

Guidelines for the MLS Master Project Thesis

Please start by consulting the general guidelines from the School of Biology, “*Guide to research work for the Master of Science in Biology*” available on the MLS Webpage.

For the MLS Master we have the additional specific guidelines for the Master thesis:

The thesis should comprise the following sections:

- Title page (format provided by the School of Biology)
- Abstract in English and in French (each 250 words max.)
- Table of contents
- Introduction
- Results, integrating the Figures/Tables (+ legends)
- Discussion
- Materials & Methods
- References

The total length of the Abstract, Introduction, Results and Discussion is limited to 7000 words.

There is no word limit on Materials & Methods, to allow you to fully document the methodology used.

There is no limit on the number of references, to allow you to cite all the relevant literature.

Exceptions to this organisation are possible, but only with the consent from the student’s PI.

Evaluation of the Master Project

Practical Work: graded by the PI and the assistant who supervised the student.

Written Report: graded by the PI and an independent PI.

Oral Defence: based on a presentation (~30 min) + answers to the questions (max. 30 min). The presentation is public but is graded only by the PI and one external PI.

→ Final grade: average of these three grades