Master thesis supervision in
Cognitive psychology, neuropsychology and neuroscience

The research groups in cognitive and neuropsychology include i) Center for Visual Cognition, ii) Clinical Neuropsychology, and iii) Center for Integrative Cognitive Neuroscience. We have established an MA-thesis supervision collective, so that all students wishing to write an MA-thesis within our broad area (including methodological aspects) are encouraged to apply to this group. The group will create supervision clusters based on suggested topics, teacher profiles and availability.

The senior staff in our supervision collective:

Assistant professor Anders Petersen
Associate (clinical) professor Asmus Vogel
Associate professor Hana Mala Rytter
Associate professor Inge Wilms
Professor (MSO) Jesper Mogensen
Associate professor Matthias Gondan
Associate professor Randi Starrfelt
Associate professor Signe Vangkilde
Professor (MSO) Thomas Habekost
Associate professor Victoria Southgate

One or more of these persons will be linked to the collective supervision group you must take part in. You, as the student, apply for the research group - not the individual person in the group. Postdocs and ph.d.-students within our research groups may also contribute to MA-thesis supervision.

The individual research and teaching profiles, including areas of supervision, may be seen on the Department’s homepage

In Danish http://www.psy.ku.dk/ansatte/
In English http://psychology.ku.dk/Academic_staff/
Areas of supervision
We will supervise MA-theses within all aspects of (theoretical, empirical, clinical, applied, and methodological) neuropsychology, neuropsychiatry, cognitive neuroscience, and cognitive psychology across the lifespan, and will consider all students proposing to write within these areas. We also supervise works that investigate topics going across psychological areas with a clear connection to our core areas (e.g. developmental psychology and cognitive psychology, neuropsychology and psychotherapy), or topics that attempt to bridge between our core areas and related disciplines (e.g. philosophy, linguistics, statistics).

Examples of thesis themes might be: fundamental mechanisms of the brain and (human) cognition, neuropsychological aspects of brain injury and recovery after brain injury, cognition and the neural basis of psychiatric disorders, quality of life in persons with psychiatric or neurological disorders, cognition and learning across the lifespan, dementia and the aging brain, neuropsychological testing, neurodevelopmental disorders, neuroimaging, and human-computer interaction. For examples of more specific topics, please consult the individual profiles of the researchers.

If you would like to write a thesis within one or more of the mentioned areas, and you need inspiration regarding a specific topic, you are also welcome to contact us.

We also welcome students interested in doing empirical research as part of their master thesis. Those students are encouraged to contact us as soon as possible and preferably prior to the start of the official period for master supervision. We cover both quantitative and qualitative approaches to research.

Supervision format
A supervision group will consist of 3-6 persons and we will strive to group you together with students writing on similar or associated topics. When appointing the supervisor for the group, we will try to find the best match according to the topics presented in the student group. The supervision will take place in an informal and confidential atmosphere where discussion held in the group will stay within the group. We expect you to prepare for and engage in each session of either collective or individual supervision so that you will be able to learn not only from your supervisor but just as importantly from your fellow students.

The distribution between collective and individual supervision is either 4 sessions of collective supervision and 2 hours of individual supervision, or 3 sessions of collective supervision and 3 hours of individual supervision. The precise distribution will be decided by the allocated supervisor. Extraordinary mini-sessions of individual supervision lasting max 15 min may also take place in case the supervisor sees a need for it.

During the supervision we will cover both the formal aspects of writing a master thesis, the process of working with the individual chapters and the general academic approach to your final written product. Hence, we will discuss the introduction to your thesis, formulation of the question you wish to answer, literature search and the structure of your work, analysis of theoretical and empirical aspects, as well as discussion and conclusion. The flow and content of the collective supervision sessions will be designed to parallel your individual writing process in order to offer targeted support at the right points in time.

We are looking forward to supervising you!