



SCUOLA DI ECONOMIA E MANAGEMENT

## GUIDELINES Final Project

The aim of this guide is to give ITALI students some tips for the preparation of their final project.

### What it is

Your work for the final examination is a written original report on a topic of your choice relevant to ITALI, in which you give evidence of having acquired the theoretical and practical tools taught during the Bachelor's programme. You will not have an official supervisor, but can ask advice from any professor familiar with your subject of interest.

### Choosing a subject

The decision of a final title is up to the student. You will have to prove to be able to put together a paper and a presentation on the subject and elaborate it.

The final dissertation consists on a topic of a specific course, on the discussion of a project, on the critical development of internship experience, on the analysis of a case study, on a theoretical or applied research.

### When is it better to start working on the final dissertation?

You should plan to work on the final dissertation during the third year of your studies together with your last exams.

### Some suggestions before you start

1. *Define the subject, ask yourself:*

- a) What is the topic of my interest; b) why is it relevant to deal with this subject; c) to what extent is the topic connected to the teaching activity and to the degree programme.

2. *Get started*

Read something beforehand, in order to get a general idea about the topic. If you do not find suggestions about authors, books, magazines or articles you can search the theme you are interested in on the manual of the course, read a specific chapter or paragraph, and find out if there are any references to start from, then visit the library to find more details.

### 3. *Search for specific material*

Once you have narrowed down the topic and found a theme of interest, you need to search for specific material. The first reference is the bibliography, where you can find more authors, books and articles to go deeper in your search. You can use google scholar to use relevant academic material.

4. *The outline.* After you have read articles and books, you start planning your dissertation with the outline of the main features.
5. *Apply to a real case.* It is always a good idea to apply your idea to a real case, using the methods you have learned in class.
6. *Define the final objective of the dissertation:* while you are gathering information, you will develop more and more ideas: now you need to arrange them all and concentrate on the final result.

## The structure of the dissertation

A short paper of about 20-30 pages, with the following outline:

1. **Introduction.** The suggestion is to write it at the end, when all other parts are complete. The purpose of the introduction is to explain the overall work and the logic behind it. Within a paragraph it has to present the themes and the conclusion;
2. A short **review** of relevant literature;
3. An **overview** of the theme;
4. The **results** of the analysis or of the research;
5. The **conclusions** where you explicit your personal point of view;
6. Eventually the **appendix** with documents or statistics;
7. The **bibliography** (the precise list of books, articles, websites and anything you considered for the research and the definition of your paper)

A PowerPoint presentation for a 7-10 minutes talk during the discussion that summarizes the dissertation, must be prepared and uploaded on the device prior to the session.