How to prepare your thesis - Instructions

1. The thesis is an **original** scientific work of the candidate – **no plagiarism is allowed** and due reference to published papers must be made in all sections.

2. Format:

Length: typically 60-80 pages

Every page consists of about 2,000 characters spaces included

Use a 12 pt font (suggested: Times New Roman or Calibri) with line spacing set at 1.5

Leave 2.5-3 cm margins

Number pages.

3. Sections:

Title page (the standard front page is appended below)

Index

Summary (0.5-1 page)

Introduction (background, about 20 pages)

Aim of the project (0.5-1 page)

Materials and methods (about 10 pages)

Results (about 20 pages)

Discussion

Conclusions (0.5-1 page)

References (formatted as for *Cell*) with an asterisk indicating papers actually read by the candidate.

4. Figures must be inserted into the text

5. Avoid lab jargon; always use International System of Units (SI); make a thorough check for grammar and spelling.

A copy of the final manuscript (possibly as a .docx file) must be delivered to the Opponent (named by the Coordinator of the Course) 7-10 days before discussion.

An electronic copy of the final manuscript must be delivered as a CD to the students’ secretary 7-10 days before discussion.

For the final exam, the candidate must prepare a 20 minutes PowerPoint presentation and be ready for the following 5-10 minutes questions session.

The final file with this presentation must be handed to the Coordinator at least three days before the final exam.

UNIVERSITY OF ROME TOR VERGATA



Master of Science in Biotechnology

THESIS

On the Origin of Species

Supervisor: Candidate:

*Charles R. Darwin*  *Thomas H. Huxley*

External supervisor:

*Alfred R. Wallace*

Academic Year 1858/1859