

How to compose your master's thesis

1. Precautions when writing your thesis

Language

- The language used for the master's thesis and other submissions must be either Japanese or English.

File format and style

- The file must be submitted in PDF format (PDF/A recommended).
- Please download the prescribed forms for the title paper and abstract from the Keio University Student Website.
<https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/sfc/gsmg/class/thesis-degree/master.html#check>
- There are no specifications for font size or page margins.
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2. Structure and style of Master's Thesis

The structure must be as follows.

(If you are writing the thesis in Japanese)

1. Title page
2. Thesis abstract (in Japanese)
3. Thesis abstract (in English)
4. Contents *optional
5. Thesis (main text)

(If you are writing the thesis in English)

1. Title page
2. Thesis abstract (in English)
3. Thesis abstract (in Japanese) *optional
4. Contents *optional
5. Thesis (main text)

Style guidelines for the title page and abstract are as follows.

(Title page in Japanese)

修士論文 2024 年度 [論文題目] 慶應義塾大学大学院 政策・メディア研究科 [氏名]

- Please include the name of the graduate school and your name.
- Please do not paginate the title page.

(Title page in English)

Master's Thesis (Academic Year 2024) [Title] Keio University Graduate School of Media and Governance [Name]

• Please indicate the academic year.

(Thesis abstract in Japanese)

修士論文 2024 年度 [論文題目] [論文要旨] 慶應義塾大学大学院 政策・メディア研究科 [氏名]

(Thesis abstract in English)

Master's Thesis Academic Year 2024 [Title] [Summary] Keio University Graduate School of Media and Governance [Name]
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- **Page numbers should be inserted starting from the abstract, not from the title page.**
- If the thesis is written in English, the abstract (in Japanese) is not a requirement.
- The file for submission should be named “Student ID Number_Your Name”
- The format of the main text of the thesis should be in accordance with the “Examples of how to organize your thesis” shown below. However, students are free to choose how to arrange the chapters and sections, their names, and their order. The asterisk (*) is an example of the description.

Thesis (main text) “Examples of how to organize your thesis”

Chapter 1: Introduction

- * Why and how the research was started
- * Purpose and significance of the research

Chapter 2: Research Background

- * Research in Japan and abroad
- * Research trends

Chapter 3: Research Details

- * Research details
- * Characteristics and originality of the research (Differences from other studies should be clearly stated.)
- * Expected results
- * Research methods

Chapter 4 - Chapter ○○: Research Results

- * Research approach and detailed outcomes
- * Explanation of works, programs, etc.
- * Clarify your claims of distinctive research results

Chapter ○○: Conclusion

- * Summary of research results
- * Future tasks

Acknowledgments

References

- * Citation list

(Clearly specify the reference number or author name of the reference cited in the text, and clarify the relationship between the research and the reference.)

Appendix