



Master's Examination in Cognitive and Decision Sciences

General procedure

The Master's examination takes place by appointment and lasts for about 30 minutes. In the first 10 minutes, the candidate provides an overview of his/her special topic based on a summary of 6 research papers. The rest of the examination (20 minutes) covers the other required and recommended readings for the Master's examination in Cognitive and Decision Sciences. The examination committee consists of two persons, one of which also takes a protocol of all questions and answers.

Information about the submission of one-page summaries

Please contact the examiner (Rui Mata; rui.mata@unibas.ch) with two or three suggestions for a special topic, including one or two scientific research papers on the topic. Having obtained the explicit agreement of the examiner regarding the selected topic, you can prepare single-sided summaries of 6 original research papers. These are to be submitted by e-mail in a single PDF file a minimum of 6 weeks before the oral examination. In addition to the summaries of the 6 original research papers, the PDF file should contain a title page with an overview and candidate information.

Please note that the title page, the summaries, and the references should all be in accordance with the style manual of the American Psychological Association (APA).

The title page should contain the following information:

- Family name, first name of candidate
- Title of the oral examination's special topic
- Full references for the six original research papers (APA format)
- Candidate's personal data: e-mail, phone number, place of residence
- Semester of examination (e.g., Spring Semester 2016)
- Topic/title of the Master's thesis, with details of the supervisor

Please follow the example on the next page regarding structure and presentation.

Chris Candidate

Title of the oral examination's special topic

Age-related errors in risky decision making

Original research papers

Chan, W., McCrae, R. R., De Fruyt, F., Jussim, L., Löckenhoff, C. E., De Bolle, M., ... & Terracciano, A. (2012). Stereotypes of age differences in personality traits: Universal and accurate?. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *103*(6), 1050–1066.

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Konradt, A. E., & Rothermund, K. (2011). Contexts of aging: Assessing evaluative age stereotypes in different life domains. *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, *66*(5), 547–556. doi:10.1093/geronb/gbr036

Lucas, R. E., & Donnellan, M. B. (2011). Personality development across the life span: Longitudinal analyses with a national sample from Germany. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *101*(4), 874–861. doi:10.1037/a0024298

Peters, E. M., Hess, T. M., Västfjäll, D., & Auman, C. (2007). Adult age differences in dual information processes: Implications for the role of affective and deliberative processes in older adults' decision making. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, *2*(1), 1–23.

doi:10.1111/j.1745-6916.2007.00025.x

Rolison, J. J., Hanoch, Y., Wood, S., & Liu, P. J. (2013). Risk-taking differences across the adult life span: A question of age and domain. *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, *69*(6), 870–880. doi:10.1093/geronb/gbt081

Specht, J., Luhmann, M., & Geiser, C. (2014). On the consistency of personality types across adulthood: Latent profile analyses in two large-scale panel studies. *Journal of*

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Title of the Master's thesis, with details of supervisor

Candidate, Chris. (2016). The age of unreason: Age-related errors in risky decision making.

Unpublished Master's thesis, University of Basel. Supervised by XY.

Supervisor:

Chan, W., McCrae, R. R., De Fruyt, F., Jussim, L., Löckenhoff, C. E., De Bolle, M., ... & Terracciano, A. (2012). Stereotypes of age differences in personality traits: Universal and accurate?. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *103*(6), 1050–1066.

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