MA thesis

Formal requirements

Standard requirements

Length of main text: 60,000-80,000 characters, excluding spaces.

Main text does not include the following parts:

1. Abstract
2. Table of contents
3. Notes
4. List of references
5. Appendix (if any)

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Parts of the thesis:

1. Cover
2. Title page
3. Table of contents
4. Main text (introduction―discussion―conclusions, summary)
5. Appendix (optional)
6. List of illustrations
7. References
8. Declaration of originality

**Cover (appendix 1)**

Hardcover. Its compulsory elements:

* University of Pécs, Faculty of Music and Visual Arts
* THESIS (in the upper third of the page, centre)
* Full name of the student, name of the programme (lower third of the page, on the right)
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Compulsory elements:

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**Table of contents**:

The table of contents is an exact reflection of the structure of the thesis. The titles in the table of contents have to match exactly the titles within the text, and the page numbers must correspond with the real page numbers of each section. The table of contents is 1-2 pages long.

**Introduction**:

Its goal is to introduce the topic indicated in the title, to give reasons for the topic and the thesis (or the necessity for narrowing down the topic), and to shortly describe the reasoning and the research method of the thesis. 1-3 pages.

**Illustrations:**

The main text of the thesis can be illustrated with images (with pictures, diagrams, tables, maps). Their size should preferably not exceed a quarter of an A/4 size sheet. Illustrations larger than this should be included in the appendix, unless it is justified by the close correlation between the main text and the illustration (for example, music analyses, prepared song examples). In all cases the illustrations should be numbered and titled, and their sources indicated.

**Footnotes**:

A basic requirement for the thesis is the consistent and accurate notes for scientific texts. References and additions that are not closely related to the main text are put in the lower part of the main text in the form of continuously numbered footnotes.

**Summary**

Briefly, concise and clearly summarises the most important findings and conclusions.

**Appendix**:

Bigger tables and charts will appear here, the placement of which would interrupt the continuous reading of the text. Shorter textual documents can also be found here, which are not organically relevant to the main text, but are indispensable for its full comprehension. If the nature of the subject so requires (for example: interpretation analysis), sound attachment can be included (on a CD or DVD media). In this case, the contents of the Appendix and the source material shall be provided in the list of illustrations in detail.

**List of illustrations**:

The details of each image, figure, score sample, or attachment (sound, image file, etc.) included in the thesis must be described in detail, using the footnote and the system used in the refereces list. Numbered according to the order of occurrence.

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**References:**

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Students may use any style sheet for the reference list, however, the format should be consistent within the document.

**FORMAT REQUIREMENTS**

• Paper Size: A4 (29.7 × 21 cm)

• Margins: 2.5 cm on the bottom, top, right and left sides

• Bound Margin: 1 cm on the left

• Single page

• Font: Times New Roman

• Font size: main text 12 pt. (titles 16 pt, subheadings 14 pt, footnote 10 pt.)

• Range spacing: 1.5

• Alignment of the paragraph: justified

• Page numbering: bottom centre

• Scope of the main text: for MA level programmes minimum 60000, max. 80,000 characters, not including footnotes, endnotes and references.