

Procedure for MA Exams in English linguistics (Study Plan 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 English linguistics](#)").
- 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. (The deadlines for registration can be found here <https://philhist.unibas.ch/de/studium/termine/>).
- Students must bring the official MA application form ("[Anmeldung Masterprüfung Studienfach](#)") to this meeting.
- To prepare for this meeting, students send an e-mail with a suggestion for 2 exam topics including 2 reading lists to the examiner, which they are expected to select by themselves according to their own strengths and interests.
- The two topics for an MA 2013 exam must be different from each other. Each reading list must contain 8 research articles and 2 monographs (not edited collections) and. In consultation with the examiner, a monograph can be replaced by a number of articles.
- A topic should not be identical with the title/scope of a course previously taken or a seminar paper; in other words, the topic cannot be a general theme in linguistics (e.g. 'the history of English', 'language and emotion', etc. is too broad). Instead, you should find a particular research focus within your field of interest and find the latest publications on this focus in the linguistic databases. Usually you will complement literature on this focus with important publications on the general theme. For example, your focus might be so novel that there are no monographs published yet. In this case, the two required monographs may be on the more general theme.
- 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. Exam

- Exam procedure: Please consult each examiner during the office hours about how they structure the exam.
- Students will receive the official dates (and place) for the exam from the Dekanat.
- During the 60-minute oral exam (MA 2013) both topics will be equally discussed.