

QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING THE QUALITY OF PREPARATION OF THE FINAL THESIS

Dear Graduate,

We are hereby conducting an *anonymous* survey involving Mykolas Romeris University graduates in order to improve the process of writing the final theses and to identify the challenges you encountered within the process of preparation of the final thesis. Your answers, given comments and recommendations will help the University in improving the quality of preparation of the final Bachelor's and Master's Theses.

Faculty: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

Cycle of study: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

first (Bachelor's studies)

second (Master's studies)

Study programme: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

Mode of studies: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

full-time

part-time

Course: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

Group: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

Study funding: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book (if such information is available)

State-funded place (I had a student's voucher for the entire study period)

Non-state-funded place (I have been paying tuition for the entire study period)

Partially state-funded place (I lost my student's voucher after the rotation)

Partially state-funded place (I got a student's voucher after the rotation)

Targeted funding place (company / organization funded my studies in full or in part)

International mobility: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

I have studied under Erasmus or other programme

I have completed practical training under Erasmus or other programme

I did not have a chance to participate in an international mobility programme during my studies

Membership in student organizations: **COMPULSORY QUESTION (*)**

I am a member of a student organization (enter the organization _____)

I am not a member in any student organization

Status in the labour market: **COMPULSORY QUESTION (*)**

I am employed (the next two questions are applicable only if you choose this option)

I am unemployed

How much time do you work per week: **COMPULSORY QUESTION (*)**

I work full-time on a daily basis

I work half of the day on a daily basis

I work less than half of the day on a daily basis

I work under a sliding schedule every few days

I work under a sliding schedule at days and nights

What kind of work do you do: **COMPULSORY QUESTION (*)**

I work in a job directly and closely related to the speciality I study

I work in a job partially related to the speciality I study

I work in a job that has nothing to do with the speciality I study

Age: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

18 – 20

21 – 23

23 – 30

31 – 40

41 and over

Gender: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

male

female

Special needs:

I am person with special needs (I have a disability)

Mean (annual) achievements: transferred automatically from the Study Record Book

Surname of the academic advisor for your final thesis: (choose from the list)

How did you choose the topic of your final thesis:

1. I chose it from the suggested list
2. I suggested it myself

Did you have to specify, rephrase the topic within the course of preparation of the final thesis:

1. Yes
2. No

How did consultations with the academic advisor for the final thesis take place?

1. At a time specifically appointed by the academic advisor at the university or another place
2. Via the telephone
3. Via e-mail
4. Via Skype and other similar means
5. I did not consult (automatic forwarding to question x)

How often (how many times) have you consulted your academic advisor for the final thesis within the entire year of preparation of the final thesis from selection of the topic of the thesis to submission of the final thesis?

1. From 1 to 3 times
2. From 4 to 9 times
3. More than 10 times

Who initiated consultations with the academic advisor regarding preparation of the final thesis?

1. On your initiative
2. On the academic advisor's initiative
3. On the initiative of both
4. I was encouraged by other employees of the university and / or students
5. Other _____

x. Did you follow the methodical instructions for preparation of the final theses of your faculty when writing your final thesis?

1. Yes
2. No (automatic forwarding to question xx)
3. I have never heard of such instructions (automatic forwarding to question xx)

xx. When you addressed your academic advisor, did he/ she: (Check your answers on each row)	Yes	No	I did not address and did not consult my academic advisor regarding this part
Advised on how to formulate the research problem, objective, aim, and tasks of the final thesis			
Advised on relevant scientific readings and other sources relevant to the research topic			
Advised, taught how to formulate hypothesis of the empirical research, research instrument (e.g., a survey, a questionnaire for an interview) for the final thesis, what research methods to choose			
Advised on how to present research results, prepare conclusions and recommendations			
Specified sources of research methodology for conducting scientific researches (textbooks, articles, etc.)			

How did your academic advisor monitor the course and the quality of preparation of the final thesis? (Check your answers on each row)	Yes	No	I did not submit this part to the academic advisor
Read, assessed, and commented on <i>introduction of the thesis</i> in due time			
Read, assessed, and commented on <i>the theoretical part of the thesis</i> in due time			
Read, assessed, and commented on <i>the methodological part of the thesis</i> in due time			
Read, assessed, and commented on <i>the results and discussion part of the thesis</i> in due time			
Read, assessed, and commented on <i>conclusions and recommendations of the thesis</i> in due time			

Who else did you consult with during preparation of your final thesis besides your academic advisor? (Check your answers on each row)	Often	Sometimes	I did not consult
With the consultant assigned for the final thesis at the University			
With paid consultants of other companies			
With other teachers at the university			
With the employees of the company, organization, institution where the research was being conducted			
With the staff of the university library			
With colleagues from the group, friends			
With representatives of other higher education institutions			
Other			

Would you like to be supervised by the same academic advisor, if you had to prepare another final thesis in future?

1. Yes 2. No 3. I am not sure

Were you included in scientific researches, project work conducted by your academic advisor or other scientists, group of scientists within the course of preparation of the final thesis?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Partially, give your comments

Did you give presentations at conferences on the subject of your final thesis within the course of preparation thereof?

1. Yes
2. No

Was your final thesis related to the place and subject of the practical training you have completed?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Partially

Was your final thesis related to your current occupational career?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Partially

Did you suspend your studies because you did not manage to prepare your final thesis in a timely and proper manner?

1. Yes
2. No

What other problems (not mentioned above) you encountered within the course of preparation of your thesis (list them): _____

Thank you for your answers