

## **Content requirements**

**Genre:** review of literature / traditional thesis paper

**Choice of topics:** restricted. Each department will advertise concrete topics and will only accept theses written on these topics.

The student must have his or her chosen subject approved by a consultant of his or her choice. Any teacher at the Institute may act as a consultant. The subject of the thesis must also be approved by the Head of Department. One teacher may act as a consultant to a maximum of 6 thesis-writing students.

The student must look up his or her consultant for consultation. A student may avail him/herself of 3 consulting sessions. One should be dedicated to finalizing the subject of the thesis and two should be dedicated to collecting research material and to its treatment. The student will write the thesis independently. The consultant will not correct the work in progress, since he or she may have to judge the thesis. The consultant will witness with his or her signature that the student has attended the consultations.

**Quality:** the written thesis should convincingly show the student's ability to synthesize the researched material and that he or she is able to engage in academic work on a suitable level. The student should also be able to convincingly demonstrate his or her knowledge and handling of the methodological and stylistic requirements of a piece of written English discourse.

**Pertinent literature:** the thesis must make reference to the major works in the student's chosen subject, including 5 - 10 works in print.

The thesis shall be judged and marked by a referee. The referee shall be appointed by the Head of Department after the student has handed in the thesis. Barring special circumstances, the referee shall not be identical with the student's consultant. This decision is made by the Head of Department.

The final mark of the thesis shall consist of two separate marks, one for content, and one for proficiency in English in a 2/3 – 1/3 ratio respectively. Both marks shall be given by the referee. If either of the two marks should prove to be a fail, the final mark will also be a fail. The criteria for judging the quality of the English shall be established by DEAL and shall be used by the various departments.

The deadline for handing in the thesis, the manner of its judging, the manner of repeating an unsatisfactory thesis, shall fall under University regulations and the regulations of the specialization.

The BA theses are collected and kept by the Institute in a closed data base in PDF format. Taking the State Examination is contingent upon the student sending his or her thesis in PDF format to an address to be provided by the Institute.

Minors need not write a thesis.