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### **Description of students' contact with the research environments**

The Faculty of Theology facilitates close and direct contact between researchers and students. The faculty's architecture encourages informal encounters between researchers and students, e.g. classrooms and libraries are located in close proximity to the researchers' offices.

Contact between students and researchers is also encouraged by the way in which the study programmes are organised and run. Permanent academic staff provide most of the teaching. All supervision of bachelor projects and master's theses is provided by active researchers. The research environments also run academic seminars, guest lectures, symposia, etc. for students; these are advertised on KUnet and the website.

Particularly in externally funded research centres, the faculty strives to link student-oriented activities to its projects, e.g. by running specialist courses of study and advertising supervision for bachelor projects and theses in the field covered by the research project.

To maintain and guarantee that the students have contact with the research environments, regular checks are made of the STÅ/academic staff ratio and permanent academic staff/temporary academic staff ratio and a research matrix is prepared. The Head of Studies monitors the ratio and makes suggestions for follow-up work. The Dean is responsible for ensuring that the follow-up work happens. Reporting on the students' contact with the research environments is included in the annual programme reports, programme evaluations and reports to the Rector.