

Research plan for MSc Thesis in ??

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BASIC INFORMATION

- Title (preliminary):
- Link to project home page (if any): none
- Start- and end-date:
- Work type (research / industrial, theoretical / empirical / applied):
- Courses completed at unibz relevant for the work:

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Describe your research

- Identify the object of study
- State the problem
- Describe the context
- Identify the interested readers
- Motivating example

1.1 Aims and research questions

- State your overall goal and derive the research question(s).
- Foresee the impact of the results

2 RELATED WORK

- Select the relevant papers (eventually use PICO)
 - Same/similar OS (Population)
 - Same/similar method (perhaps the one you would like to use) (Intervention ? comparison)
 - Same/similar context
 - Same/similar results (Outcome)
 - State the differences (in a table)
 - State the similarities (in the same table)
- Write the literature review
- List the selected relevant paper (using PICO and snowballing)
- Weight them for relevance
- Show the novelty of the your work (or the article?s work) proving some lack of knowledge
- Describe the variety of sources
- Let the door open to the existence of other important papers (perhaps not accessible or relevant to your work)
- Categorize the papers (use for example the type of study as categorization)
- Categorize the paper by the type of method
- Consider whether the paper provides local or generalized results

3 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Imagine possible solutions to you work,

4 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Use what we have seen in the lectures and the advise received for the midterm

5 RISKS

TABLE 1: Risks hampering the full achievement of your research work

Risk	Possible solution	Probability guess
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6 PLAN

Schematic schedule of your work. Use milestones and deadlines