

How to write a Masters Dissertation in Economic Theory

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Four different approaches

1. You want to model a specific situation (applied);
2. You want to extend an existing model (applied);
3. You want to contribute to Econ Theory concepts (theoretical);
4. You want to analyze/compare existing arguments (theoretical).

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Possible Structure of an M-Dissertation in Econ Theory

1. Introduction
2. Related literature (optional)
3. Model / Formal Results / Arguments
4. Discussion (optional)
5. Concluding Remarks (and Outlook)