



Bachelor Thesis Guidelines: Linguistics

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 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: at the very latest, first day of classes (i.e. c. mid-September) - but preferably in August or very early September
- for a Bachelor Thesis to be submitted in the spring semester: at the very latest, first day of classes (i.e. c. mid-February) - but preferably in January or early February

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 will have to book the Bachelor Thesis officially early on in the semester (i.e. in August/September for the fall term, and in January/February for the spring term), using the UZH's official booking tool.

More information will follow in the course of the summer 2019.

What Kind of Support Can One Expect?

You are expected to work independently. However, there is a (non-mandatory) Bachelor Thesis Colloquium. The colloquium aims to guide students through the research and writing process, providing hands-on help as well as useful exercises for the students (e.g. in the form of workshops on research design and time management). In addition, you may contact your individual supervisor if you encounter any major problems.



How Long Does the Bachelor Thesis Have to Be?

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

What Is the Deadline for Submitting the Bachelor Thesis?

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