

# SEMIOTICS MA PROGRAMME

## Department in charge of the programme:

Department of Russian Language and Literature

## THESIS AND FINAL EXAM REQUIREMENTS

<b>Thesis</b>
<b>Formal requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 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.</li><li>– It is only possible to submit the Thesis in one file, so any attachments, appendix should be merged into one file.</li><li>– The title page has to contain the name of the student, the title of the Thesis, the supervisor's name, the name of the university and the faculty + the study programme, and the date of submission</li><li>– Student has to claim that the Thesis is his/her own intellectual product (check the <a href="#">plagiarism rules</a> of the university)</li><li>– From 2021, every Thesis requires the supervisor's consent for submission (<a href="#">details on the Faculty webpage</a>)</li></ul>
<b>Requirements for the content:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Students may select the topic of their degree thesis from any of the subject areas taught under the conditions set by the respective departments in the semiotic programme.</li><li>– Students must demonstrate that they are capable of producing an extended piece of academic writing, putting the synthetic presentation of a topic into the context of international critical literature, and arguing their own views against an expert in the field.</li><li>– Both a theoretical and practical orientation may be selected. Students are discouraged from writing a thesis on the same topic they have submitted for any previous degree. What qualifies as the same topic is at the discretion of the Programme Director in consultation with the student.</li></ul>
<b>Evaluation:</b> <p>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.</p>

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF THE MA PROGRAMME**

- documentation demonstrating the completion of all courses (called an Absolutorium);
- the submission and defence of the thesis with a grade of at least 2 and a successful examination in the broader thematics of the material in the thesis (at the Final Examination, see also the other requirements for the final examination in detail).

### **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:**

It consists of two parts, both oral:

- a) the defense of the thesis
- b) examination on the basis of open questions previously listed from which examination questions are selected

### **Evaluation of the Final Examination:**

Evaluation is given on a five-grade scale, 1 to 5 (five being the top grade). The overall final examination result is the mathematical average of the marks achieved in the two parts (Thesis defence, answer to the open question).

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

#### **General topics, in which the programme coordinator can determine some specific questions:**

- 1) Theoretical foundations of semiotics
- 2) Significant milestones in the history of semiotics
- 3) Semiotics and the related fields of science
- 4) Semiotics and the history of culture
- 5) Branches of semiotics
- 6) Semiotics of the Hungarian culture
- 7) Visual semiotics
- 8) Sign systems and how they work
- 9) Types and processes of semiotic text analysis
- 10) Applied semiotics
- 11) Significant chapters of the literature regarding semiotics (20th century)
- 12) Scientific career of semiotists

The literature for preparation includes all the readings in the course descriptions of the subjects during the studies. The lists and descriptions are published in the semesters when the subjects are taken.

### **Grading of the Degree Certificate:**

The grade of the Degree Certificate is the mathematical average of two grades – the Thesis evaluation grade and the final grade of the Final Examination – rounded to two decimals. 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.