard (14 contributor roles), outlined [here](#).
5. Table of contents
6. Main text
7. End notes (if relevant)
8. List of sources and bibliography
9. Appendices (if relevant)

### **What is a normal page?**

- A written sheet in A4-format, including margins on the left and right side;
- Top margins and bottom margins of at least 2.5 cm;
- The line spacing should be 1.5 with a font size of 12;
- A font no smaller than Times New Roman size 12;
- All pages must be numbered at the bottom of the page, either in the middle or alternating right-left side every other page.

This format is well suited for a two-sided print.

A smaller font may be used in tables, figures, foot notes and the bibliography, as long as the readability is preserved.

### **Front page**

- Thesis title
- [The UiO logo - the Apollo seal](#)
- Student's full name
- Master's thesis in [course code + title]
- Programme/programme option
- No. of credits (30 or 60)
- Semester and year
- Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies (ILN), University of Oslo

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