Guidelines Master's thesis

Registration: The master thesis has to be registered using the registration form provided under [forms and documents of the study program](). This has to be done within 2 weeks after the start of the experiments.

Submission: The thesis has to be uploaded as pdf in FlexNow ('Abschlussarbeiten'). There's no need to hand in a hard copy version to the examination office at the faculty of Biology and Psychology.

Delayed submission is not possible. The deadline can be extended for a maximum of 28 days.

- if you get sick: medical certificate to be handed in with the examination office
- In case of unforeseen severe reasons not attributed to the candidate: application for extension with statement of first supervisor addressed to the examination board, handed in with Kerstin Böse.

Please keep in mind that the volume of results or completeness of the study is not critical for a successful thesis.

Format: The first two pages have to contain the following information:

- title of the thesis (as given on the application form for the master thesis)
- name, date and place of birth of the student
- study program
- name of referee and co-referee
- date of submission

The language is English. The basic format of the thesis should resemble that of a specific journal article and include the following sections:

Abstract: The abstract is a summary of the whole thesis. It presents all the major elements of your work in a highly condensed form.

Introduction: The section should provide a clear understanding of the subject and the nature and rationale for the specific project. Describe your hypothesis and the current state of research.

Material and Methods/ Results: The presentation of methods and results may follow the format recommended by your research supervisor. Make sure to cite work done by collaborators properly

Discussion: This section should provide a clear interpretation of the experimental results. What is the significance in the context of the general aim? Also address future directions for the project, suggest additional approaches to continue the project.