



Leuphana Studium Individuale Advising Prompts Per Semester

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The purpose of this piece of writing is to guide our discussion. It will also help you formulate your own thinking in fairly concrete terms - it will be a starting point for reflection - and maybe already decision making - and a record for the future. This is a chance to reflect on what in your studies so far has been beneficial (or not) and whether any particular interests or aims are beginning to develop. If you have an emerging sense of what your overall focus might be, or any other aims - professional, personal or academic - which might affect your path through your degree, we would, of course, like to hear about them. For now, it would be enough to reflect on what is proving productive and/or interesting for you and if there is anything - questions, problems or requests - that need addressing.

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(1) What are your expectations for your university education (*Studium*)? What qualities or characteristics do you hope your successfully completed degree will have?

(2) Which themes, issues or problems are you curious to learn more about? Why? Do you already have initial ideas how these interests might lead into a focus for your degree?

(3) Which subjects, academic fields or courses/ modules might be relevant and useful for exploring these developing interests, especially over the next semester?

(4) What have you benefited from in your studies so far? How and why do you feel this was especially insightful, interesting, new or productive?

(5) Is there anything else you would like us to know about your interests, priorities, or plans?



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- (1) Reflect on the work you have done so far (in any form or context). What has been most challenging? What has been most rewarding?**

- (2) As you reflect on the progress of your degree so far - its achievements and its challenges - what skills have you developed? Can you identify any areas which you would like to further strengthen?**

- (3) Reflecting back on your answers to last semester's questions, how have your initial ideas about your interests changed, in small or big ways? What specifically has brought about these changes?**

- (4) Describe the current theme of your degree in fifty words or fewer.**

- (5) Why or in what ways is this important to you? What relationships, parallels or recurring themes, do you see between your academic or personal interests?**

- (6) Is there anything else you would like to discuss?**



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- (5) What new questions do you have now that you didn't have when you began your studies?**

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