

Language technology seminar

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Goals

- Accompany you in writing your BA or MA thesis in language technology.
 - The seminar is thus open to both bachelor and master students.
 - Today: find out who you are and where you stand...
- The seminar runs over the whole academic year, but we will not meet every week.
 - We start with a fairly full schedule in autumn, but will have fewer meetings in spring.

Goals

- Ultimate goal: enable you to complete your thesis within a year.
- The schedule of the seminar reflects this:
 - Period 1: Finding a topic and a supervisor
 - Period 2: Getting to know your topic and defining your research question(s)
 - Period 3: Working on your experiments
 - Period 4: Presenting your findings and writing up the thesis

Let's do a quick poll!

- BA or MA thesis?
- New or returning seminar participant?
- Estimated finishing time?

BA students

- If you're writing your BA thesis, you have two options:
 - Proseminar for language sciences
 - Specific to BA students, but no LT-specific content
 - This seminar
 - Mixed between BA and MA students, but LT-specific
- In both cases, if you are looking for a topic and/or supervisor, please check out the coming sessions

Continuing students

- You have to sign up to the seminar until you have finished your thesis.
- But depending on your state of advancement, not all sessions will be useful.
 - We'll set up a specific schedule for continuing students. This will include your final presentation, but possibly also some group work with peers of the same level of advancement.

Deadlines 2024-25

<https://studies.helsinki.fi/instructions/article/thesis-and-maturity-test-masters-and-licentiates-programmes#paragraph-7982>

<p>Last date to submit completed thesis for assessment.</p> <p>If the thesis is the only uncompleted component of your studies, you can submit a graduation request on the same date.</p> <p>(Thursday)</p>	<p>You are informed of the grade proposal, including its justification.</p> <p>(Thursday)</p>	<p>The dean decides on thesis approval.</p> <p>(Thursday)</p>
5 September 2024	3 October 2024	10 October 2024
10 October 2024	7 November 2024	14 November 2024
14 November 2024	12 December 2024	19 December 2024
19 December 2024	23 January 2025	30 January 2025
23 January 2025	20 February 2025	27 February 2025
27 February 2025	27 March 2025	3 April 2025
20 March 2025	24 April 2025	(Friday) 2 May 2025
10 April 2025	15 May 2025	22 May 2025
8 May 2025	5 June 2025	12 June 2025
22 May 2025	19 June 2025	26 June 2025
26 June 2025	4 September 2025	11 September 2025

Next steps

- Complete the assignment on Moodle by Sunday:

Suggest a potential thesis topic in 3-6 sentences. This can be a vague idea (and it doesn't have to be your final topic!) or, if you are already at an advanced stage, a short summary of what you have already done.

What is the status of the topic you have described above?

Select one:

- ☐ Just a vague idea that may change anytime.
- ☐ I am fairly sure that I would like to work on this topic, but it still has to be discussed and refined.
- ☐ This is the topic I have chosen earlier, but I still need to do substantial amounts of work.
- ☐ This is the topic I have chosen earlier, and I have already completed large parts of my experiments and of the thesis writing.
- ☐ Other

Next steps

- If you haven't done so yet, please familiarize yourself with the general requirements and regulations
 - Collections of links on Moodle
 - Ask if anything is unclear
- Sign up to the Slack workspace
 - Link on Moodle
 - Same as last year
 - We may have some online sessions just on Slack

Next steps

- Find a topic and a supervisor
 - In the next sessions (12, 19, 26 September), the LT and DH staff will present their research interests and current projects. Some will also have concrete thesis proposals.
- If you already have a topic and a supervisor, you can skip these sessions

Weekly status updates

Send messages about your progress on Moodle

- Use the progress report forum
- Send an initial message to start the thread
- **Weekly updates** by replying to your own thread

What and when?

- Send a message even if there is no news
- Include your plans for the next steps for the coming week
- Send the update latest on **Wednesday** every week

Period I schedule

- The exact schedule of the coming sessions will be defined based on the assignment responses.

- Preliminary schedule:

Date	Topics
Tuesday, Sept 5, 10:15	Introduction, practical matters
Tuesday, Sept 12, 10:15	Short presentations by researchers
Tuesday, Sept 19, 10:15	Short presentations by researchers
Tuesday, Sept 26, 10:15	Short presentations by researchers
Week of Oct 3, 10:15	Discussion and development of topics
Tuesday, Oct 10, 10:15	Discussions on getting started with research plans
Tuesday, Oct 17	no seminar