

What is a „Forschungsskizze“ (“Research proposal”)?

In the „Modulkatalog“, the „Modulprüfung“ (module examination) of module 4 is specified as follows:

Benotete interdisziplinäre Forschungsskizze unter Berücksichtigung der übergreifenden Modulfragestellungen von Identität und Alterität. Die Forschungsskizze ist in einem Teilmodul organisatorisch und inhaltlich schwerpunktmäßig verortet und verschränkt Fragestellungen dieser Disziplin mit den anderen im Modul angewählten Disziplinen und ordnet diese in den Gesamtkontext des Moduls ein. Sie ist schriftlich einzureichen.

Umfang: 8-10 Seiten. Die Forschungsskizze kann auf Deutsch oder Englisch verfasst werden.

Eine Seite umfasst 2.400 Anschläge, einschließlich Leerzeichen. Die maximale Seitenzahl errechnet sich aus X Seiten à 2.400 Anschlägen inklusive Leerzeichen und Fußnoten, jedoch ohne Inhaltsverzeichnis und Literaturverzeichnis. Studierende müssen die Gesamtlänge einer Arbeit anhand dieser Definition berechnen und das Ergebnis auf der ersten Seite der Arbeit angeben.

Graded interdisciplinary “Forschungsskizze” taking into account the overarching module questions of identity and alterity. The “Forschungsskizze” focuses on one sub-module in terms of organization and content, linking issues of that discipline with the other disciplines chosen for the module and placing them in the overall context of the module. It has to be submitted in a written format.

Length: 8 – 10 pages. The “Forschungsskizze” can be written in German or English. One page comprises 2,400 keystrokes (characters), including space characters.

The maximum number of pages is calculated from X pages of 2,400 characters including spaces and footnotes, but excluding the Table of Contents and Bibliography (References). Students must calculate the total length of their paper according to this definition and state the result on the front page.

Important: Discuss details (e.g., on the interlinking with other seminars in your module 4 etc.) **with the lecturer with whom you are taking the module grade in module 4.**

Think of the “Forschungsskizze” a bit like a proposal, an exposé, a pitch, like the scientific part of an application with which you apply for a one-year research stay at a famous library or research center, for example. Name your topic and formulate your research question(s), present the current state of research (important: you don’t have to have read all these works, but you must have found them), explain how you would proceed if you were actually working on the topic. Explain which methods you would use and why? What do you hope to gain from the findings? (Example: quantitative research, questionnaire – you explain why you would conduct quantitative research, specifically questionnaire-based research, but you do not design the questionnaire, and you do not conduct the research itself).

The “Forschungsskizze” **can** represent the preliminary work for your Master-Thesis, however, this is not the primary objective and certainly not mandatory. If there is a similarity in content between the “Forschungsskizze” and the Master-Thesis, there are a few essential things to bear in mind, all of which relate to the same fact: **the same work can not be assessed twice!** Both the research question and the entire text must differ from your Master-Thesis. Self-citations or self-plagiarism are not allowed. In such cases, our strong advice is, to base the “Forschungsskizze” on the same subject area as the Master-Thesis but to work on a **significantly different research question** within this subject area.

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