



Tips for supervision

1. Get started early

A number of students postpone supervision – there's always one more text to read or more things to consider. However, this strategy is unsustainable as the start of a project is often when you need supervision the most. So make sure to schedule supervision at an early stage of the process.

2. Be prepared

No matter the type of supervision you are receiving, it is important that you prepare beforehand. The better your preparation, the more you will get out of supervision. Always consider what you want to get out of the supervision meeting when you're preparing for it. You can consider what you need in order to move forward in the process and what you are particularly uncertain about, for example.

3. Let your text be the basis of the supervision meeting

Send a piece of text prior to each supervision meeting. For example a draft of a section of your assignment. This will ensure that the supervision is based on something concrete, that your writing is progressing, and that what you discuss during the meeting gets down on paper.

4. Introduce your text to receive useful feedback

Tell your supervisor and/or fellow student who are going to give you feedback what your thoughts are on the text. This will make it possible for them to give you more focused and specific feedback. For example, tell them what the subject of the assignment is and whether the text is a draft or is almost finished.

5. Discuss challenges

Acknowledge the challenges you keep running into and get help to deal with them during supervision. If you have a tendency to get started too late, it can be useful to ask for help structuring the project process. Perhaps your challenge is that you find it difficult to substantiate your assertions with academic argumentation, and you can therefore ask for special focus on this when receiving feedback on your texts.

6. Ask for help

Ask for help when things get difficult, when you have writer's block, when you do not understand something or when you get stuck. Supervision is there to give you the help that you need.