

What should be included in the exposé

The exposé (and the thesis) can be written either in English or German.

Title page: Student name and registration number, thesis title, name of supervisors (+ contact data of external supervisors if applicable), degree program, university, date

Description of the topic: Here, you should state what the thesis will be about, why the topic is important and how you will approach it.

Brief literature review: The exposé should already include a preliminary literature review showing how the thesis topic is embedded in existing work.

Methods: In this section, you will give more detail about how you will work on the problem, i.e., which methods will be used. This section should also include how you will evaluate whether your approach was successful.

Research questions: Formulate some questions that you aim to answer with your thesis. Number of research questions can range from one to about five. Note that you need to formulate these research questions carefully: They should be specific enough so that you can answer them with your study results.

Expected results: Briefly describe what you expect the outcome of your thesis will be.

References: List of references in a consistent format (like APA or the like).

Preliminary thesis structure: This only needs to include main headings. Also, provide the approximate length of sections (preliminary).

Schedule: What will be done when?

Next steps:

- Send your exposé via e-mail.
- I will send feedback, usually within two weeks.
- Revise exposé based on the feedback.
- I will register your thesis; the time for the completion of the thesis starts.
- I will invite you to a colloquium where you will give a talk about your thesis in front of other students.