

Student Research Project (LF)

The student research project (German: Lehrforschung/LF) is a compulsory mandatory part of the MA Sociology. The topics offered in English contain the areas of *Sociology of the Global World*, *Media Sociology*, *Sociology of Social Structure Analysis & Inequality*, as well as *Sociological Theory*.

Within the framework of this module, students are instructed to work independently, either individually or in teams, on a research problem. In doing so, they produce their own research results, which they also document in writing.

+Formalities

Students have the option to choose between a **small research class** (worth 14 LP/credits, counted as one module) or a **big research class** (worth 28 LP/credits, counted as two modules). In both cases the research is to be concluded with a graded research paper, either consisting of 20 to 30 pages or 40 to 50 pages.

Depending on your overall study plan it is possible to include your research into your study profile (especially in case of a big research class), keep in mind that only three modules of the same topic can be studied.

+Organization

It is advised to attend the research classes from your second semester onwards; most classes therefore start in summer term. It should also be considered that timewise there are three different modes of completing your student research:

- **small research class (condensed):** during one semester/four hours of seminar per week
- **small research class (extended):** during two semesters/two hours of seminar per week
- **big research class:** during two semesters/four hours of seminar per week, research paper about 40-50 pages