

Guidelines for thesis supervision

In the Winter Term 2026/27, I supervise Bachelor theses, Master theses and *Zulassungsarbeiten*. From Summer 2027 onwards, please direct your supervision requests to Prof. Hans-Jörg Schmid.

I supervise theses in the following areas:

- Syntax and grammar (synchronic)
- Cognitive linguistics
- Psycholinguistics
- Construction Grammar
- Phraseology
- Linguistic creativity

Conditions for supervision

If you wish to be supervised by me:

- (a) You should have attended at least one class with me and should have handed in a written piece of work – preferably a seminar paper – in this class.
- (b) If condition (a) is not fulfilled, please send me your up-to-date transcript of records.
- (c) Even if you fulfill condition (a), I would appreciate a transcript of records in any case because this makes it easier for us to find an appropriate topic and methodology for your thesis.
- (d) Please contact me **at least four weeks** prior to the registration period.

Project plan

Once I have accepted you for supervision (see above), hand in a project plan **at least three weeks** prior to the registration period.

The project plan should be **at least 3 and at most 6 pages** long (Times New Roman; 12 pt; 1.5 spacing) and contain the following elements:

- A preliminary title
- A short introduction to the topic
- 2–4 specific research questions
- Information on your methodology (data, qualitative or quantitative approach, etc.)
- At least three concrete examples of the linguistic phenomenon you want to investigate (with notes/analysis)
- Bibliography (at least 10 articles and/or books)

Supervision meetings

While you are working on your project, we will meet **once or twice every month** to discuss your results and questions. For these meetings, please send me a written update on the state of your thesis **at least three days** before the meeting.

The supervision meetings will take place either in person or on Zoom. If you require a Zoom slot, please ask **at least three days** in advance by email.

Research colloquium

You have to attend the Research Colloquium (Thursdays, 12–14) in the semester you submit your thesis. If you are not able register for the Colloquium yourself on LSF, please send me an email and I will register you manually.

You have to present your research at the Research Colloquium. Slots for presentation are usually distributed in the first week of term (make sure to attend this session).

This presentation should take place **no later than four weeks** before you submit your thesis. Send me your slides **at least one week** before the presentation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.