

# Mandatory activity

The mandatory activity must be approved before the term paper (project description) can be submitted.

The mandatory activity consists of two assignments.

All students must write their assignments in English.

For both assignments: use 12-point font (Times, Times New Roman, Calibri); 1,5 line spacing.

**The two assignments must be submitted as one document (PDF) in Canvas by 30<sup>th</sup> of October at 11.00 AM**

## **Assignment 1: Thesis outline and research literature**

Students shall submit a 2-3-page outline of their master's thesis idea (not counting the literature list). The outline must include:

1. Tentative title
2. A brief description of the research topic or area of interest
3. Preliminary research question(s) and/or hypotheses for the master's thesis
4. A brief review of the existing literature. This review shall focus on research questions and/or hypotheses commonly asked/proposed in the research field. Include at least 5 journal articles in the review.
  - Include an account of how the student has worked to identify relevant research literature for the literature review:
    - a) What library databases and search engines have been used
    - b) What search-terms have been used
5. Methods: Students can indicate possible methods relevant for the preliminary research question (not obligatory at this stage)
6. Ethics: Students can indicate potential ethical questions that needs to be considered (not obligatory at this stage)
7. Literature-list with the literature used in the mandatory activity (must include at least 5 journal articles).

## **Assignment 2: Assess a master's thesis**

Choose a master's thesis. Assess and discuss the thesis critically with an emphasis on research question(s), literature review and type of investigation.

About 2-3 pages.