

Master's thesis assessment

Duties of referee and co-referee

- The referee and the co-referee of the Master's thesis grade i) the thesis itself, and ii) the presentation with defence of the thesis.
- The practical work as part of the thesis is graded normally by the referee. If the Master's thesis has been carried out outside ETHZ, then the co-referee grades the practical work.

Setup of the Master's thesis defence

- The thesis defence is organized by the Master thesis student in consultation with the referee and co-referee and should typically take place 2 to 6 weeks after submission of the thesis.
- The defence is ideally conducted with the referee, co-referee and the Master student in person. However, it can take place as a hybrid event or fully by videocall.
- The Master's thesis defence must include a presentation of the thesis (20 minutes). The setting of the presentation is decided by the hosting institute. We recommend that it takes place within a group's lab meeting schedule, as an institute's seminar, or as a specific Master thesis presentation event. As Master's Theses are not published, the presentation should be an internal ETH event, not a public event.
- The presentation is followed by a defence of 30 minutes. The participants of the defence are limited to the Master's thesis student, the referee, and the co-referee.

Grading of the Master's thesis

- The thesis is graded according to the "Master's thesis evaluation form".