

Mandatory activity

- *The mandatory activity must be approved before the term paper (project description) can be submitted.*
- *The mandatory activity consists of two assignments.*
- *MEVIT and JOUR-students can write their assignments in a Scandinavian language or English. Political Communication-students must write their assignments in English.*
- *Use 12-point font (Times, Times New Roman, Calibri) and 1,5 line spacing.*

The two assignments must be submitted as one document (PDF) in Canvas by 31st of October 2019 at 11:00 AM:

Assignment 1: Thesis outline and research literature

Students shall submit a 2-3 pages 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 and area of interest
3. A brief review of the existing literature. Focus on research questions and/or hypotheses commonly asked or proposed in the research field. Include at least 5 journal articles in the review.
 - Describe how you have worked to identify relevant research literature (what library databases and search engines have you used; what search terms have you used)
4. Preliminary research questions and/or hypotheses for your master's thesis.
5. Methods and empirical data: while not mandatory at this stage, you may indicate possible methods relevant for addressing your preliminary research question
6. Ethics: while not mandatory at this stage, you may indicate potential research ethics issues that needs to be considered.
7. Reference-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.