Plan

MA-thesis

All MA-students are required to prepare a plan for their work with the MA-thesis. The purpose of the plan is to guide the practical work with the thesis. The plan shall be written by the student, discussed with the supervisor, and then (revised if necessary) and agreed on and signed by both the student and the supervisor.

The plan shall be finalized and signed by the student and the supervisor before October 16 in the 3rd semester. They shall both keep signed copies of the plan. Additionally, the student shall provide one copy of the signed plan to the Administrative Coordinator of the MA Program.

The plan can be a working document throughout the work with the thesis. The student and the supervisor may agree to adjust and revise the plan as the work moves forward. There are no specific requirements in regard of the format and/or content of the plan. The student and the supervisor may agree on any form and content that is found most fruitful for the specific project.

However, normally, the plan should contain the following information:

- A tentative title of the thesis

- A description of the research problem (e.g. justification for research/preliminary research questions/hypotheses)

- Theories/literature that are likely to guide the work of the thesis

- Methods (study design, data collection, analysis, etc)

- Planning and organisation of the work

- Necessary ethical considerations and applications

- Possible economic resources required

- Time table with deliverables and/or milestones

There are no specific requirements as regards the length of the plan. Normally, 1-3 pages will probably cover the necessary information required.

Please consult also Vitenskapsbutikken if you want ideas to a project:
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