

Evaluation Sheet

BMSB4400 Scientific Circle for Bachelor Thesis

(Name of the student / matriculation number)

Provision of an initial thesis outline – research proposal	<input type="radio"/>
Instructions on formal guidelines (e.g.: volume, Harvard-referencing-system, relevant forms, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>
Brief revision of the Hallmarks of Science (e.g.: Objectivity, Testability, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>
Clarification of the detailed research topic of the thesis (e.g.: formulation of the research questions, outlining of hypotheses in case of quantitative research – and propositions in case of qualitative research, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>
Guidance on research methodology (e.g. quantitative versus qualitative approaches)	<input type="radio"/>
Review of the chosen research methodology (e.g.: review of the empirical tool)	<input type="radio"/>
Provision of an elaborated and well structured Thesis proposal (see attached guidelines)	<input type="radio"/>
Supervision of the data collection (e.g.: circumstances for data collection, assuring a pre-test in case of quantitative research and pilot-testing in case of qualitative research)	<input type="radio"/>
Supervision of the data analysis (e.g.: comments on the data analysis, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>
Instructions on the thesis submission-process (e.g.: amount of copies to be submitted, etc)	<input type="radio"/>

(Place, Date)

(Signature of the 1st tutor)

Guidelines for thesis proposals

The research proposal represents an integral part of the course BMSB4400 Scientific Circle for Bachelor Thesis. As a part of the course students are expected to submit a detailed research proposal for their BA-Thesis.

This proposal has to include:

- A general overview of the research problem or a research gap,
- An initial literature review,
- A statement of the specific research question
- Main research hypothesis (quantitative research)

Main propositions (qualitative research).

Furthermore students are expected to delineate and present their chosen research methodology appropriate to their research topic. Students should delineate why they have chosen a certain methodology and be able to provide the scientific justification and relevant resources. The proposal is expected to consist of around 1000 words, structured in the following way:

- 1) Title page (stating title of the thesis, name of the student, etc)
- 2) Abstract
- 3) Table of contents
- 4) Introduction, which includes
 - a. A general overview of the research problem or research gap
 - b. A brief literature review
 - c. A statement of the specific research question
 - d. A certain number of hypothesis or propositions
- 5) Elaborated research methodology
- 6) A draft of the applied empirical tool?