



Bachelor Thesis Guidelines: Literature

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 at least one Bachelor Seminar in Literature before booking the thesis module.

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. (See the next point below for the last possible dates for submitting an outline.)

The deadlines for contacting a supervisor for the first time are as follows:

- for a Bachelor Thesis to be submitted in the fall semester: May 15
- for a Bachelor Thesis to be submitted in the spring semester: November 15

Important: If you have trouble finding a supervisor, contact englishstudies@es.uzh.ch.

Last Date for Submitting the Outline for the Bachelor Thesis?

The final version of the outline must be submitted by week three of classes at the very latest, i.e.:

- 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 will have to book the Bachelor Thesis officially early on in the semester (i.e. in Aug/Sept for the fall term, and in Jan/Feb for the spring term), using the UZH's official booking tool.

What Kind of Support Can One Expect?

Although you are expected to work independently on your thesis, your supervisor is there to help guide you through topic selection, the research phase and writing preparation. You can approach your supervisor for advice on your research, or with any specific problems that may arise. You will also be provided with a 'Bachelor Thesis Starter Kit', which will provide information on what is expected from a successful thesis.

How Long Does the Bachelor Thesis Have to Be?

10'000 words (+/- 10%)

What Is the Deadline for Submitting the Bachelor Thesis?

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