

Review of Master work supervisor

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Qualification Work Title	The housing market in Ukraine
Name and Type of Study Programme	Economics and Management / Navazující
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Thesis evaluation

1. Logical structure of the thesis 1.5

Note: The thesis addresses a topic of importance in any nations - housing. The thesis has a logical structure and flow and, in my opinion, reads quite well. The topic itself is addressed systematically and logically.

2. Fulfillment of objectives 2.0

Note: The topic was difficult to research due to the difficulty in getting information. The hypothesis are clearly stated and even though they were not proven/disproven, the thesis is not invalidated by this.

3. Methodological approach 2.0

Note: The methodological approach was limited due to the lack of primary data availability in the public domain, consequently the candidate was limited to secondary data sources

4. Assessment of theoretical and/or practical contribution of the thesis 2.0

Note: The thesis makes a valid practical contribution to the topic, as it highlights significant national issues and challenges facing Ukraine in the long term

5. Handling of literature 1.5

Note: The literature has been handled very well, with current sources. The interpretation of author's comments appear to be understood and clearly stated and, as appropriate, the candidate has made personal comments against these

6. Formal aspects 1.5

Note: The thesis is very well presented. There are no apparent typographical/grammatical errors. The formatting is consistent and correct. Figures and tables are correctly captioned and online sources identified in the bibliography.

7. Student's own contribution to the studied problems 1.5

Note: The student made a high self-contribution towards the research and development of the thesis. He was able, with guidance, to develop his arguments well and the hypothesis and problem solving ideas for the challenges identified are his.

8. Monitoring for plagiarism (result) **positive**

Conclusion

Thesis evaluation (note): **very good**

I recommend the thesis for defence: **YES**

Questions and comments

Critical comments and overall contributions, total value of the thesis

This thesis focus on the contemporary issues and challenges in the Ukraine housing market. It takes a 'hands-on' practical approach in addressing the problems identified, also considering some social theories around housing construction for the future when compared to existing patterns. The topic itself is not an easy one to address, considering the state of play in Ukraine with civil unrest and the ever present possibility of Russian occupation following the re-annexation of Crimea. Data was not easily obtainable and secondary sources needed to be relied upon. Overall the thesis describes the current situation well, with an historical perspective that seems to be the root of today's housing problems in Ukraine. The thesis offers possible solution for creating a better future living environment, but these require some courage from politicians, as corruption, an aspect the thesis touches on, is not easily tamed. The hypotheses were not proven/disproven conclusively and that would be the only negative criticism of the thesis, but this does not mean the thesis in invalidated by this aspect.

Overall the thesis is well worthy of being passed.

Questions and topics for discussion before the commission

1. Please discuss how realistic the prospect of legislative/regulatory changes for the housing market will be in the Ukraine?
2. How likely is it that developers will change to a more socially considerate building approach, such as green zones and lower building heights?

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Signature of supervisor