

### **Writing a Dissertation**

Students in their final year (Semesters 7 and 8) have the chance to write a Dissertation. The dissertation is optional, it counts as a “double” optional module and is worth ten (10) teaching credits. To write a dissertation of 7.000-8.000 words, students must contact a member of the Teaching and Research Staff, who has the appropriate field knowledge and is willing to supervise the dissertation. Furthermore, students must fully comply with the dissertation regulations of the Department.

These regulations prescribe a) the timescale, which should start at the end of the previous academic year of the students’ final year and b) the standard procedure for submission, defence and assessment of the dissertation.

#### **1. Timescale of actions for the Dissertation**

Action: Announcement (by the teaching staff) of the research topics they are willing to supervise

Time: First fortnight of May (6<sup>th</sup> Semester)

Action: Submission of application (by students) to the Secretariat of the Department for dissertation approval

Time: First fortnight of June (6<sup>th</sup> Semester)

Action: Dissertations assigned by the General Assembly of the Department

Time: First fortnight of October (7<sup>th</sup> Semester)

Action: Potential alteration of Dissertation topic (carried out by the General Assembly of the Department after joint request of supervisor and student)

Time: First fortnight of November (7<sup>th</sup> Semester)

Action: Submission of Dissertation

Time: Throughout May (8<sup>th</sup> Semester)

Action: Conference of Dissertation defence (if arranged)

Time: Second week of June (8<sup>th</sup> Semester)

Action: Announcement of Dissertation mark

Time: By 20<sup>th</sup> June (8<sup>th</sup> Semester)