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Writing a B.Ed. or M.Ed. thesis in ELE (English Language Education)

- Step 1** Find a topic (and a research question) within ELE
- Step 2** Find a supervisor and discuss first ideas for thesis
Usually, students consult a lecturer during their consultation hours to discuss their first ideas. If the lecturer agrees to supervise the thesis, the lecturer will usually ask the student to do a literature review and write a research proposal (exposé) detailing the topic and research question or problem statement, the theoretical background and relevant concepts, the methodology, and, possibly, a first outline, together with a list of references.
In the ELE department, students may choose to write their thesis in English or in German.
- Step 3** The exposé will be discussed, students receive feedback by the supervisor. After the exposé has been accepted, students need to register officially with the *Prüfungsamt*. Supervisor and students discuss who will be the second examiner of the thesis.
More information about the registration process with the *Prüfungsamt* can be found here (→ “Abschlussarbeit”).
[FAQ Lehramt Primarstufe Englisch](#)
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- Step 4** Students work on the thesis and consult the supervisor as agreed or when needed. The thesis will be handed in within the given time frame (see links above for more information).
- Step 5** Supervisors write an evaluation of the thesis.
For M.Ed.: Students will be provided with a copy of the evaluation (without the grade) to prepare for the defense (*Disputation*) – usually a week before the defense.
- Step 6** M.Ed.: The date for the defense will be agreed among supervisor(s) and student. For the defense, students are asked to prepare a presentation of their thesis (summary, including the problem statement or research question, theoretical background, relevant concepts, methodology, results, implications, (if applicable: critical reflection of their thesis, methodology, or results). Students may choose whether the defense is in English or in German.
- Step 7** The M.Ed. defense consists of a 20-minute presentation, which is followed by a 30-minute discussion of the thesis. The grade for the disputation will be given after a consultation among the supervisors / examiners.