

## Guidelines for Thesis Abstracts (BA and MA)

**Thesis candidate:**

**Supervisor:**

**Expected start of thesis:**

**Expected submission of thesis:**

### **1. Topic**

- State your topic briefly and precisely.
- What will your thesis be about?
- Can you provide a working title?

### **2. Point of departure and problem**

- What led you to the topic of your paper?
- What interests you about the topic of your work, what problem do you want to work on?

### **3. Research question and thesis aim**

- What is the central research question of your work, which results from the problem?
- What results, what yield would you like to have at the end of your work?
- What is the significance of the results of your work for science and practice, what is their added value – as far as you can describe this at the present time?

### **4. State of the art**

- What is the state of the art regarding your research topic/question?

### **5. Core assumptions and hunches**

- What do you already know (on the basis of your previous reflections and literature research) about the topic?
- What assumptions do you already have about the topic of your thesis or the research question?
- What are the central theoretical concepts/models you use in your work?
- Can you briefly outline these and name their significance for the guiding research question of your work?

## **6. Methodological approach to the work**

- Do you plan on writing an empirical thesis (can be theory-oriented) or one which is entirely theoretical in nature?
- How do you proceed methodically, with which quantitative and/or qualitative methods?
- In which methodological steps do you work on the research question of your thesis?

## **7. Composition and structure of the thesis**

- Can you describe what you intend to do in the sections/chapters of your thesis and how they build on each other in the sense of a common thread?

## **8. First preliminary outline**

## **9. Preliminary sources**

## **10. Schedule / envisaged work steps**

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