

## **Issues to bear in mind when choosing a research topic**

Do you have a choice or are you allocated a research topic?

Is there a list of topics / types of project from which you have to choose?

What restrictions are there?

Is there a suitable supervisor available for your field of interest?

What regulations and expectations are there in your department guidelines? [See "What is a dissertation" and "Dissertation guidelines from different departments"]

What is your subject or field of study?

If you can choose your topic, think about identifying interests or areas you have already looked at on the course:

- Modules
- Topics
- Experiments and/or research techniques
- Core texts
- Key authors

Can you see previous examples of dissertations in your subject and at your level of study?

Are you motivated?