



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

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

#### **1. DESCRIPTION**

##### **1.1. Year 1 at Luiss University (2022/2023)**

- Students will attend the mandatory module Data Analysis for Social Sciences during the second semester of the first year.
- Students will hold one recommended meeting with the Programme Convenor / Deputy Convenor at King's College, plus a group meeting to explain the Dissertation at King's College.

##### **1.2. Year 2 at King's College (2023/2024)**

- During the second year at King's College (2023/2024), students will take the mandatory modules Research Design and Dissertation.
- 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 need to complete a 2,500-word thesis proposal outlining their research question, topic, literature review, and their dissertation plan, to submit in January 2024.
- Students will hold up to four meetings with their King's supervisor, who will have a main supervision role during the second year. Students typically submit writing of up to 3500 words to their supervisor to receive feedback on during supervision meetings.
- Students will agree on a thesis supervision with a Luiss professor after having been assigned a main supervisor by King's College.
- Students can attend the online Luiss seminar Writing a Master Thesis on a voluntary basis
- Students are required to submit a 10,000-word dissertation (including footnotes and in-text references but excluding bibliography) to King's College By 29 August 2024
- 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

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
1	Module Data Analysis for Social Sciences	Luiss	Semester 2 – 2022/2023
2	Research Design Module	King’s College	Term 1 – 2023/2024
2	Info session on thesis writing process and supervision	Luiss	October 2023
2	Submit 2500-word proposal	King’s College	January 2024
2	Allocation of King’s main supervisor	King’s College	January 2024
2	Selection of Luiss’ secondary supervisor	Luiss	January to February 2024
2	Attendance of Luiss course on thesis writing (online) on a voluntary basis	Luiss	Spring 2024
2	Writing Thesis	King’s College & Luiss	February to August 2024
2	Submission of Thesis	King’s College	29 August 2024
2	Register to the oral defense	Luiss	Early September 2024
2	Upload Thesis	Luiss	Late September 2024
2	Oral Defense of Thesis & Graduation	Luiss	October-November 2024
2	Graduation	King’s College	November 2024

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