Semester description:

**MA in Global Refugee Studies (GRS)**
**10th semester (4th semester of the MA)**

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<td>The fourth semester of the Master’s programme is reserved to writing the Masters thesis; students will work in detail on an issue related to development studies and international relations or European studies.</td>
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The main objective of the final thesis semester is to enhance students capacity to apply learned knowledge. Through an intensive period of working on a thesis, students will obtain knowledge and understanding of theories and methods for the identification and analysis of a relevant and delimited issue within development and international relations and European Studies at a specialized level. Students will learn to apply theories and scientific methods in relation to a chosen issue and to explain their disciplinary choices and priorities based on methodology.

If students have opted for a full specialisation within Chinese Area Studies, Latin American Area Studies, Global Gender Studies, or the Arctic Studies the central theme of the thesis must be within the chosen specialisation.

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<td>Prior to the thesis semester, students must select a thesis subject from within the framework of the programmes. The thesis subject must be approved by the study board on the basis of a thesis contract with a short description of the subject. Students will find the thesis contract in Moodle <a href="https://www.moodle.aau.dk/">https://www.moodle.aau.dk/</a>.</td>
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The semester coordinator must approve the topic of the thesis, and a deadline for submission is stated and agreed on the thesis contract. Upon approval of the chosen subject by students, supervisors will be assigned to them on the basis of academic relevance.

The Study Board offers two thesis seminars for thesis-writing students: one in the beginning of the semester with a special emphasis on methodological questions, and another one in the mid of the semester with a focus on interaction and dialogue.

During the thesis writing period, students will have meetings with their thesis supervisor. At the meetings students will discuss their work with their supervisor and get supervision in relation to the
work with their thesis. Students cannot expect to receive any supervision after the submission deadline.

Date and time of the thesis defense will be announced in Moodle: [https://www.moodle.aau.dk/](https://www.moodle.aau.dk/)

For more information about the semester’s objectives, contents, examination, formalities (maximum length, abstract, language, etc.) and practical issues in relation to the preparation and writing of the Master’s Thesis, please see the curriculum at:


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