

Agreement

on Execution of Bachelor's or Master's Thesis in Collaboration Between Multiple Students

This agreement (the Agreement) governs the rights and obligations related to a bachelor's or master's thesis (the Thesis) carried out in collaboration between multiple students.

Definitions

Project refers to the activities carried out by the students in connection with the Thesis and covered by this Agreement.

Project Background means any information or resources owned by the Parties prior to the Project, which will be used in the Project. Project Background must be listed in an appendix hereto.

Project Results are the outcomes created or achieved during the Project, including intellectual property, regardless of legal protection. The Thesis is a Project Result.

1. Parties to the Agreement

Student 1 Name and date of birth:
Student 2 Name and date of birth:
Additional students (if applicable)

2. Execution of the Thesis

The Parties shall complete (check):

Master's thesis	
Bachelor's thesis	

Start date:
End date:

Working title of the Thesis

Name of academic responsible and supervisor:
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3. Obligations of the Parties in the Project

The Parties share joint responsibility for executing the Project and completing the Thesis as a whole. This means that:

- 1) The Parties shall contribute to the Project to the best of their abilities
- 2) The Parties are jointly responsible for all sections and chapters of the Thesis
- 3) All Parties shall contribute a substantial portion of the written material
- 4) The Parties shall follow all applicable Thesis guidelines and avoid academic misconduct as described in §7-11 of the Regulations related to Studies and Examinations at UiS
- 5) Any needs for individual accommodation or other reasons for a possible extension of the deadline must be clarified between the Parties as early as possible
- 6) The Parties shall attend scheduled meetings and report any absence as soon as possible
- 7) Each Party must approve the final version of the Thesis before submission
- 8) The Parties shall jointly decide whether the Thesis should be published in UiS-NVA or elsewhere. If any Party objects to publication, the Thesis shall not be published

4. Project Background and Project Results

4.1. Project Background:

Each Party that contributes Project Background to the Project retains ownership of their respective Background. Any Project Background required for executing the Project must be specified in an appendix to this Agreement.

4.2. Access to Project Background:

During the Project period, the Parties shall have free access to any necessary Project Background for conducting their own work.

4.3. Project Results:

Project Results shall be owned by the Party who created them. Results created jointly are jointly owned by the Parties. After submission of the Thesis, the Thesis and all attachments or collected materials shall be jointly owned. Ownership shares are equal unless otherwise agreed.

4.4. Use of Joint Project Results:

Each Party has the right to use jointly created Project Results for non-commercial purposes without the consent of the other Parties, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Any commercial use of jointly created Project Results, including licensing, requires a written agreement between the Parties.

5. Conflict Resolution

- 5.1. If conflicts or other collaboration issues arise between the Parties during the Project, efforts must first be made to resolve them through dialogue.
- 5.2. If the Parties cannot reach an agreement, the academic responsible shall be notified as soon as possible and will provide guidance to help find a solution.

6. Termination of the Project Before Submission

- .1 If, due to collaboration issues or other circumstances, it becomes necessary to change the composition of the group, a group split may occur. A request for group split shall be submitted to the academic responsible as soon as possible. As a rule, the conflict resolution procedure described in section 5 shall be followed before submitting such a request.
- .2 The academic responsible will propose a solution and decide how the new grouping should be structured. Normally, the new groups will retain the same academic responsible and supervisor.

If the Project is conducted in collaboration with an external organisation or UiS, the organisation/UiS must be consulted before the group split is decided and the new composition determined. The academic responsible may set conditions for the continuation of the Project to ensure it fits the new context or individual assignments.

- .3 In the event of a split, the Parties must agree on how jointly created Project Results up to the time of the split may be used in future work. If the Project is conducted in collaboration with an external organisation or UiS and is based on Project Background from such organisation, they may impose conditions or deny further use of Project Background or Project Results if necessary to protect their rights.
- .4 Project Results created after the group split shall be owned by the individual(s) who created them.
- .5 If a new group is formed following a split, the students in the new group must enter into a new agreement on execution of bachelor's or master's thesis in collaboration between multiple students.

7 Signatures

Student 1 Name: Date: Signature:
Student 2 Name: Date: Signature:
Additional students (if applicable):