



Bachelor Thesis Guidelines

What is the Right Semester to Write One's Bachelor Thesis?

The ideal semester for writing the Bachelor Thesis is during one's final semester of studies at Bachelor level (see [sample timetables](#)). In theory, students are free to book the Bachelor Thesis module at any point after completing the [module group "Introduction to English Literature and Linguistics."](#) However, it is **strongly recommended** that students first complete a Bachelor Seminar in Literature or Linguistics before booking the thesis module.

How to Choose a Topic?

It is strongly recommended that students choose a project which is based on a course they have attended (e.g. a Bachelor Seminar). However, this is not absolutely mandatory, i.e. students may propose different topics if they feel very passionate about them – and if they feel sufficiently confident that they will be able to 'compensate' for their potential lack of background knowledge.

When to Contact Your Prospective Supervisor for the First Time?

Students wishing to write a Bachelor Thesis should, at the very least, have a relatively clear idea about the topic of their Bachelor Thesis before contacting their prospective supervisor. Ideally, they will prepare a draft outline prior to contacting their supervisor for the first time. The absolutely final deadlines for contacting the supervisor for the first time are as follows:

- for a Bachelor Thesis to be submitted in the fall semester: 30 April
- for a Bachelor Thesis to be submitted in the spring semester: 30 November

If you have trouble finding a supervisor, contact the study advisor at englishstudies@es.uzh.ch.

Last Date for Submitting the Outline for the Bachelor Thesis?

Students must submit the outline by:

- c. first week of October in the fall semester
- c. first week of March in the spring semester

How to Book the Bachelor Thesis?

Students must book the Bachelor Thesis module using the UZH's official booking tool. Please note that students may be removed from the module if the instructor has not agreed to supervise them.

What Kind of Support Can One Expect?

Your supervisor will help guide you through the process of researching and writing your thesis and will assess the final result. While the thesis should be an independent piece of work, your supervisor will help you to focus your idea into a workable topic and can suggest alternatives if the idea turns out not to be feasible. They will also offer starting points for further reading and theoretical research.

How Long Does the Bachelor Thesis Have to Be?

- Linguistics: 8'000 words (excluding the bibliography and appendices, but including tables, figures, and examples; +/- 10%)
- Literature: 10'000 words (excluding the bibliography; +/- 10%)

What Is the Deadline for Submitting the Bachelor Thesis?

- in the fall semester: 1 December
- in the spring semester: 1 June

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