

Guideline Current Topic

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Overview



- What is a Current Topic (CT)?
- How is the CT supervised?
- When can I write a CT?
- How can I register a CT?
- How to submit the CT?
- Further information

Current Topic (CT)



- = independent elaboration of a certain self-selected topic with professional supervision and grading
- A CT replaces an Individual Elective (3rd Semester)
- Max. 2 Current Topics are allowed
- CT = 5 ECTS = 150h Workload
- Must be self-organised by the student
- Supervision possible by (almost) all teachers of the faculty

How is the CT supervised?



- Students contact teachers from the desired scientific field/professorship themselves
- The topic/title is agreed upon individually between the student and the supervisor/examiner.

If a supervisor rejects, it is best to ask directly who else might have the capacity to supervise.

Students who come up with their own topic or ideas are often more successful!

- Intensity of supervision and the format depends on the topic/work assignment

When can I write a CT?



- CT can be scheduled at any time.
- CT can, but doesn't need to be during a 3-week block
- CT can be written parallel to the semester or over more than 3 weeks.
- The submission date has to be agreed with the supervisor
- The workload should correspond to 150 hours

A CT in preparation for the master's thesis may be useful/helpful:

- Practice in scientific writing
- Getting to know the demands of a supervisor

How can I register a CT?



- The registration takes place via a form
 - > see: Website -> Forms and guidelines
- The filled out and signed form has to be submitted at the examination office.
- The Examination office records the CT with ist titla as an individual elective

The submission of the form is considered as
Examination registration!
Submission date = Examination date

! Deadline for submission must be in the same semester as registration!

Important:
The titel of the CT appears
on the transcript

How to submit the CT?



- The thesis must be submitted to the supervisor within the deadline
- The supervisor sends the grade to the examination office
- The submission date is binding! = deadline!
If a CT is handed in too late, it will be graded with 5.0.

Submission date is binding!
Submissions after the deadline are graded with 5.0

Further Information



- Form:
 - No specification regarding scope or text length
 - Methodology variable, depending on topic and agreement
- Grade:
 - Quality over quantity (writing style, content, form)
- More than 1 CT at the same professorship?
 - Specific topic is only possible once, but different topics within a professorship are possible.