



Individual Project Handbook

We hope that this document will solve most of the questions you might have concerning the Individual Project! If you still have some questions concerning the project please contact us on our social media!

You can find a section dedicated to the dentistry Individual Project on the last page!

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What is the Individual Project

The Individual Project is a mandatory subject/thesis project that every student of general medicine and dentistry must complete before the time they start with state exams.

The course consists of the preparation of a project (written paper), which involves a specific topic from a specific department of our faculty.

The criteria for each project may vary from department to department, so for more details about it, you should contact the assigned professor.

The course is completed by handing in the project to the supervisor/department, and might require a defence in the form of presentation at the specific department (possible during the examination period).

The evaluation of the course is 5 credits.

In the semester you intend to finish the project you will have to enrol during the course enrollment in the IS for the course "aVLSP03X".

Starting from when can you write the Individual Project?

You can start your individual project in the 5th semester at the earliest (3rd year).

Until when do you have to finish the Individual Project?

It must be completed before you plan to start your state exams- so ideally by the end of 5th year.

Once you start working on the Individual Project it has to be completed within 3 Semesters.



Why is it required?

It's a prerequisite for the state exams to be taken. It will acquire 5 credits on completion.

Where in IS can you sign up for the Individual Project?

At the beginning of each year, the different departments of the MU Faculty of Medicine announce, via IS, a list of topics which the students are able to register for.

You can find it here:

<https://is.muni.cz/auth/rozpis/tema?fakulta=1411;obdobi=8243;lang=en;balik=7151>

Alternatively, if you do not find a suitable topic for yourself, you can email a professor from the specific department in which you would be interested to participate, and ask for the possibility of him/her to give you some other/individual topic list.

And which problems exist with the “List”?

Problems with the list:

- Shortage of topics
- Most of them are not “active topics”, so if you sign up for it no one will contact you after. It is better just to email the supervisor.
- Most of the topics are put by professors for students that signed up personally with them and have to be put on the list as a formality. It is not possible to sign up for them (limit is set at 1 student).
- The list is huge as it also contains many old topics and students who have already graduated. It takes time to sort through the list.

Which departments are available to write the project with?

It's possible to write the project with any theoretical department from pre-clinical years & clinical years. The ones at campus are for example: anatomy, pathophysiology, physiology, pharmacology, public health, psychology, medical ethics, etc..

It can also be done at clinical departments. The ones at the hospital are for example: ENT, surgery, gynecologie, cardiology, etc.. It must be arranged privately with a doctor, preferably the head of the department. This is not very common though.



How to approach the departments about the project?

Every year, the individual institutes and departments of the MU Faculty of Medicine announce through the MU Information System a list of topics for whose solution the students may register.

How to find the list:

Student → Studies → Topic Lists → Projects (Samostatne prace- Všeobecné lékařství (Individual project - General Medicine)

The various topics , their supervisor and no. of slots available can be found here

If you manage to sign up for a topic through the list then at the beginning of the semester (and no later), the student must contact the leader of the topic chosen and start work according to his or her instructions. The work on the topic lasts a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 semesters since the date of registration.

If you are approaching a department/professor individually:

Ideally send them an email or approach them personally about your intentions of writing your Individual Project at their department/with them as a supervisor. You can ask them if the department already has a topic list or if it is possible to arrange for an individual topic.

General structure of the Individual Project?

The general structure of the individual project may vary from department to department and you should definitely ask them if they have any templates or requirements you should follow. But the structure of your project should generally include the following:

- 1) **Title Page**
 - a) Topic/Name of the project
 - b) Name of student + Uco + Academic year
 - c) Department + Masaryk University Faculty of Medicine
- 2) **List of contents** and corresponding page numbers
- 3) **Introduction**
- 4) **Body**
- 5) **Conclusion**
- 6) **Bibliography**

Make sure to use proper citations throughout your entire individual project to avoid plagiarism!



Dentistry Individual Project

The Individual Project in Dentistry (aZLSP03X) is very similar in its structure and organisation to the one the general medical students have to write. So make sure to also read the previous section to get all the information you need.

The earliest you can do the project is in the 5th Semester and it has to be completed by the end of the 8th Semester, as it is prerequisite for the 5th year.

You can find the list of topics in the IS:

Student → Studies → Topic Lists → Projects (Samostatná práce - Zubní lékařství (Individual project - Dentistry)).

Simply enrol in one of the topics before the beginning of tuition of the respective semester and contact the associated professor.

Most topics for Dentistry Students are by Professor Bartáková and are related to Prosthetics. However, there are also other professors and other departments available.

Unfortunately, the choice of English topics is limited but you can ask the professor if you can do one of the Czech topics in English language instead or if you have an idea for a new topic that's not on the list yet.

The requirements vary depending on the department so it is best to discuss with the respective professor what they are expecting.

For Professor Bartáková's topics, it is common to visit a dental laboratory to gather original information and pictures.

For literature you can use books from the library or check out the literature section in the DentSoc study hub.

There is no official length requirement but with Professor Bartáková, most students write about 20-30 pages, including title page and bibliography.

Make sure to use proper citation! If using your own pictures, also mention that in a footnote.