

Procedure for MA Exams in Literary and Cultural Studies (for Study Plans 2005 and 2013)

1. Application

- ❖ Please make sure that you fulfill all the requirements specified in the MA regulations and the *Wegleitung* for English.
- ❖ Choose an examiner (see "Examiners in literary and cultural studies").
- ❖ To apply for the MA exam, students must arrange an office hour with their examiner 14 days before the official application deadline at the latest. Students must bring the official MA application form ("Anmeldung zum Masterabschluss") to this meeting. (The deadlines for registration and the application form can be found here: <https://philhist.unibas.ch/studium/masterarbeit-und-masterpruefungen/>).
- ❖ To prepare for this meeting, students send an e-mail with a suggestion for 1 exam topic including a reading list (MA 2005) or suggestions for 2 exam topics including 2 reading lists (MA 2013) to the examiner.
- ❖ At the meeting, students define 1 exam topic (MA 2005) or 2 exam topics (MA 2013), which they are expected to select by themselves according to their own strengths and interests. A topic—which must diverge significantly from that of any of the student's written papers—may revolve around individual authors, specific literary periods, specific theoretical schools or debates, or special topics (such as 'coverture' or 'ethnicity'). The two topics for an MA 2013 exam must cover more than one literary period and more than one genre (prose, poetry, or drama). A topic consists of a reading list composed of
 - a) 6 novels or 10 plays or 50 poems
 - b) 10 relevant critical or theoretical texts (3 books plus 7 articles)
- ❖ The examiner signs the form to accept the candidate.
- ❖ The completed form has to be submitted to/handed in at the *Dekanat*. Please check the deadlines carefully.

2. Before the exam

- ❖ At least 7 days before the exam, students provide the examiner with a sheet that contains 3 thesis statements concerning the exam topic (MA 2005) or 3 thesis statements for each of the 2 exam topics (MA 2013)

3. Exam

- ❖ Students will receive the official dates (and place) for the exam from the *Dekanat*.
- ❖ The in-depth 30-minute oral exam (MA 2005) or 60-minute oral exam (MA 2013) in literary and cultural studies is based on your reading list(s) and thesis statements.