



Graduation Procedures Office

מדור מסיימים

M.Sc. Thesis Referee Form
(Confidential)

Student's Name _____ Date _____

1. **Acceptance of thesis [please check one box]**

- The thesis is acceptable as is as a Master's thesis, as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the MSc degree.
- The thesis is acceptable as a Master's thesis, after minor corrections [as detailed in my review] which will be made after the final exam, as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the MSc degree.
- The thesis is acceptable as a Master's thesis, after major corrections [as detailed in my review] which will be made after the final exam, as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the MSc degree.
- The thesis cannot be accepted as a Master's thesis, as detailed in my review.
[Please note, in case the thesis is not accepted as basis for the examination, the Dean of the Graduate School will request the examiners to convene in order to discuss the issue]

2. **The grade** I award this thesis is _____ (the final grade will be determined during the examination by the members of the examination committee). Please refer to the next page for explanations regarding types of theses and grades.

3. **Type of Thesis (Please choose one option):**

Name of referee: _____

Signature: _____

Please send your detailed thesis review to **The Dean of the Graduate School, within one month** from the date you received the thesis. It is important to include this form, filled, with the review even if some details are duplicated. Please send the review on an official stationery. Please sign this form as well as the review itself. In cases that the referee's institution does not permit submission of official reviews, the referee from an external institution (that is not academic), will be required to detail their affiliation, in full, in the review.

Reviews of the final theses are confidential. The Dean of the Graduate School has to receive all reviews **no later than** 48 hours before the final examination. The final examination will take place only after the Dean of the Graduate School has received and approved all the reviews. The Dean of the Graduate School will not authorize the final examination, if the reviews will not have arrived on time.

Please send your review to:

graduation@technion.ac.il (electronically signed or as a scanned file)

or to: Fax no. +972-77-5558519;

or to: The Dean of the Graduate School

The Jacobs Graduate School, Technion City

Haifa, 3200003 Israel



In case corrections are required, the original draft [before the corrections are made], will serve as the basis for the exam. **Corrections will be made only after the exam.**

The review should be typed and include:

1. A short summary of the thesis, noting its original research innovations.
2. Evaluation of the thesis regarding its scientific merit, content, method and form.
Please refer to the writer's style and writing abilities. The review should refer to the body of work, excluding any appendices or attachments, which are not an integral part of the thesis.
3. Detailed explanation of the corrections and revisions needed.
4. Please clarify whether you accept or reject the thesis as partially fulfilling the requirements for the degree of M.Sc. [corresponding to the above form]
5. A numerical grade. Please note 65 is the minimal passing grade.
6. Any other comment at your discretion.

5. Definitions and explanations:

Research thesis - The purpose of research for the M.Sc. degree is to train the student in research methods, including a critical literature survey. The student is required to carry out research on a limited scale, which can be either theoretical or empirical, basic or applied but has to demonstrate a scientific and analytic approach to the topic matter. The number of credit points allotted to the research thesis is 20.

Engineering Project - The purpose of an engineering project is to train the student in engineering design methods, including a critical literature survey, emphasizing the applied engineering approach. The number of credit points allotted to the research thesis is 20.

Final Paper - The purpose of a final paper is to consolidate the knowledge the student acquired in his M.Sc. studies by solving a practical problem or through a detailed analysis of a research one. The final project can be theoretical, computational or empirical, and counts as 12 credit points.

Grade	Research Thesis	Engineering Project	Final Paper
65-70	Thesis of sufficient level for the Master's degree	Thesis of sufficient level for the Master's degree	Thesis of sufficient level for the Master's degree
71-80	Adequate thesis	Adequate thesis	Adequate thesis
81-89	The thesis constitutes a contribution which could be presented in a scientific conference or a short scientific article	The thesis includes a comprehensive technological contribution	The thesis constitutes a limited scientific contribution or a comprehensive literary review
90-95	The thesis constitutes an original contribution which is worthy of publishing in a leading scientific journal with referral	The thesis includes a significant technological contribution with elements of innovation (worthy of patent registration)	The thesis constitutes a significant scientific contribution or an in-depth innovative review
96-100	An exceptionally outstanding thesis constituting a scientific breakthrough or a significant original scientific contribution. Thesis that resulted in publications or that was sent for publication	The thesis includes an exceptionally outstanding technological contribution (worthy of patent registration or an article publication)	An exceptionally outstanding thesis



6. The Chairman of the Examination Committee:

Please note that **the final exam will take place only after the Dean of the Graduate School receives all the reviews and decides whether to accept the thesis as the basis for the examination.** Following regulations, the dean, as well as all members of the relevant examination committee will be invited to the exam.