Checklist for reviewing Master's Theses

- 1. Does the title describe the content of the thesis concisely?
- 2. Does the abstract contain the most relevant information about the study and its results?
- 3. Does the introduction state the objectives and research questions concisely?
- 4. Does the introduction state the added value of the study concisely (scientific/practical importance)?
- 5. Does the theoretical part report the relevant state of theory and research?
- 6. Are the research questions and hypotheses (if any) derived logically from existing theory and research?
- 7. Is the research design adequate for answering the research questions and for testing the hypotheses (if any)?
- 8. Does the methods section provide a clear and detailed description of the research (sample, design, procedures, instruments, analyses)?
- 9. Are the applied methods adequate for addressing the research questions and have they been implemented correctly?
- 10. Is the presentation of results clearly linked to the research questions?
- 11. Are the relevant results presented correctly and in a standard format (APA)?
- 12. Are tables and graphs adequate and presented clearly?
- 13. Does the discussion provide clear answers to the research questions?
- 14. Are correct conclusions drawn from the results in the discussion? Are there any unwarranted conclusions?
- 15. Does the discussion take up points from the introduction/theoretical part and advance them?
- 16. Are limitations of the study discussed explicitly and linked to a judgement of the study's conclusiveness?
- 17. Are potential practical conclusions and recommendations discussed carefully?
- 18. How is the overall scientific value and originality?
- 19. Is the language and exposition clear, precise and non-redundant?
- 20. Is the chain of reasoning made explicit throughout (e.g., advance organizers, summaries and conclusions where relevant)?
- 21. Are formal criteria of language, style and scientific working met (orthography, grammar, structure, headings, acknowledging prior work, citations & references, etc.)?