

First of all, we encourage every student who approaches the final steps in the ANSE program to carefully read the module description of M14 as well as the respective chapters of the examination regulations.

Overall, every student should develop an idea for a master thesis topic and find the appropriate supervisor independently and on his / her own. See what you are interested in and what you can imagine to spend several weeks and months with during the thesis process, consider the different possible formats of the thesis and see who could serve as a supervisor. Be aware that these first steps might take a while. You can start with the first steps quite early (second / third term). In general, you can start with the thesis at any time as long as you have passed all required modules.

Please, note that most research units within the Department of Sports and Exercise have different procedures for final thesis. Get the appropriate information by searching the websites, for ANSE students especially the websites of “Exercise Science and Neurosciences” and “Sports Medicine” are relevant as they cover most of the teaching content.

It is possible...:

- ... to add and develop a topic from the study project.
- ... to come up with an individual idea
- ... to add a topic to ongoing research projects / PhD projects in the relevant research units.
- ... to work on a topic which is supervised outside Paderborn University or where data are collected in an external project. In this case make sure that the “first” supervisor is a member of Paderborn University and the external supervisor (officially the second supervisor) holds at least a Master of Science or Master of Arts degree. The collaboration i.e. could arise from an internship, a collaboration or a semester abroad.
- ... to live outside Paderborn or even abroad while completing M14. The progress report (see below) takes place digitally and the colloquium can also be conducted online in individual cases. It’s a matter of discussion and agreement with the supervisors.

The accompanying seminar „progress reports“ is a mandatory part within the master thesis module (M14) and it requires a qualified participation performance (giving a progress report). You can give the progress report only if you are officially registered

in PAUL for Master Thesis. As you can neither register for the seminar progress report nor the qualified participation on your own in PAUL you will be automatically registered after Thesis registration is accepted and official through the examination office. Organization of the seminar takes place on PANDA. The course is offered every term. Also, there are several possibilities to give the progress report throughout the summer and winter terms. Once you registered in PAUL you will automatically be enrolled in the PANDA course where the procedures are explained and where you can select a presentation date depending on the state of your progress. On Request you can also be manually enrolled before Thesis registration.

Again and please note that you can only give the progress report and achieve the qualified participation if you officially are registered for master thesis.

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