

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE MA PROGRAMME

Department in charge of the programme:

Department of Russian Language and Literature

For students admitted in **2025 and thereafter**

THESIS AND FINAL EXAM REQUIREMENTS

Thesis

Formal requirements:

- Minimum 80 000 characters (excluding the title page, the content page and the bibliography), 1.5 line spacing, Times New Roman font, 12p letter size. The Thesis must be digital, and it has to be uploaded to Neptun study system as a PDF or Word document.
- It is only possible to submit the Thesis in one file, so any attachments, appendix should be merged into one file.
- The title page has to contain the name of the student, the title of the Thesis in Hungarian and in the language of instruction (Russian), the supervisor's name, the name of the university and the faculty, the study programme, and the year of submission.
- Student has to claim that the Thesis is his/her own intellectual product (check the [plagiarism rules](#) of the university)
- From 2021, every Thesis requires the supervisor's consent for submission ([details on the Faculty webpage](#))

Requirements for the content:

- Students may select the topic of their degree thesis from any of the subject within the Russian Language and Literature programme. Students must demonstrate that they are capable of synthesizing the acquired knowledge at an advanced level, possess the knowledge necessary for academic work, and are able to use the Russian language at advanced level. The thesis may be theoretical in nature or—where experimentation or observation is possible (e.g., in linguistics, applied linguistics)—practical. The thesis should be based on the academic literature relevant to the topic.

Evaluation:

Evaluation is given on a five-grade scale, 1 to 5 (five being the top grade), taking into consideration the scientific results and the logic of their presentation, the linguistic, stylistic formulation and the range and depth of the critical literature consulted and involved in the argumentation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF THE MA PROGRAMME

Condition required to take the Final Examination

- absolutorium
- Thesis submitted, and it has a pass grade
- Returning all property borrowed from the university (debts, books/overdue fine to the library...etc.)

Final Examination:

The final examination consists of two parts: the presentation and defence of the thesis. The student must demonstrate that they have mastered the key knowledge outlined in the qualification requirements and curriculum, and that their verbal communication skills meet the required language proficiency level. First, the student presents the concept, structure, methodology, and key findings of their thesis in a free presentation format. Following this, the committee members pose questions to the student. These questions not only focus on the thesis but also cover broader topics related to Slavonic studies and Russian linguistics, literature/literary history, and cultural history that are part of the knowledge base connected to the thesis.

The examination is conducted in Russian.

Evaluation of the Final Examination:

The committee assigns one single grade for the examination. The examiners evaluate the student's expertise in the academic fields related to the thesis topic, as well as their professional and linguistic competence, and ability to engage in scientific discourse. The evaluation is carried out on a five-point scale.

Final Result of the Final Examination:

Based on the criteria described above, the student receives a single grade as the final result of the examination.

Grading of the Degree Certificate:

The grade of the Diploma is the weighted average of two grades – the Thesis evaluation grade (written part of the Thesis) counted **once** (A) and the final grade of the Final Examination (B) counted **twice**.

In practice: $[(A) + [(B) \times 2]] / 2$

Classification of the Degree Certificate:

As specified in Section 84. (6), 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.

Further information for graduation: list of topics and literature for the Final Exam preparation:

There are no specific lists of topics for the final exam preparation. Information about the expected linguistic and literary knowledge can be found in the topic lists and preparation guidelines for the Comprehensive Exam in Russian Linguistics and Literature (BMI-OROD18-451R) subject of the programme, which are available on the website of the Department of Russian Language and Literature. From this material, the examiners will assess the knowledge related to the academic field, which the thesis represents.