

Advice for the Public Faculty Presentation (FöP) for doctoral candidates in Education

In the following, we have compiled some hints on the process of the public faculty presentation (FöP) of your proposed dissertation project.

Concept paper

Your presentation will be based on a previously submitted concept paper that has been formally reviewed by DSPL 43 and subsequently circulated to the Advisory Board. Please refer to our detailed instructions on how to prepare a concept paper: “Advice for creating a concept for scientific qualification work.”

Presentation

Prepare a presentation that does not exceed 10 minutes. In it, you should focus on the research gap to be filled, your research question (or hypothesis), and the methodology. It makes sense to use visual aids (e.g. PowerPoint). Keep in mind that your audience will not necessarily consist of experts on the dissertation topic you have chosen!

Discussion

The subsequent public discussion (approx. 20 minutes) will address both the concept paper that you submitted and your presentation. The questions and comments are intended to help you clarify any vague points in your project, constructively improve weaker points and generally enrich your project with new ideas. Therefore, you should also see the FöP as an opportunity to make progress with your project. Tip: It may be helpful if another person or two besides yourself can take notes for you, because experience shows that not all points can always be kept in mind under stress.

Non-public consultation and forms concerning the decision of the DSPL

The advisory board will discuss your project following the presentation (or following several presentations).

The DSPL may make the following decisions after this consultation:

- a) The project is approved.
- b) You will withdraw the proposal. The project needs then to be revised with regard to individual aspects and can be presented again in the form of a FöP. In order to be able to comply with the requested changes, a list of suggested improvements will be given to you in oral and written form.
- c) The project is rejected. The research topic shall not be presented again at a FöP at a later point in time.