

Planning

The graduation thesis has an equivalent of 30 ECTS. This is comparable to the study load of a semester and comes down to a 40 hour work week. Given the extended amount of time that is being reserved for the final thesis it provides the opportunity to perform an in depth research and hopefully come up with satisfying results.

The planning of this research is somewhat different to the 'normal' prescribed planning of a graduation project. This is both due to the fact that I will be studying abroad for a semester as well as a result of the planning of NSI themselves. I will be studying in Trondheim in the spring semester of the academic year 2012-2013 to complete the free electives of my master track. From September 2013 onward I will work at NSI to gather data and finalize my research. The fact that I will start at NSI in September 2013 is due to the fact that they currently already employ a student and therefore do not have the time to properly supervise me. However, this proves to be an advantage when looking at the research I am going to perform. Since there will be more data available at that time to study after-crisis effects on the link between building characteristics and the net rental income.

The Technical University of Delft, at least within the faculty of Architecture, has strict guidelines regarding the planning of one's master thesis. Within the graduation process, at fixed moments in time, several bearing moments are present. At these bearing meetings the progress is being assessed and criticism regarding the research is given. The entire process of preparing the research, conducting the research and writing the final thesis is divided into five bearings. The following planning is applicable to this graduation research:

Month Activity

September '12	Exploring research possibilities.
October '12	P1 report.
November '12	Literature study.
December '12	Literature study.
January '13	Studying at the NTNU in Trondheim, free electives master RE&H.
February '13	Studying at the NTNU in Trondheim, free electives master RE&H.
March '13	Studying at the NTNU in Trondheim, free electives master RE&H.
April '13	Studying at the NTNU in Trondheim, free electives master RE&H.
May '13	Studying at the NTNU in Trondheim, free electives master RE&H.
June '13	P2 report
July '13	Summer Holiday's
August '13	Summer Holiday
September '13	Data collection and analysis at NSI.
October '13	Data collection and analysis at NSI and P3 bearing.
November '13	Data collection and analysis at NSI and writing P4 report.
December '13	Finalizing P4 report.
January '14	Final P5 presentation.