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Information for Students

Bachelor and Master Thesis (Date: August 2023)

Before talking to me: you should have done your own research as to which question or issue would be of interest to you. Please read the most recent regulations *before* you contact me:

<https://www.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/studium/bachelorstudium/bachelorarbeit/#c332599>

<https://www.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/studium/masterstudium/study-guide/masters-thesis/#c334274>

Getting in touch: please write me an **email** including one or more suggestions (up to 3) for your thesis topic (ca. 100 words per suggested topic) and the desired date for handing in the thesis. Please also include a transcript of records (“Notenauszug”).

General Information:

I supervise bachelor and master theses in applied microeconomics, with a particular interest in the fields of economic history, demography, health, and labor. The number of theses that I can supervise is limited, so **not all requests can be accepted**.

A bachelor thesis should not be longer than 20 pages; a master thesis should not be longer than 40 pages (times new roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing, 2.5 cm margins) not counting figures and tables, bibliography, and appendices. Use in-text citations and a standard citation style (e.g., APA or Harvard). Consult the department’s [writing counseling](#) if necessary. Please also submit your replication files (comprehensibly commented) and data used in the thesis. If the thesis has significant formal errors (typos and grammar errors, improper referencing of sources), it will be graded as unsatisfactory (5,0).

The thesis must be submitted in the form of **two** printed copies and in electronic form (pdf-file). The completed thesis will be checked electronically for plagiarism. By accepting to write the thesis on the agreed topic, the student agrees to this procedure.

Bachelor Thesis:

If you want to write your bachelor thesis (in German/English) at my chair, you should have ideally taken the course [Applied Economics](#) or electives on related topics. For the bachelor thesis, several sources must be used on the basis of extensive literature research. This includes an independent and sufficiently justified evaluation of the selected studies (e.g., selection of the economic model, selection of the econometric method, identification strategy, a correct interpretation of the results, and how data problems were dealt with, etc.). Ideally, the bachelor thesis should include an empirical investigation (e.g., extending an existing empirical study, preparation of microdata, descriptive analysis, and possibly regression estimation).

Master Thesis:

For the master thesis (in English), you need to have taken either the seminar [Historical Economic Development](#) or [Topics in Economic Demography](#). The master thesis should ideally be related to a previously written seminar paper, and it must include your own empirical investigation. It is expected that you can place the contribution of the master thesis into the relevant literature.

Please use the following text for the affidavit:

"I affirm that this Bachelor/Master thesis was written by myself without any unauthorized third-party support. All used references and resources are clearly indicated. All quotes and citations are properly referenced. This thesis was never presented in the past in the same or similar form to any examination board. I agree that my thesis may be subject to electronic plagiarism check. For this purpose, an anonymous copy may be distributed and uploaded to servers within and outside the University of Mannheim."

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