## Thesis Assessment Report ESE

### Bachelor's thesis

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### Thesis structure

- **Low**
- **Average**
- **High**

The thesis has a clear introduction and formulated problem; each chapter is a recognizable part of the thesis and links up with the formulated problem; the argument results in (partial) conclusions with respect to the questions derived from the formulated problem.

### Substantiation

- **Low**
- **Average**
- **High**

The thesis has a clear theoretical substantiation and recognizable and verifiable use has been made of (literature and empirical) sources. The writer has clearly motivated the method of research, the method fits in with the problem formulation and the method has been well applied.

### Detailing

- **Low**
- **Average**
- **High**

The thesis actually answers the questions posed within the problem formulation. The subject is sufficiently set out. The argument is coherent and logical.

### Added value

- **Low**
- **Average**
- **High**

The thesis contributes to the knowledge in the field of study. For instance a new method is developed or an existing method is applied to a new field.

### Relevance

- **Low**
- **Average**
- **High**

The thesis is a relevant contribution to the knowledge in the field of study. This contribution can be both practical and scientific.

### Design and presentation

- **Low**
- **Average**
- **High**

There is a consistent and conveniently arranged division into chapters. The chapters and sections have appropriate titles. Each chapter is provided with an introduction and summary, describing the place of the chapter in the thesis. Linguistic usage is correct and clear. The layout is conveniently arranged and supports the contents. The thesis has a title page, table of contents and reading list. The reading list and references comply with current scientific standards.

### Student's commitment

- **Low**
- **Average**
- **High**

Independence, own contribution, motivation.

### Result Bachelor's thesis (integer or "fulfilled"):

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This Report serves two purposes:

- it supports the Thesis Supervisor and Reader in forming their opinion, and
- it documents how this opinion came about.

To graduate the following is required:

- for the Bachelor's thesis a sufficient result (mark 6 or higher), respectively the qualification 'fulfilled' (if the mark is a five).
- for the Master's thesis a sufficient result (mark 6 or higher).

For the assessment of a Bachelor's thesis the definitive result has to be stated on the Assessment Report. This assessment takes place after the final discussion with the student about the contents of his/her Bachelor's thesis.

For the assessment of a Master's thesis the provisional qualification 'fulfilled' has to be stated on the Assessment Report. This indicates that in the opinion of the Thesis Supervisor and Reader the paper or thesis is ready for definitive assessment during the session of the Thesis Committee for the Master's exam. Please note: the Thesis Supervisor and Reader together form the Thesis Committee for the Master's exam. In advance, the chairman of the Thesis Committee in consultation with the student and Reader determines whether the session will be public or private and notes this on the Assessment Report.

The completed Assessment Report has to be signed by both the Thesis Supervisor and Reader and is then submitted to the Economics Department for Exam Administration (J5-27).

Please also submit a copy of this Assessment Report and the digital version of the thesis to your Department.

**Check for Plagiarism**

Before the assessment takes place, the thesis has to be checked for plagiarism by the Thesis Supervisor. In the event of plagiarism the Thesis Supervisor immediately reports this to the Examination Board who will impose a fitting sanction on the student.

For more information see the ESE-web: Info for ESE Staff > Education > Plagiarism (Safe Assignment).

If it concerns a Master's thesis it should also be checked for too much overlap with the previous (university or Dutch HBO) Bachelor's thesis.

**Thesis checked for plagiarism**

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The approved thesis will be stored in the EUR Thesis Archive by the secretariat of the department concerned. The student who wrote the thesis has to give permission to make the thesis public.

**Permission of the student to make the thesis public**

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- Private. The thesis is stored, but will not be available on the Internet.

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