

Institut für Sozialarbeit und Sozialpädagogik Information on Master's Thesis

The Master's Thesis will usually be written during the fourth semester. The seminars of the module "8000: Master's Thesis" serve as a support format for all students to conceptualize their Master's Thesis.

It is important to reflect that the Master's Thesis is not solely a completed module, but also represents the thesis that you complete your degree program with. Therefore, please focus on a specific topic that you are really interested in and that you have possibly been interested in during a longer part of your studies. In the Master's Thesis, you will get the opportunity to investigate this topic more carefully than before (60-100 pages in length).

To have your Master's Thesis supervised and graded, you are going to need two supervisors.

Please contact your preferred chief supervisor early enough (ideally at the end of the 3rd semester), and – what is most important – conceptually prepared. Ideally, you write down your first idea concerning the topic(s) of your Master's Thesis on approximately 1 page. This paper might contain a first idea on your research question.

While considering a topic for your Master's Thesis, and prior to contacting an optional supervisor, please see for their fields of interest. You will find this information via checking their personal homepages at our website!

The following faculty staff are currently available as chief supervisors (alphabetical order):

- Prof. Dr. Lars Alberth
- VProf. Dr. Marie Frühauf
- Dr. Iniobong Essien
- Prof. Dr. Angelika Henschel
- Prof. Dr. Anke Karber
- Prof. Dr. Ellen Kollender
- Prof. Dr. Philipp Sandermann
- Prof. Dr. Birte Siem
- VProf. Dr. Bettina Ülpenich
- Dr. Tilmann Wahne
- Dr. Laura Wenzel

As far as your second supervisor goes, please also contact one of the persons mentioned above. In justified exceptional cases, you may also ask other teaching staff at Leuphana to be your second supervisor. If applicable, please clarify this individually with your preferred supervisors.

Please note: If you are planning to apply for the preparatory teachers training for vocational schools, we strongly suggest that you submit your Master's thesis at least 8 weeks before the application deadline for the preparatory

training. This time span is necessary in order to be able to guarantee the entire process from the assessment to the issuing of the certificate in good time.

Please find further information on all formalities regarding your Master's Thesis in the IFSP's guideline on academic working:

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