

Dr. Meshkah Meeting 3

Again: You have to prepare **3–4 central research questions** after reviewing the literature (relevant and from the last 5 years maximum).

Theme examples: infrastructure, support, peer relationships, challenges, assessments, overall perception, psychological stress, online lectures.

The questions will be written directly after the introduction:

- Background
- Significance of the study
- Main central research questions

A **semi-structured interview guide** allows asking questions while shifting between questions within the same theme to keep the conversation at ease.

1. **Themes:** derived from the literature review
2. **Central research questions:** 3–4 questions; should be broad, open-ended (not leading or yes/no). Use “how” and “what”; avoid “why” as it explores cause-and-effect relationships. Questions can combine two ideas.
3. **Sub-questions (follow-up questions):** aim to provide more detail about the main theme (3–4 questions).
4. **Probes:** used to obtain finer details; you can ask for examples, and about where, when, and why (these can be asked here).

!! You have to prepare the central questions, and preferably the interview guide, by next week.
Next week's topic: **how to conduct the interview.**