

Writing a BSc Thesis at the Cognition Lab

1. Find your topic

Current topics are posted here:

<https://www.psychologie.uzh.ch/de/bereiche/nec/allgpsy/lehre/bachelorarbeiten.html>

If you want to do your thesis on one of these topics, please contact the contact person (“Kontaktperson” = the person who will supervise your thesis) as soon as possible – ideally before the start of the teaching term.

Don’t forget to book the module in the online booking system!

2. Planning

During the first meeting your supervisor will explain the topic and give you advice on how to specify your question, and how to find literature on the topic. You will jointly plan the next steps. Here is a template for the time schedule:

	Spring Term	Fall Term
Contact Supervisor	January	August/September
First meeting	February	September
Submit blueprint	End of March	End of October
Submit draft for feedback	~ May 1st	~ December 1st
Receive feedback	~ May 15	~ December 15
Submit final version	1st of June	1st of January

You should already familiarize yourself with the guidelines for using AI:

<https://www.psychologie.uzh.ch/de/studium/bscmssc/studium/KI.html>

3. Phase 1

During Phase 1 you search relevant literature, define your research question more precisely (in interaction with your supervisor), read and organize the literature, and plan your thesis. The outcome of this phase is a blueprint of your thesis, that is, a structure of headings and subheadings with bullet points summarizing the content of each section, together with the most important references you plan to cite. The blueprint should show the planned structure of your text, and also the logic of the argument that you will develop to arrive at your conclusion.

You should submit the blueprint to your supervisor by email, and you will receive feedback on it within 7-10 days (usually through email; if necessary, in a meeting).

4. Phase 2

In this phase you write the thesis. Finalize the best version you are able to produce. This is the draft you should submit to your supervisor for feedback. You will receive feedback only once on this version. Based on that feedback you will produce the final version that you submit.

Regarding formatting, references etc, please follow the guidelines of APA 7:

<https://apastyle.apa.org/>

5. Submission

Submit your thesis as a PDF to your supervisor through email.

You can find a template for the title page here:

<https://www.phil.uzh.ch/ssl-dir/abschlussarbeiten/vorlagen.php>

The official “Examiner” / “Betreuerin/Betreuer” for BSc thesis at the Cognition Lab is always Klaus Oberauer.

The **deadline** for submission is June 1st (FS) or January 1st (HS). In case you need an extension (for medical reasons) please contact the exams office at stornierungen@psychologie.uzh.ch

Please add to your submission the declaration of originality (“Selbständigkeitserklärung”); here is a template:

<https://www.phil.uzh.ch/ssl-dir/abschlussarbeiten/vorlagen.php>

Also, please add your declaration on the use of AI, which is included in the guidelines document:

<https://www.psychologie.uzh.ch/de/studium/bscmssc/studium/KI.html>