

Final Master's Thesis (BMD) Preparation Roadmap for the Integrated Study Programme in Medicine

Year 4

Start of semester VII

1. Selection of the topic of the final thesis and the department in charge by the student.

Semester VII

2. Development of the final thesis writing plan by the student. Approval of the plan by the Supervisor. The student begins to collect references and perform literature analysis.

Start of semester VIII

3. Preparation and submission of documents by the student to the *LSMU SIS* for the approval by the *Bioethics Center*.

Semester VIII

4. The student prepares a literature review and submits it for assessment by sending it to the BMD Supervisor by e-mail and uploading it to the Moodle of the study subject "*Final Master Thesis: Research Design, Scientific Style and Language*" by **10 May**.

End of semester VIII

5. BMD Supervisor assesses the work and enters a grade in the *LSMU SIS* register of the study subject "*Final Master Thesis: research design, scientific style and language*" by **10 June**.

Year 5

Semesters IX – X

6. Following the approval by the *Bioethics Center*, the students collect, systemizes and analyses the data necessary for the research are performed. Writing of the research methodology section.

End of semester X

7. The student submits the description of the research methodology and results to the Supervisor by e-mail and uploading it to the Moodle of the study subject "*Final Master Thesis: data collection and systemization*" by **10 May**.

The Supervisor **assesses the work** and **enters a grade** in the *LSMU SIS* register of the subject "*Final Master Thesis: data collection and systemization*" by **10 June**.

Year 6

Semester XI

8. Completion of research data analysis, assessment of the research results. Preparation of the initial version of the final thesis.

End of semester XI

9. Submission of the initial version of the final thesis to the Supervisor; feedback from the Supervisor.

Start of semester XII

10. Review and correction of the final thesis. If shortcomings are found in the final thesis, they are corrected according to the Supervisor's comments and, by **8 February**, the thesis is submitted for the Supervisor's final review.

Semester XII

11. At the Supervisor's permission, the final thesis shall be uploaded into the *DSpace CRIS* system by **22 February**.

Semester XII

12. The Supervisor performs the text similarity and AI check on the *Identific* platform, approves the thesis title, keywords, translation of keywords and submission of the final thesis to the reviewer in the *DSpace CRIS*.

Semester XII

13. The final thesis is submitted for the reviewer's feedback by **1 March**. The reviewer's feedback is provided by **1 April**. If the reviewer's report contains proposals for revisions to the work, these must be implemented.

Semester XII

14. The final version of the BMD shall be uploaded to the *DSpace CRIS* system for re-evaluation by the reviewer by **10 April**. The reviewer submits the reviewer's re-evaluation report to the unit by **30 April**. BMD defences take place by **10 May**.

Semester XII

15. The **final evaluation is recorded in the *LSMU SIS*** register within one working day after the defence.

Semester XII

16. If the student does not agree with the final evaluation of the final thesis, they have the right to appeal in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Study Regulation.

Useful links:

[The Final Master's Thesis Regulations of the Integrated Study Programme in Medicine at LSMU](#)
[Methodological Recommendations for Final Master's Theses in the Medicine Study Programme](#)
[Guidelines for Filling Out the Application for Approval by the LSMU Bioethics Center](#)
[Information on Conducting Students' Research at Kauno Klinikos](#)
[Uploading of Final Master's Theses to the *DSpace CRIS*](#)
[Identific Plagiarism Prevention and AI Detection Tool](#) (The authorisations to perform the check are granted to the Final Thesis Supervisor and the Reviewer)