

Regulations for the reviews of Master's theses

These regulations correspond to the current study regulations (from 2015).

1. In general, master theses are evaluated/reviewed by **two reviewers**.
2. Reviewer can be: members of the **professors'** group, **scientific staff** members who have been appointed to perform **teaching duties** independently, as well as **lecturers and lecturers for special tasks**. **Private lecturers (PD)**, **associate professors (APL)**, **honorary professors** who teach in the examination subjects, as well as **retired professors**, may be appointed as examiners by the examination committee with their consent.
In individual cases, the examination committee may appoint a person who is not a member of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University but who is authorized to examine (as described above) as a reviewer for the Master's thesis.
3. The first review is written by the person who directly supervised the student. The second review is then written by another person. For reasons of bias, **the second reviewer may not be from the same working group as the first reviewer**.
4. In general, **at least one reviewer should be a professor from the Faculty of Biosciences**.
5. The **second reviewer can limit himself/herself to a co-signature of the review of the first reviewer in case of agreement of the evaluation**. The assessment should be made by the reviewers without delay; it should be available no later than four weeks after submission of the thesis.