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## 1. General Provisions

The Procedure for the Preparation, Defense, and Storage of Final Theses (hereinafter – the *Procedure*) in the study programs of Environmental Science, Biochemistry, Biophysics, Biology, Biotechnology, Genetics, Microbiology, and Molecular Biology at Vilnius University Life Sciences Center (hereinafter – LSC) establishes the general requirements for the preparation, defense, and storage of final theses in the first- and second-cycle **Environmental Science** (Bachelor's program in Environmental Science and Protection; Master's program in Environmental Management), **Biochemistry** (Master's program in Biochemistry), **Biophysics** (Bachelor's program in Neurobiophysics; Master's program in Biophysics), **Biology** (Bachelor's program in Biology; Master's programs in Biological Diversity and Neurobiology), **Biotechnology** (Bachelor's and Master's programs in Molecular Biotechnology), **Genetics** (Bachelor's and Master's programs in Genetics), **Microbiology** (Bachelor's and Master's programs in Microbiology), and **Molecular Biology** (Bachelor's and Master's programs in Molecular Biology) study programs at the LSC.

This *Procedure* has been prepared in accordance with the Regulations on the Preparation, Defense, and Storage of Written Theses at Vilnius University (hereinafter – the *University*), approved by the *University's* Senate Resolution **No. S-2017-12-11** (as amended by the *University's* Senate Resolution of 21 May 2024, No. SPN-44), and the Procedure for the Administration of Written Theses in the *University's* Study Information System, approved by the *University's* Vice-Rector for Studies by Order of 22 November 2017, **No. R-512** (as amended by the Order of the Vice-Rector for Studies of 18 November 2020, No. R-457).

The terms used in the *Procedure*<sup>1</sup>:

- **Final Thesis** – a written research work independently prepared by a student, compliant with the requirements of university studies, demonstrating the student's ability to apply acquired knowledge, locate and use relevant scientific literature, apply or develop research methods, solve defined tasks independently, and present their conclusions (mandatory) and recommendations (optional). The final thesis demonstrates not only subject-specific competence but also the student's ability to describe the conducted research clearly, accurately, and in grammatically correct language.
- **Final Thesis Evaluation Committee** (hereinafter – the *Committee*) – a thesis defense committee approved by the order of the *University* Rector or an authorized Vice-Rector, following the proposal of the head of the unit implementing the study program. The *Committee* is composed of five qualified specialists in the relevant study field, including researchers, lecturers, professionals, and representatives of social partners whose education or organizational affiliation is related to the study field. The *Committee* is chaired by a member whose primary workplace is an institution other than the *University*.

<sup>1</sup>The terms are listed not in alphabetical order but follow the sequence used in the Lithuanian version of the document. Non-standard acronyms are not translated into English and are retained as in the original.

- **Final Thesis Evaluation Committee Meeting** (hereinafter – the *Committee Meeting*) – a meeting of the *Committee* approved by the order of the Director of the LSC or their deputy, during which the final theses are defended in accordance with the procedures set out in this *Procedure*. The meeting may span multiple days; in such cases, the first day means the beginning, and the last day means the end of the *Committee Meeting*.
- **eLABa Repository** – the information system of the Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library in which academic and study documents and/or their metadata are stored and made publicly accessible.
- **Electronic Document** – a digital version of the final thesis in *PDF* format, uploaded and stored in the VUSIS or eLABa system.
- **Embargo Period** – a period, measured in months from the defense of the final thesis, during which public access to the uploaded thesis documents is restricted. The embargo is set by the thesis supervisor. The maximum duration of the embargo period for final theses is 60 months.
- **ESAS** – the electronic similarity detection system used to automatically check the independence of submitted theses and identify potential cases of *Plagiarism*.
- **Declaration of Academic Integrity** – a document signed by the student confirming that the final thesis was prepared independently and following the principles of academic integrity.
- **Metadata** – a structured description of the attributes, properties, and related data of the Electronic Document.
- **Methodological Guidelines for Final Thesis Preparation** (hereinafter – the *Thesis Guidelines*) – methodological guidelines for thesis preparation in the study programs of Environmental Science, Biochemistry, Biophysics, Biology, Biotechnology, Genetics, Microbiology, and Molecular Biology, approved by the LSC Study Council (available at [LSC website](#)).
- **Plagiarism** – the misappropriation of authorship or academic credit, i.e., presenting (using) text or part of a text protected by copyright as one's own, without proper attribution to the original author and source, with incorrect citation, or by providing misleading references.
- **VUSIS** – the Vilnius University Study Information System.

## 2. Preparation of the Final Thesis

Students enrolled in all study programs at the LSC complete their studies by preparing and defending a final thesis. The final theses at the LSC are analytical academic works that demonstrate the depth of analysis of the selected topic, define the research object, formulate the objectives and tasks of the work, describe the methods used, present research results, formulate

conclusions based on those results, and provide a list of the literature sources used. The final theses are prepared in accordance with this *Procedure* and the *Thesis Guidelines*. The required scope of the final theses is specified in the *Thesis Guidelines*.

The final thesis must be written in correct Lithuanian or English. As a rule, Bachelor's and Master's theses are written in Lithuanian. A thesis may be written in English if the student, supervisor, or consultant is a foreign national, or if the study program is delivered in English. In other cases, the student must submit a reasoned request to the Study Office to write the thesis in English. The decision is made by the Study Program Committee of the relevant study field.

Thesis topics are proposed by LSC lecturers or researchers. The proposed topics and their supervisors may be published in VUSIS and/or on the LSC website. Students also have the right to propose their own thesis topics, which must be agreed upon with a prospective supervisor and the Study Program Committee. The topic must correspond to the study field and align with the goals of the study program. The thesis supervisor may be a lecturer or researcher from the *University* or another research institution, and—if approved by the relevant Study Program Committee—also a doctoral student from such institutions. Only one supervisor may be appointed; a thesis consultant may also be assigned if necessary. After agreeing on the topic with the supervisor, the student (a fourth-year Bachelor's student or a second-year Master's student) must register it with the Study Program Committee **within the first two (2) weeks of the final study semester**. When registering the topic, the student must also indicate the language—Lithuanian or English—in which the thesis will be written and defended. The topics and supervisors chosen by students are approved by the Order of the head of the LSC or their deputy.

The thesis supervisor provides the student with guidance on methodological and subject-related matters concerning the preparation of the thesis. The mode and frequency of communication with the supervisor are determined by mutual agreement between the student and their supervisor. The student must inform the supervisor and obtain their approval before undertaking any work not discussed in the initial thesis plan. The student must submit a draft version of the thesis to the supervisor for review as agreed with the supervisor, but no later than **20 (twenty) working days** before the scheduled defense date. It is recommended that the student submit the final version of the thesis for the supervisor's review no later than **3 (three) working days** before the VUSIS thesis submission deadline.

The final thesis must be prepared independently and in accordance with the principles of academic integrity, as set out in the *University Code of Academic Ethics*, the *Thesis Guidelines*, other legal acts regulating scientific activity, and the requirements for the preparation of written theses. The student must confirm that the thesis has been prepared as required by academic integrity principles, and in compliance with the provisions of this *Procedure* by completing the *Declaration of Academic Integrity* in VUSIS. This declaration must follow the standard form approved by the *University* Rector or an authorized Vice-Rector and must be submitted together with the thesis when uploading it to VUSIS.

The author of the thesis is solely responsible for its content and quality. When conducting research, both the student and the thesis supervisor must ensure that: 1) experimental work involving animals complies with legal regulations governing animal experimentation; 2) experimental work involving humans complies with legal regulations governing research involving human subjects; 3) research on biological species is conducted with the necessary permits issued by the Environmental Protection Agency; 4) research conducted in protected natural areas must be coordinated with the relevant site administration or responsible personnel, and the student must carry all required permits (or their copies) and a personal identification document during the research.

Plant, fungal, and animal specimens collected and processed during the preparation of the final thesis must be transferred for long-term preservation to the Vilnius University Museum of Zoology or Herbarium. In exceptional cases, specimens may be transferred to other scientific institutions with the permission of the head of the relevant academic unit. All research materials (e.g., specimens, protocols, measurement data, laboratory notebooks, etc.) must be handed over to the laboratory where the thesis research was conducted.

### 3. Submission of Theses for Evaluation and Defense

#### 3.1. Uploading to VUSIS

The student must upload a properly prepared and grammatically correct final thesis (*Electronic Document* and its *Metadata*) together with the completed *Declaration of Academic Integrity* into VUSIS within the deadlines set in this *Procedure* (key deadlines for submission and administration are provided in [Appendix A](#)). Theses that are not uploaded to VUSIS or do not include a properly completed *Declaration of Academic Integrity* may not be evaluated or defended.

Students must upload their theses to VUSIS by the final submission date set by the study program committee, but **no later than 10 (ten) working days** before the corresponding final thesis defense *Committee Meeting* starts. Once the *Electronic Document* is uploaded to VUSIS, the study program administrator must, within the designated period, but **no later than 5 (five) working days** before the start of the final thesis defense *Committee Meeting*, confirm via VUSIS tools that the uploaded thesis complies with the requirements described in the *Thesis Guidelines* – correct file format, abstract uploaded, and correctly filled-in *Metadata*. Before being evaluated, theses uploaded to VUSIS must undergo a similarity check using the designated system, following the procedures and deadlines set in this *Procedure*.

The study program administrator shall assist students with uploading *Electronic Documents* to VUSIS if needed. The department administrator must enter into VUSIS the orders confirming approved titles and supervisors **no later than 30 (thirty) calendar days** before the start of the *Committee Meeting*. Access to submitted *Electronic Documents* in VUSIS is granted as follows:

- 1) to the thesis supervisor – access to the *Electronic Documents* they supervise;
- 2) to the *Committee* chairperson – access to the theses defended in their committee;
- 3) to the Director of the LSC and their deputy responsible for study organization – access to all LSC *Electronic Documents*;
- 4) to the study administrator – access to all LSC *Electronic Documents*;
- 5) to the thesis reviewer – access to the *Electronic Documents* of the theses assigned to them for review.

The content of the *Electronic Document* uploaded to VUSIS may only be changed with the supervisor's approval. To request a change, the student must submit a written request to the chair of the study program committee **no later than 5 (five) working days** before the defense date, stating the reasons, and this request must be signed by the supervisor (if they agree to the proposed changes). The decision on whether to allow the change is made by the chair of the study program committee. With the signed request, the student then contacts the study administrator to carry out the change to the document content.

### 3.2. Permission to Defend the Thesis

Only students who have completed their entire study program are allowed to defend their final theses. The thesis supervisor must submit their decision regarding permission for the student to defend their prepared thesis via VUSIS **no later than 3 (three) working days** after the thesis submission deadline. Before making the decision, the supervisor must review the ESAS computer-generated report for the final thesis, which indicates the similarity percentage of the *Electronic Document* with other documents and provides comments if similarities are found. The supervisor decides whether the thesis meets the requirements for independent work preparation after reviewing the ESAS report. If a case of *Plagiarism* is identified, the thesis may not be defended, evaluated, or made publicly available. In such a case, the student is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Study Regulations. The student is informed about the supervisor's confirmed decision regarding permission to defend the thesis via VUSIS. According to the procedure established by the study program committee, the supervisor submits a review of the student's thesis. A recommended format for the supervisor's review is provided in [Appendix B](#).

If the thesis supervisor decides that the thesis has been inadequately prepared and cannot be defended, or if the supervisor refuses to accept the thesis because it was prepared without their involvement, the student has the right to request permission from the *Committee* to defend the final thesis. The student must submit a free-form request along with the thesis to the *Committee* via VUSIS **no later than 2 (two) working days** after the supervisor's decision to disallow the defense or refusal to accept the thesis. After considering the student's arguments, the *Committee* makes a decision regarding the permission for the student to defend their thesis in the *Committee Meeting*. The decision of the *Committee* must be made **no later than 5 (five) working days** before the thesis defense. If the decision is positive, the responsible staff

member at the LSC must record the *Committee's* decision regarding permission to defend the thesis in VUSIS.

The Director of the LSC or an authorized deputy grants permission to defend final theses by issuing an official order, provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1) all requirements of the study program have been fulfilled (except the requirement to have defended the final thesis);
- 2) the thesis has been uploaded to the VUSIS system and submitted for evaluation together with the *Declaration of Academic Integrity*;
- 3) the supervisor or the *Committee* has granted permission to defend the final thesis.

### 3.3. Thesis Review

Reviewers of the final theses are appointed by the chair of the study program committee in accordance with the established procedure. The final thesis must be delivered to the reviewer **no later than 5 (five) working days** before the scheduled defense date. Eligible reviewers include qualified staff of LSC institutes, employees of other *University* departments, and other academic or research institutions, and representatives of social partners.

The reviewer must submit the review to the student and the study program administrator **no later than 1 (one) working day** before the start of the *Committee Meeting*. The student receives the review via the email address provided by the *University*.

The appointed reviewer must evaluate whether the thesis meets the requirements set out in the *Thesis Guidelines*, provide an assessment (including a grade on a ten-point scale), identify the strengths and weaknesses of the thesis, and pose questions to be answered by the student during the defense in the *Committee Meeting*. Written reviews of the thesis may be prepared using the forms provided in Appendix C or Appendix D. The study program committee decides at its discretion, which form – Form I or Form II – should be used for thesis evaluation in the respective study program.

## 4. Thesis Defense and Evaluation

### 4.1. Procedure for Defending the Final Thesis

The defense of the final thesis is conducted publicly (except in cases of closed defenses) during the *Committee Meeting*, which may take place in person, remotely, or in a hybrid format, following the procedure established in this *Procedure*. Defenses for LSC study programs take place at the end of the spring semester during the final assessment period, except for the Master's program in Molecular Biology, where students defend their theses in January. The exact defense dates are announced in the *Studies* section of the LSC website.

If the thesis under defense contains data that must not be disclosed (classified), the thesis may be defended in a closed part of the *Committee Meeting*, subject to coordination with the

chair of the *Committee* and by order of the LSC Director or an authorized deputy. A reasoned request for permission to hold a closed defense must be addressed to the LSC Director and may be submitted by the thesis supervisor, the chair of the study program committee, or the institution where the student's thesis was prepared. This request must be submitted **no later than 30 (thirty) calendar days** before the scheduled defense date. In the closed part of the *Committee Meeting*, in addition to the members of the *Committee* and the student, the thesis supervisor, consultant, and reviewer may also participate. All participants of the closed defense session must sign a confidentiality agreement using the form approved by the Rector of the *University* or an authorized Vice-Rector.

Study program administrators must provide the *Committee* with access to the final theses, along with the reviewers' comments and printed similarity check reports (the latter only if requested by the *Committee*) **no later than 1 (one) working day** before the defense.

**Before the defense session**, the members of the *Committee* discuss the procedure for evaluating the theses, the order of theses defense, and the session agenda. Upon proposal by the chair, a member of the *Committee* is appointed to substitute for the chair if they are unable to fulfill their duties.

**At the beginning of the session**, the chair of the *Committee* introduces the *Committee* members to those present, outlines the rules of procedure, and announces the defense schedule.

### **Thesis defense procedure**

- 1) The chair of the *Committee* presents the topic of the student's thesis, the supervisor, and the reviewer to the session participants, and gives the floor to the student.
- 2) The student presents their thesis, stating the research problem, objective, tasks, briefly describing the object of the work (research), the results obtained, methods applied, and the conclusions. The student may also provide recommendations.
- 3) It is recommended that the presentation of a bachelor's thesis not exceed 10 minutes and a master's thesis not exceed 12 minutes. If the student exceeds the allocated time, the chair of the *Committee*, after giving a prior warning, has the right to interrupt the presentation.
- 4) The student answers questions from the members of the *Committee* and other session participants.
- 5) The floor is given to the reviewer, or if the reviewer is absent, the chair of the *Committee* or a designated member reads the review.
- 6) The student is given the opportunity to respond to the reviewer's comments and answer the questions posed in the review.

During the thesis defense, the student delivers an **oral scientific presentation**, using a set of slides hereafter referred to as the **presentation** to illustrate the research results. The presentation format must meet the standards applicable to presentations at scientific conferences or seminars. The *Thesis Guidelines* contain guidelines for preparing presentations and delivering

final theses defense. They can be accessed via the [LSC website](#). Presentations must be uploaded to the computer designated for the defense before the start of the *Committee Meeting*. Testing the presentation on the designated computer one day before the defense is recommended to ensure it opens correctly and that the slide design allows text and visuals to be clearly visible.

## 4.2. Evaluation of the Final Thesis

The final thesis must be evaluated during the *Committee Meeting* based on the evaluation criteria approved in the *Thesis Guidelines*. When assessing the thesis, members of the *Committee* are encouraged to consider the student's presentation, the quality of the **presentation** slides, the student's responses to questions posed by the reviewer, the members of the *Committee*, and other participants, the evaluation proposed by the reviewer, as well as any other criteria established by the study program committee and outlined in the course description. The approved thesis topic may not be questioned during the thesis defense.

Each member of the *Committee* evaluates the final thesis by submitting their individual assessment for the collective decision of the *Committee*. The final grade for the thesis is calculated as the average of the individual grades proposed by the members of the *Committee*, which must be approved by a majority of its members. If the thesis supervisor is also a member of the *Committee*, they are not allowed to vote when the *Committee* decides on the final grade of the thesis they have supervised or reviewed. If the members of the *Committee* are evenly split in their evaluation of a thesis, the final grade is determined by the grade proposed by the chair of the *Committee*. In cases where the chair cannot vote and the votes are evenly split, the final grade is determined by the grade proposed by the deputy chair previously appointed by the *Committee*.

An electronic assessment record must be completed after the thesis has been defended, and **no later than 1 (one) working day** after the *Committee Meeting*. This sheet includes the final grade, the access status of the thesis in the eLABA repository, and the applied *Embargo* period (if applicable). The record sheet is entered into the information system by the unit administrator. Based on this record, VUSIS generates the official final defense report, which grants the student a bachelor's or master's qualification degree. The electronic assessment record and the protocol of the *Committee Meeting* must be signed by the chair and secretary of the *Committee*. The secretary is appointed by the same order that established the *Committee*.

The *Committee*'s decision regarding the final thesis evaluation is final and cannot be appealed. However, if there were procedural violations during the thesis defense that may have influenced the evaluation, the student has the right to submit an appeal to the LSC *Committee* on Dispute Resolution no later than **3 (three) working days** after the *Committee Meeting*. The appeal must follow the procedure outlined in the Regulations of the LSC *Committee* on Dispute Resolution. The appeal must specify the procedural violation and present circumstances that confirm the existence of the violation.

A student who fails to defend the thesis within the designated period or fails to pass the defense is dismissed from the *University* as not having defended the final thesis. A student may

be allowed to defend the thesis again after renewing their studies in a subsequent academic year. If they fail to defend the thesis a second time, the student must prepare a new thesis upon renewal of studies.

## 5. Thesis Storage and Accessibility

*Electronic Documents* of defended theses must be exported from VUSIS to the eLABa repository **within 14 (fourteen) calendar days** after the defense date. *Electronic Documents* are permanently stored in VUSIS, while theses exported to eLABa are stored according to the procedures and timeframes established in the eLABa Regulations. All defended theses must be made publicly available in the eLABa repository, except in cases where a decision not to publish the thesis is made based on the *University's* legal acts. At the supervisor's request, an *Embargo* period may be applied, not exceeding 60 months. If a decision is made not to publish the thesis, only the *Metadata* of the *Electronic Document* will be published in eLABa. A decision not to publish a thesis in eLABa may be made if:

- 1) the thesis contains confidential information as defined in accordance with the legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania;
- 2) uploading and/or publishing the thesis would violate the rights of the author(s), eLABa administrators, or other copyright holders;
- 3) uploading and/or publishing the thesis would violate the data subject's right to privacy;
- 4) the student, in the *Declaration of Academic Integrity*, requests the application of an *Embargo* period.

Information about theses stored in the eLABa repository may be corrected under the conditions and procedures specified in the Description of the Procedure for Uploading Documents to the Repository of the Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library Information System, approved by the Rector of Vilnius University on 15 December 2021, Order No. R-435 On the Approval of the Description of the Procedure for Uploading Documents to the Repository of the Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library Information System.

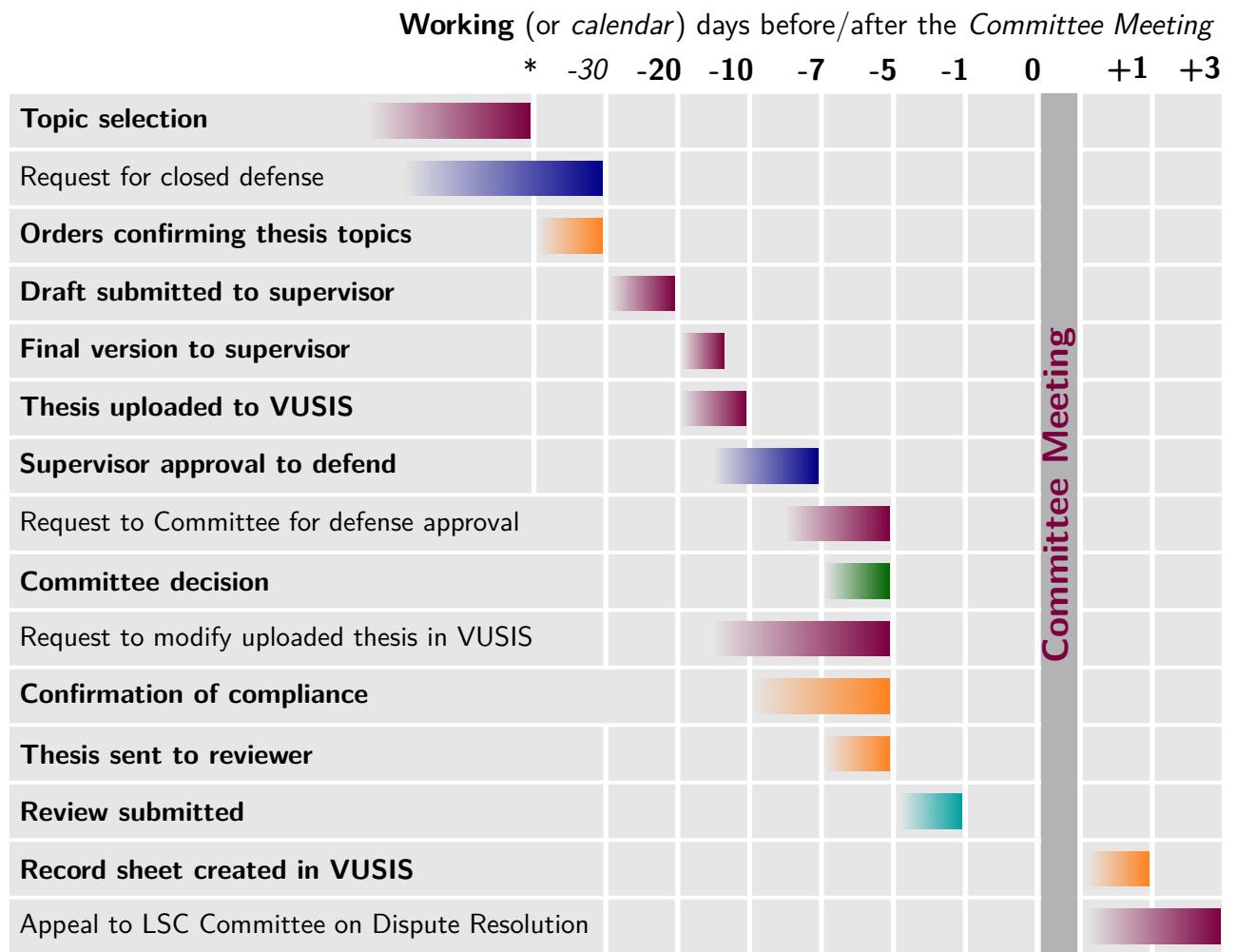
## Appendices

## Appendix A. Deadlines for the Submission and Administration of the Final Thesis

Actions marked in bold are mandatory for all students, while those in regular font apply individually to students.

Color codes for the actions described in the diagram:

<span style="background-color: #800020; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px;"></span>	Student	<span style="background-color: #00008B; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px;"></span>	Supervisor
<span style="background-color: #00CED1; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px;"></span>	Reviewer	<span style="background-color: #FF8C00; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px;"></span>	Study Administrator
<span style="background-color: #008000; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px;"></span>	Committee		



\* The thesis topic must be selected in the first two weeks of the final semester.

## Appendix B. Supervisor's Evaluation Form

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Final thesis by student \_\_\_\_\_

### **Title of the Final Thesis SUPERVISOR'S EVALUATION**

1. Student's ability to solve assigned tasks independently and apply acquired knowledge.

**Assessment:**  Excellent  Good  Satisfactory  Unsatisfactory

Comments:

2. Student's ability to independently find and use scientific literature.

**Assessment:**  Excellent  Good  Satisfactory  Unsatisfactory

Comments:

3. Student's acquired laboratory skills in independent work.

**Assessment:**  Excellent  Good  Satisfactory  Unsatisfactory

Comments:

4. Were all planned investigations completed? If "No," explain the reasons; also indicate if the student was allowed to use experimental data obtained by others.

**Assessment:**  Yes  No

Comments/explanation:

5. If a scientific publication were to be prepared based on this thesis, how would the student be mentioned (considering the **Guidelines for Authorship**)?

In acknowledgements  
 First author

As a co-author  
 Results will not be published

Comments:

6. Indicate all stages you contributed to; unmarked items indicate the student worked independently.

Formulation of research idea  
 Conducting experiments  
 Scientific editing of text

Planning of research  
 Data analysis  
 Drawing conclusions

Comments:

7. Supervisor's proposed grade for the thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

(academic degree, name, surname)

(signature)

(date)

## Appendix C. Thesis Review Form (I)

\_\_\_\_\_ study program of the  
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Final thesis by student \_\_\_\_\_

### Title of the Final Thesis THESIS REVIEW

1. Thesis formatting. Does the thesis meet the scope and content requirements? Is the work carefully prepared (proofreading, language, style)? Are tables and figures appropriately formatted?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

2. Does the reference list and citation comply with the requirements? Are all cited sources included in the reference list, and are there no uncited sources listed?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

3. Are the summaries in Lithuanian and a foreign language informative, and is the foreign language used correctly?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

4. Are the thesis objectives and tasks clearly formulated in the introduction?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

5. Does the used scientific literature match the thesis content? Is the literature review thorough and based on scientific sources?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

6. Are the research methods and materials properly described?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

7. Are the data analysis methods correctly used?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

8. Is the presentation of results sufficiently clear?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

9. Do the conclusions correspond to the stated tasks and obtained results?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

10. Is the discussion of the results detailed and clear?

**Evaluation:**  Yes  Partially  No

Evaluation comments:

Questions for the student:

Recommended final thesis grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

(academic degree, name, surname)

(signature)

(date)

## Appendix D. Final Thesis Review Form (II)

\_\_\_\_ study program of the  
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Final thesis by student \_\_\_\_\_

### Title of the Final Thesis THESIS REVIEW

Evaluation criteria	Max score	Score
1. Does the scope and content of the thesis meet the requirements for a final thesis?	2.0	
2. Is the thesis carefully prepared (proofreading, language, style)?	0.5	
3. Are tables and figures properly formatted?	0.5	
4. Does the reference list and citation comply with the requirements? Are all cited sources listed in the references and are there no unreferenced items in the list?	0.5	
5. Are the abstracts in Lithuanian and a foreign language informative and is the foreign language used correctly?	0.5	
6. Are the thesis objective and tasks clearly stated in the introduction?	1.0	
7. Does the cited scientific literature match the thesis topic? Is the overview of topic coverage sufficient and based on relevant sources?	1.0	
8. Are the methods and materials used in the research described properly?	1.0	
9. Are the data analysis methods applied correctly?	0.5	
10. Are the research results presented clearly?	1.0	
11. Do the conclusions align with the research tasks and results?	1.0	
12. Is the discussion of the results comprehensive and clear?	0.5	
<b>Total</b>	10	

Reviewer comments:

Questions to the student:

Recommended final thesis grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
(academic degree, first name, surname) \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_