PhD students should strive to complete their thesis within 3 years. In addition to carrying out experiments for their thesis at the lab bench, all SGBM students have to complete a curriculum which should take up less than 20% of their time. This is to ensure an excellent all-round education. **Each PhD student is supervised individually.**

Track 1 students (i.e. funded by the school) start by performing **three rotations of one month each**. At the end of this period they have a discussion with the management in order to decide in which of these three laboratories they will perform their PhD.

Within maximum 6 months of starting their doctoral work, the PhD students (track 1 and track 2 alike) write a thesis proposal, and assemble a **thesis committee** to which they submit their thesis proposal. Thereafter there are yearly thesis committee meetings. Preceding each thesis committee meeting the students draft a short progress report in order to submit it to the committee members.

In the monthly reunions students present their own work and learn to discuss it in a multidisciplinary context.

SGBM students have a wide range of seminars, lectures, practical courses and soft skill courses to choose from. These different sections should be checked regularly for updates.

Information regarding the **MD/PhD program** can be found under **Application/Requirements**.

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**Seminars and Lectures**
- Regular attendance of seminars
- Seminar as part of thesis
- Seminar on the department lab
- Mini-project at the end of the academic year
- Participation in the annual interdisciplinary module: Advanced Software Engineering

**Soft Skills Courses**
- Effective presentation
- Effective management
- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Negotiation

**Practical Courses**
- Laboratory work on technologies
- Knowledge of software development

**Meeting and Reports Sessions**
- Weekly seminars
- One-on-one meetings with the program director
- Study coordinator hosts a seminar
- Special meetings for students
- Semester exams

**Additional Contact Activities**
- Awareness of new practical courses for undergraduate students