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### **Information on Bachelor and Master Theses**

Prof. von Thadden supervises Bachelor and Master theses in all fields of microeconomics, with particular interest in the fields of finance, regulation, political economy, and more recently Covid-19 and health economics. The number of theses that can be supervised is limited, thus not all requests can be accepted. Conditional on acceptance, students will be supervised by either Prof. von Thadden or Dr. Stenzel.

#### **Requirements**

In order to write a thesis on a topic in finance, students must have successfully completed at least one course or seminar in Finance or Financial Economics. It is recommended that students have taken the course “Financial Economics” or the seminar “Topics in Financial Economics”, both of which are offered every Spring Term, or similar courses abroad during an exchange semester. In the Master program, the course E5087 on banking is useful.

*Note that the course “Finanzwirtschaft für Nebenfachstudierende” at the University of Mannheim is not sufficient.*

Given that only few theses can be supervised, the selection will depend on the students’ grades obtained in the program prior to the thesis.

#### **Procedure and Dates**

Students should indicate their interest via e-mail to [thesisvt@uni-mannheim.de](mailto:thesisvt@uni-mannheim.de) together with a recent transcript and information about their compulsory program counselling interview (§13 of the department’s Examination Regulations). Deadlines are as follows:

- For students wishing to write their thesis in the fall term, expressions of interest need to be submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. For students wishing to write their thesis in the spring term, expressions of interest need to be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

Requests will be answered a few days after the respective deadline. If students have questions concerning their course of study, including the writing of their thesis, they are advised to come to see Prof. von Thadden or Dr. Stenzel during their office hours.

Topics will be assigned to accepted students during individual meetings after the selection decision. Once a topic is agreed the student has 8 weeks to write the thesis (§14 (4) of the department’s Examination Regulations). The title and submission date of the thesis are set down in writing after the initial meeting. After 4 weeks student and supervisor meet to discuss the state of the thesis and open questions.

The thesis must be submitted in electronic form. Paper copies are no longer necessary. 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.