Learning Objectives for Master's theses at DTU Management Engineering

Learning Objectives for Master's theses at DTU Management Engineering: Notes of inspiration to Master's students who have just started working on their Master's thesis, as prepared for the Study Board at DTU Management Engineering.

Learning objectives are normally formulated when you participate in a DTU course. It is namely the teacher's task to formulate learning objectives and then evaluate your fulfillment of the learning objectives when assessing you exam or replacement assignment. With Master's theses it is, however, different. The DTU Study Handbook states that: "Learning objectives are an integrated part of the supervision", which provides you with the opportunity – naturally in cooperation with your supervisor – to formulate learning objectives for your Master's thesis. There are at least three good reasons for being thorough when formulating learning objectives for your Master's thesis. Firstly, the learning objectives will help you find a prudent approach to be used in your Master's thesis. Secondly, the learning objectives will help describe the basis on which you are assessed when the report has been submitted and you present and defend your Master's thesis. Thirdly, the learning objectives constitute a way of describing what you have learned and acquired of knowledge, and it is important to bear this in mind when you apply for a job as newly qualified Master of Science in Engineering. It is also important that you formulate precise and useful learning objectives for your Master's thesis. These notes of inspiration have been written to help you do exactly this. The notes discuss the requirements for the learning objectives, examples of learning objectives and the assessment criteria defined by DTU Management Engineering as well as, but not least, some useful things to remember concerning your submission and the assessment of the Master's thesis. DTU Management Engineering Claus Thorp Hansen Birgitte Rasmussen Hector Nøhr Hinz © DTU Management Engineering 2010 ISBN nr. 978-87-90855-94-7 This document is a translation of notes written in Danish, dated April 2009.

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