

Double Degree Russian International Academy for Tourism/Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Thesis

The master's thesis is a research work through which the student should demonstrate:

- His/her qualities of analysis and especially synthesis.
- His/her culture in the field of tourism, the extent and variety of his or her knowledge.
- A reflexive, scientific and rigorous, critical and constructive spirit.

Certain elements of this work should give the dissertation a "research" dimension:

- Intuitions generating working hypotheses and the means to test them, leading to demonstrations.
- A reflection by the student on the concepts, tools and methods he/she will use during this work.
- A consideration of previous works that are considered as a reference in his field of investigation, through the relevance and use of the bibliography.
- A critical exploitation of diversified documentary sources.
- A justification of the points of view developed

The making of the thesis within the double degree programme

Temporality

During the first year of master, students choose the theme of their thesis in their respective universities, and a supervisor is assigned to them by their universities.

At RIAT, the subject/title/contents of the Master's thesis should be within the aspects of management and not beyond

Second year:

During the second year, students continue to be in contact with their supervisor at their University of origin. They are assigned an additional supervisor in the host University by mid-november.

The students coming from RIAT are enrolled in a methodology class during the semester 3.

At the end of semester 3 (1st semester of the second year), they submit a written assignment that sets out the bibliographical and problematic bases of their thesis, define the inquiry methods, detailing the protocols used (interview guides, questionnaire framework, corpus to be analysed, etc.). During the fourth semester, they must submit their progress (data collected, first analyses) to their supervisor, and they submit the final written dissertation by

the end of August/beginning of September (through the online course platform « EPI » at Paris 1 University).

Language

Paris 1 students prepare their thesis in French or English

RIAT students prepare their theses in two languages: French (or English) and Russian

Content

Thesis prepared at Paris 1-IREST :

The master thesis at IREST is a document of approximately 80 pages, excluding annexes. In addition to the dissertation, there is a separate methodological report, which brings together the materials collected (transcribed interviews, extracts from databases or the field notebook, etc.);

The thesis must contain :

- A summary in English and French or Russian ;
- Index, list of figures / tables / maps, etc.
- Introduction (research question, hypothesis and objectives)
- A first part presenting the theoretical framework and methodology
- At least two additional parts, explicitly structured, presenting the analysis of the results and the discussion of the scientific literature and concepts.
- A conclusion, which summarizes the main results and might give recommendations and limitations
- Bibliographical references
- Annexes

The presentation uses a « classical » font (Times New Roman, size 12), with a line spacing of 1,5

Thesis prepared at RIAT :

- The thesis should have 3 parts (chapters): theoretical, analytical and practical.
- The total volume of the Master's thesis should be no less than 80 pages excluding annexes.
- During the 2 year of the Master's programme the students are expected to prepare no more than 2 articles based on the research they do within the preparation for the Master' thesis. These articles are published in RIAT's official journals (free of charge for them).
- Apart from the Master's thesis itself, the students prepare a separate methodological report.

- The most important formal part is the Introduction to the Master's thesis. It must have qualifications criteria as indicators of Master's degree level, with the following elements :

Relevance of the research topic

Object of the research

Subject of the research

Purpose of the research

Tasks of the research

Hypothesis of the research

Methodological and theoretical basis of the research

Novelty of the research

Main conclusions to be defended

Theoretical value of the research

Practical value of the research

Defense

Thesis defenses will be conducted with the personal presence of graduates during the defense procedure in each of the countries in front of examination commissions or, in case of overlap of dates of theses defenses, during a unique defense, to which a teacher from the University of origin will attend via Skype or in video-conference mode.

Defenses take place at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne during the last week of September.