

Procedure for BA Exams in Literary and Cultural Studies

1. Application

- ❖ Please make sure that you fulfill all the requirements specified in the BA regulations and the *Wegleitung* for English.
- ❖ Choose an examiner (see "Examiners in literary and cultural studies").
- ❖ To apply for the BA exam, students must arrange an office hour with their examiner 28 days before the official application deadline at the latest. Students must bring the official BA application form ("Anmeldung zu den Bachelorprüfungen") to this meeting as well as their transcript (*Leistungsübersicht*). (The deadlines for registration and the application form can be found here: <https://philhist.unibas.ch/de/studium/dokumente-merkblaetter/>)
- ❖ To prepare for this meeting, students send an e-mail with suggestions for exam topics, including a provisional reading list (literary and literary-critical) for each, to the examiner. *The topics and reading lists must diverge significantly from any of the student's written papers.*
- ❖ At the meeting, students define 3 exam topics (BA 2005) or 2 exam topics (BA 2013), which they are expected to select by themselves according to their own strengths and interests. Exam topics may revolve around individual authors, specific literary periods, specific theoretical schools or debates, or special topics (such as 'class' or 'madness'). The topics must cover more than one literary period and more than one genre (prose, poetry, or drama). Each topic consists of a reading list composed of
 - a) 3 novels or 5 plays or 25 poems or 10-15 short stories
 - b) 5 relevant critical or theoretical texts (2 books plus 3 articles)
- ❖ The examiner signs the form to accept the candidate, once topics and reading lists have been agreed upon.
- ❖ The completed form has to be submitted to/handed in at the *Dekanat*. Please check the deadlines carefully.

2. Before the exam

- ❖ At least 30 days before the exam, students provide the examiner with a sheet that contains three thesis statements for each topic.

3. Exam

- ❖ Students will receive the official dates (and place) for the written exam from the *Dekanat*.
- ❖ The 4h written exam consists of one essay. Based on your exam topics, 2 essay topics will be provided according to the BA rules 2005; the candidate should write a well-structured essay on one of them. According to the BA rules 2013, one essay topic will be provided about which the candidate should write the essay.