

Master's Thesis (25 LP)

The final element of the MA BAPS program is a **20,000-word master's thesis**.

With the writing of the master's thesis, the students combine the technical and methodical skills they have learned during the course in a project that forms the conclusion of the program. With the master's thesis, students document their ability to work on a scientific topic that they have chosen themselves. They are expected to be able to elicit, process and systematize large amounts of complex information on a specific topic, thereby making an independent academic research contribution and presenting their results in an appropriate written form.

The ideal organizational timeline is as follows:

- End of semester 3 (circa January/February/March): find supervisor and second supervisor, finalize topic ideas, present in postgraduate class
- Beginning of semester 4 (by mid-April): register thesis; students need to have finished all modules up to and including III.1 before registering for the thesis
- During semester 4 (April to July): present in postgraduate class
- End of semester 4 (by mid-August): hand in thesis

After signing the registration form for their thesis, students have **18 weeks** to complete and hand in the thesis to the [Exam's Office](#).

Further details on the master's thesis requirements can be found in the [German-language module descriptions](#).

* *Dual Master's Degree*: Dual MA BAPS/MEd Gym/Ges students can accredit their MEd thesis to the BAPS program so long as the thesis meets all of the MA BAPS requirements.

Note: Registration of the master's thesis is done through the [Exam's Office](#) rather than through QISPOS. The registration form can be found on their website. Not all members of staff are qualified to supervise MA theses; an overview can be found on the [Exam's Office's website](#).