Studienprojekt

Basic Information

The *Studienprojekt* is intended to give students an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the subjects of their course of studies and to acquire and practice key skills in the field. Your work will be supervised by a regular member of staff teaching Linguistics or Literature. Please note that the number of students supervised by individual staff members is limited.

There is no fixed schedule that needs to be followed. In other words, you are expected to work individually and you can set your own pace for doing so. The deadline for submitting the product of your *Studienprojekt* is three months after the end of the lecture period.

Choice of topic

You are to select your own topic. We recommend choosing a topic area from one of the introductory lectures. Alternatively, your topic can be related to a course that you are currently attending. It is important that you opt for a topic that is interesting to you and that you would like to find out more about – you'll be spending quite a bit of time consulting and reading original research, something which tends to be more demanding than reading introductory textbooks. Please discuss your topic choice with your supervisor before the end of January.

Requirements

You will discuss the exact requirements with your supervisor. However, as a general guideline, you will be expected to produce a short paper that might include some of the following tasks:

- a critical reflection of the progress of your work and an overview of the results
- the formulation of possible research questions or tasks relevant to the topic area chosen
- a short summary of two seminal texts (i.e. articles, chapters from books) from the field chosen (ca. 2 pages each)
- a personal evaluation of relevant secondary sources
- an annotated bibliography of core readings in the field (ca. 5 entries)

Supervision Meetings

You are expected to discuss the progress of your work with your supervisor at least twice during the course of the *Studienprojekt*.