

Bachelor's Thesis Regulations Bestuurskunde and Public Governance academic year 2023-2024 (12 EC)

Article 1 - Scope of application

These Regulations apply to all students taking the Bachelor's Thesis component (course code 630502) starting in the 2022-2023 academic year to complete the Bachelor's programs in *Bestuurskunde* and Public Governance.

Article 2 - Purpose

The Bachelor's Thesis component serves as the culmination of the Bachelor's program, with students drafting a research proposal in the second block, then, in the second semester, this research proposal is developed into a Bachelor's thesis based on a desk study. The objectives of the course are detailed in the syllabus and published through Canvas.

Article 3 - Design and course load

1. Starting from the 2020/2021 academic year, the component has a study load of 12 EC and education takes place in both the first and second semesters.
2. In order to participate in the component, students must (in accordance with Article 14, paragraph 3 of the Tilburg Law School Education and Examination Regulations 2023-2024)—when the grades of courses taken during block 1 have been announced—have obtained at least 102 EC.
3. In the first semester (Block 2), students draft a research proposal. For this purpose, students conduct a systematic literature review, in which they look for an unanswered and relevant research question as part of a topic that is judged by the lecturer to be relevant regarding public administration. Based on this, students draft a research proposal, explaining how they will answer the research question. In the second semester, students conduct a desk study based on the formulated research proposal and then report on that desk study in a Bachelor's thesis. The research proposal and the Bachelor's thesis together constitute the final product on which the student is assessed.

Article 4 - Osiris

1. Students register for the course through Osiris.
2. Failure to register via Osiris or to register on time will result in the course not being able to be completed with a (final) grade.

Article 5 - Supervision

1. Students are supervised by a lecturer.
2. Instruction is provided through (plenary) feedback sessions for the purpose of the development of and provision of feedback on research skills.
3. Knowledge acquisition occurs largely through independent study.

Article 6 - Complaints about supervision

If problems arise during the supervision process that cannot be resolved in consultation with the lecturer, the student may contact the course coordinator with a request to resolve the problem.

Article 7 - Fraud and plagiarism

1. By submitting their research proposals and Bachelor's theses, students give permission, in the broadest sense of the word, to have plagiarism checked through a plagiarism detection system of the institution's choosing.
2. This also includes permission to include the thesis in Tilburg University's repository and the databases of plagiarism detection systems with which TiU and/or another educational institution in the Netherlands has concluded a contract or will conclude a contract in the future. This for a future plagiarism check of other works.

3. The lecturer reports suspected plagiarism and/or fraud to the Examination Board.
4. The description of plagiarism and fraud as contained in Article 7 paragraph 6 of the Rules and Guidelines applies.

Article 8 - Assessment

1. The examination consists of two parts:
 - i. A research proposal (GO/NO GO).
 - ii. A Bachelor's thesis (100% of the final grade).
2. To pass the course, the research proposal must be assessed with a GO and the Bachelor's thesis must be assessed with a 5.5 or higher.
3. If a pass is not obtained, all results obtained will expire after the conclusion of the respective academic year.
4. Assessment is subject to the criteria as published in the course syllabus.

Article 9 - Resit

1. The research proposal and the Bachelor's thesis may both be retaken under the conditions listed below.
2. If the assessment of the research proposal is determined to be a NO GO, the student will be issued with the assessment form so that it is clear which aspects need to be improved. After issuance of the assessment form, the student has two weeks to make improvements so that the research proposal can still be assessed with a GO.
3. The Bachelor's thesis may be retake only for a final grade lower than a 5.5. A sufficient final grade cannot be retaken. If the assessment of the Bachelor's thesis is determined to be insufficient, the student will receive the assessment form, so that it is clear which aspects need to be improved. After the grading form has been issued, the student has three weeks to make improvements so that the bachelor thesis can still be graded as sufficient. In the resit, a maximum of a 6 can be obtained as the final grade for the Bachelor's Thesis.
4. Participation in the resit can only take place if the student has taken the course. This means that the student has participated in the examination components he wishes to resit (the research proposal and/or the Bachelor's thesis), making a serious attempt to complete the written products.
5. Students who wish to complete their Bachelor's degree in the current academic year must complete the resit process within the deadlines specified in the syllabus. If the research proposal and/or Bachelor's thesis are not submitted by the deadlines, the course cannot be assessed within the current academic year.
6. For application of Article 15 paragraph 4 of the Bachelor's EER, instead of having participated in the last two examination opportunities for which at least a 4 was passed, the student must have either drafted a research proposal that was also assessed with a NO GO after the resit or written a Bachelor's thesis that was also assessed with an insufficient grade after the resit. The one-time additional opportunity for the Bachelor's thesis consists of an abbreviated course that can be taken in the subsequent fall semester.

Article 10 - Appeal

The final grade may be appealed to the university's Examination Appeals Board within six weeks.

Thus established by the Examination Board of Tilburg Law School on August 28,2023.