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THESIS ROAD MAP

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“LET OTHERS FOLLOW, IF THEY CAN! LET THEM A JOURNEY NEW BEGIN.”

BILBO BAGGINS

Introduction

You have only little time to write your thesis, and do the development and research needed. Alongside there is some bureaucracy and paperwork to handle.

This roadmap aims to simplify the process by providing a clear roadmap, points of contact, and anything else you ought to know. Outlining the thesis process from eligibility to defense. Think of this as a hub, with spokes leading to more detailed resources.

Feedback is invaluable in this process. Names, links, processes, and requirements may change over time. If you have suggestions, corrections, or additional tips, please contribute back. This helps keep the roadmap accurate and useful for everyone - as many did before you, pay it forward.

contribute - This project is open for contributions, via GitHub `https://github.com/Quillstacks/ThesisWork/ThesisRoadmap` to report issues and suggest improvements, submit a pull requests.

Road Map for Master Thesis

Legibility to Start Writing

Contact the student office to confirm you meet all academic requirements.

Contact:
mail@dhbw.com

Topic Coordination with Supervisors

Before approval of your thesis topic and supervision, prepare a structured abstract including.

Send your abstract to your supervisor and schedule a meeting to refine the topic.

Submission One:
Research Proposal Template

Officially Begin to Write Your Thesis

After topic approval, register your thesis with the student office. The official cover page will be created, marking the start of the writing period and submission deadline (MORE: 4 months, AMRD: 6 months).

Thesis Submission

There is for sure some rules on this one.

Defense

Defend your thesis in a colloquium within six weeks of submission. Minimum grade required: 4.0. Presentation: 20 minutes plus discussion.