



## **Double Master in Policies and Governance in Europe King's College London – Luiss University**

### **Final thesis for students beginning in Sep. 2022 at King's College Track 1: Year 1 at King's - Year 2 at Luiss**

#### **1. DESCRIPTION**

##### **1.1. Year 1 at King's College (2022/2023)**

- During the first year at King's College (2022/2023), students will take the mandatory modules Research Design and Dissertation.
- Students will need to complete a 3,000-word thesis proposal, as an assessed component of Research Design. The proposal is non-binding in terms of their dissertation topics for the second year.
- Students will hold three meetings with their King's supervisor, who will have a secondary supervision role during the second year at Luiss (2023/2024). Students typically submit writing of up to 4,000 words to their supervisor to receive feedback on during supervision meetings.
- Students will need to complete a 4,000-word formative assessment outlining their research question, topic, literature review, and their dissertation plan, to be submitted in August 2023.
- At the end of a year of course work, this formative assessment is an opportunity for PAGE students to summarize what they have learned independently to support their dissertation project at Luiss. The principles of the Literature Review are outlined in the dissertation module skills session, the formative assignment parameters are to outline the field of study, indicate a specialist topic of interest in relation to the field, outline controversies or debates in the field related to your topic, set up potential questions to guide independent research on this topic/field. The assignment can be submitted in mid-July or along with other dissertations in late August, with feedback given in the autumn term.
- The formative assessment students need to submit to King's College for Research Design is non-binding in terms of their dissertation topics for the second year.

##### **1.2. Year 2 at Luiss University (2023/2024)**

- Students will hold one information session with the Program Director at Luiss to have further information on the thesis writing process and supervision in October 2023.
- Students will attend the lab Writing the Thesis, that explains writing the Final Thesis during the second semester, and can also attend an optional module on Data Analysis for Social Sciences.
- Students will agree on a thesis supervision with a Luiss professor by February 2024.

- The Luiss professor will act as main supervisor, while the King's supervisor will act as secondary supervisor.
- Students will have a recommended supervision meeting with their King's secondary supervisor.
- Students are required to submit a 10,000-word dissertation (including footnotes and in-text references but excluding bibliography) to King's College at the end of their second year by 29 August 2023
- The thesis will be submitted to Luiss by the end of September 2024 (final date to be confirmed) and its length will be of a maximum of 20,000 words (excluding bibliography and appendixes). This expanded version will be submitted to Luiss only.
- Students will defend the thesis in an in-person ceremony at Luiss in November 2024.
- The exact date of the oral defence at Luiss will be communicated in September 2024.

## 2. GENERAL RULES

- The dissertation will be:
  - marked independently by Luiss and by King's College.
  - subject to oral defence at Luiss in November 2024.
- Each institution will grade the final thesis according to its own standards:
  - King's College will adopt the double marking process and final grades will be ratified in November. It is therefore possible that student do not know their King's College Dissertation grade before orally defending their thesis at Luiss.
  - The Graduation Commission at Luiss will assign each graduate a final grade for the masters in a scale out of 110.
- However, students will know already their King's College provisional module grades except for the Dissertation (unless they requested any extension to the deadline that may make it unfeasible to graduate at Luiss in November).
- Students are required to complete all academic activities listed in their study plan prior to defending the thesis.
- Students will be invited to attend the graduation ceremony at King's immediately following successful completion of the programme.

### 3. TIMELINE

YEAR	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
1	Research Design Module	King's College	Term 1 – 2022/2023
1	Submit 3000-word proposal	King's College	11 February 2023
1	Allocation of King's secondary supervisor	King's College	February 2023
1	Submit 4000-word formative assessment	King's College	August 2023
2	Info session on thesis writing process and supervision	Luiss	October 2023
2	Selection of Luiss' main supervisor	Luiss	January to February 2024
2	Lab: Writing the Thesis	Luiss	Semester 2 – 2023/2024
2	Data Analysis for Social Sciences (optional)	Luiss	Semester 2 – 2023/2024
2	Writing Thesis / Dissertation	King's College & Luiss	February to August 2024
2	Submission of Thesis	King's College	29 August 2024
2	Register to the defense	Luiss	Early September 2024
2	Upload of Thesis	Luiss	Late September 2024
2	Oral Defense of Thesis & Graduation	Luiss	October-November 2024
2	Graduation	King's College	November 2024