



Study Programme: American Studies (language of instruction: English)

Level of education (BA/MA): MA

Valid for students admitted in 2017 and thereafter

Components of the Final Examination:

The final examination consists of **two parts**: the defense of the thesis and the examination in the main subject. The examination proceeds as follows:

1. defense of the thesis;
2. main subject exam: the discussion of a topic the student draws and then presents without preparation. The topic is from the general subject area approved by the department and specified on the candidate's thesis title submission form, approved by the head of the department.

(If one of the topics matches the subject of the thesis, that topic is removed from among the list of questions before the candidate draws one).

The main subject areas of the American Studies program are the following: American literature, American history, American culture, and American English and linguistics.

Grades received at the Final Examination:

1. grade received for the defense of the thesis
2. grade received for the discussion of a topic during the main subject exam

Overall result (grade) of the Final Examination:

The final result of the final examination is the mathematical average of the two grades received at the final examination (defense, discussion of a topic). If the candidate fails any of these parts, the relevant regulations of the HKR are to be followed.

Classification of the Diploma:

The degree certificate states the **weighted average** of the final result of the final examination (A) and the thesis evaluation grade (B) according to the following formula: $(A \cdot 0,45) + (B \cdot 0,55)$.

Determining the Diploma grade:

According to Section 84 (6) of Academic Regulations, (HKR) the diploma is classified according to its average down to two decimals:

- **outstanding (5)**, if the average is 4.80–5.00,
- **excellent (5)**, if the average is 4.50–4.79,
- **good (4)**, if the average is 3.50–4.49,
- **satisfactory (3)**, if the average is 2.50–3.49,
- **pass (2)**, if the average is 2.00–2.49.