Master’s Project

1 Guidelines

1.1 Definition
The Master's project is a major group project for two to four students working on a subject that is closely linked to a research group at the Department of Informatics. This is an intensive and demanding project worth 18 ECTS credits. The Master's project should be completed in the student’s major program.

1.2 Timing
The Master’s project may not be started until all the group members have successfully completed the Master’s basic module. Students pursuing a minor program, who do not have to complete the Master’s basic module, are excluded from this rule. We recommend that the project is carried out during the summer period when no lectures are scheduled. The maximum duration of a Master’s project is twelve months.

1.3 Type of project
The Master's project is carried out using scientific methods and must include a final report that combines the key technical results and the scientific aspects of the project. The project must be scientific in nature; the student must reflect on and present the results in an appropriate format.

The Master's project is supervised by a professor in the Department of Informatics.

1.4 Assessment
The assessment of the Master’s project generally takes the form of a presentation or demonstration of the solution, plus a mandatory paper describing its implementation.

Failure to pass the Master’s project a failed attempt.

2 Procedure

2.1 Acquisition of a project
Project topics can be found on the research group websites or via the Master’s Project Marketplace held every six months. Students form their own groups for the project.

2.2 Project description
The project description includes the following elements:
- Specification of the project definition
- Timeline with milestones and activities
- Identification of the essential and target aspects of the project definition
- Signatures of the supervisor and the students
2.3 Registration
The students submit the completed registration form for the Master’s project at a meeting with the supervising professor scheduled before the start date. This registration form is subsequently sent by the professor to the Informatics Department Office.

→ **No further action is required to book the module.**

2.4 Completion
In line with the project definition, the project is completed and presented or demonstrated as applicable. In all cases, a description of project implementation is submitted to the supervising professor. The professor notes the grade awarded on the registration form. The form is sent back to the Informatics Department Office so that the project can be credited toward the degree.

2.5 Copyright
Students must sign the “Agreement on the rights to written works and artifacts in Informatics at the University of Zurich” before starting their work.

2.6 Transfer of credit
The ECTS credits are recorded by the Dean's Office in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics, and are listed on the student's next transcript of records.