



Study Programme: Dutch Language and Culture Studies (language of instruction: Dutch)

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 components:

1. **Thesis Presentation** (Thesis Defence)

The candidate presents the main questions, methodology and findings of their thesis using a digital presentation tool such as PowerPoint or Prezi. As part of the presentation the candidate must also address the comments and questions raised in the referee's report.

The presentation must not exceed 15 minutes in duration.

2. **Subject-Specific Examination** (Main Subject Examination)

The candidate demonstrates their academic knowledge in the disciplinary area of their thesis (i.e. literature or linguistics).

The examination topics comprise 10 topics in linguistics and 10 in literature.

The candidate draws one topic from the field of their thesis (literature or linguistics), and discusses its main aspects. During the examination, the committee may narrow the scope of the question or pose follow-up questions, including questions related to other topics.

Grades awarded at the Final Examination

1. Grade for the **presentation and defence** of the thesis
2. Grade for the **subject-specific examination**

Final result (overall grade) of the Final Examination

The overall grade of the final examination is calculated as the arithmetic average of the two component grades (thesis defence + subject-specific examination), rounded to the nearest whole number according to the rules of academic rounding.

If the candidate fails either component, the relevant provisions of the Academic Regulations for Students (HKR) shall apply.

Formula:

Final grade = (grade for thesis defence + grade for the subject-specific examination) / 2

Classification of the Diploma

The final grade of the diploma is determined by the following three components (marks):

A = grade awarded for the thesis

A = grade awarded for the thesis defence during the Final Examination

C = grade awarded for subject-specific examination during the Final Examination

Formula

Final grade of the diploma = (A + B + C) / 3

Determining the Diploma grade

According to Section 84 (6) of Academic Regulations for Students (HKR), the diploma grade is classified based on the final average (rounded to two decimal places) as follows:

- **outstanding (5):** 4.80–5.00
- **excellent (5):** 4.50–4.79
- **good (4):** 3.50–4.49
- **satisfactory (3):** 2.50–3.49
- pass (2):** 2.00–2.49