



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

Graduation and Thesis requirements

Thesis requirements

- As of the academic year 2020/21, all theses must be **submitted electronically, via Neptun**. The thesis must be prepared and uploaded in an **electronic format** (PDF, Word or zip). Please note that **only one file** (including all attachments) may be uploaded to Neptun.
- Candidates must ensure **compliance with the [university's regulations regarding plagiarism-checking](#)**.
- As of September 2021, **supervisor approval is required** for thesis admission across all study programmes.
To request approval, please select 'Thesis admission request' in Neptun (*Studies > Degree Thesis/Thesis application*).

Final Examination Requirements

The aim of the final examination is to assess whether the candidate has acquired, and is able to apply the knowledge, skills, and competences required for the Master's (MA) degree.

The final examination is conducted before an academic committee, and the student is assessed on a scale of 1 to 5.

The candidate must demonstrate a sound knowledge and solid understanding of the relevant fields (Dutch literature, history, culture, and linguistics), and must articulate this knowledge in high-quality Dutch.

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.

The committee assesses whether the thesis represents the candidate's own independent work, and whether the candidate is able to effectively communicate and reflect on their main findings. The presentation thus serves not only as a summary of the thesis but also as evidence of authorship and academic competence.

The presentation is evaluated according to 5 criteria: content, structure, language use, presentation technique and response to the referee's report.

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.

The final grade for the final examination is the arithmetic average of the two marks awarded (thesis defence, and subject-specific examination). If the candidate fails either component, the relevant regulations of the Academic Regulations for Students (HKR) shall apply.

***Final Examination Topics:** Find the list [HERE](#).

Prerequisites for the Final Examination

1. Final Certificate ("abszolutórium")

The candidate must hold a final certificate ("abszolutórium" in Hungarian) confirming that all required coursework and academic obligations – with the exception of the final examination – have been completed, as specified in the Study Unit List.

It also certifies that all credit points required by qualification framework have been earned. The final certificate is issued in the semester in which all these requirements are fulfilled.

2. No Outstanding Financial or Administrative Obligations

The candidate must have settled all financial obligations (e.g. tuition fees or other outstanding payments) and must have returned all university property.

3. Thesis Submission and Assessment

The candidate must have submitted their thesis by the required deadline and received a passing grade.

Important Note:

ALL prerequisites must be fulfilled at least **3 days** prior to the final examination.

No examination may be scheduled after the final examination.

REGISTERING FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION

The candidate must register for the Final Examination through Neptun in the semester in which they intend to take it.

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