

Regulations for the Evaluation and Defence of the Bachelor's Thesis

BA Study Programme "Asian and Intercultural Studies"

1. The Bachelor's thesis is evaluated by the Final Examination Committee of the Department of Asian Studies in a closed session following the oral defence of the thesis.
2. The final evaluation (overall grade) is agreed upon by the Examination Committee on the basis of:
 - 2.1. the evaluation of the submitted written Bachelor's thesis;
 - 2.2. the Bachelor's thesis presentation and the academic discussion with the bachelor's degree candidate;
 - 2.3. the assessment of programme-specific knowledge;
 - 2.4. the evaluation provided by the thesis reviewer and the thesis supervisor.
3. The thesis is evaluated by a reviewer who is nominated by the Head of the Department of Asian Studies and/or the Director of the BA study programme *Asian and Intercultural Studies* after consultation within the Department of Asian Studies.
4. The candidate for the academic degree is given the opportunity to familiarise with the review in due time (usually 3 days before the oral defence).
5. The following evaluation aspects and criteria are specified in the review:
 - 5.1. The topic of the Bachelor's thesis corresponds to the scientific field and sub-field – linguistics and literary studies, Asian studies. The thesis may also be interdisciplinary if its main field is Asian studies and the issues investigated are related to the region of specialisation.
 - 5.2. The Bachelor's thesis demonstrates the candidate's knowledge in the chosen field of specialisation, the ability to navigate the academic literature of the field, and to carry out independent academic research at a level appropriate for a Bachelor's thesis.
 - 5.3. The Bachelor's thesis has been prepared in accordance with the criteria of academic research:
 - 5.3.1. the length of the thesis complies with the requirements (40–60 pages);
 - 5.3.2. the aim and objectives of the thesis correspond to the topic;
 - 5.3.3. the content of the thesis corresponds to the topic, aim and objectives;
 - 5.3.4. the scientific relevance and novelty of the research are stated;
 - 5.3.5. appropriate research methods have been used;
 - 5.3.6. the structure of the thesis is logical and coherent, and the sections are balanced and interconnected;

- 5.3.7. sufficient academic and other specialised literature has been used;
 - 5.3.8. academic literature and/or sources in the language of the region of specialisation have been used;
 - 5.3.9. terms, proper names and titles are provided with correct transliteration;
 - 5.3.10. the aim of the thesis has been achieved and the objectives fulfilled;
 - 5.3.11. the conclusions are well substantiated and specific;
 - 5.3.12. the language of the thesis meets the standards of academic research;
 - 5.3.13. the thesis is formatted in accordance with the methodological guidelines of the Department of Asian Studies (thesis sections, structure, formatting of references and other formal criteria).
6. The defence of the Bachelor's thesis consists of:
 - 6.1. a presentation of the Bachelor's thesis (approximately 10 minutes), during which the bachelor's degree candidate reports on the topicality and novelty of the research, the aim and objectives of the thesis, briefly on the theoretical background and research methodology, as well as in more detail on the research results and conclusions;
 - 6.2. a scientific discussion, during which the bachelor's degree candidate answers questions from the reviewer and members of the committee about the topic of the thesis and issues related to the programme-specific theoretical knowledge.
 7. During the Bachelor's thesis defence, in addition to the substantive and formal evaluation of the thesis, the Final Examination Committee assesses the student's theoretical knowledge and understanding of programme-specific topics and basic principles of the field. The aim of this knowledge assessment is to ensure that the student is not only capable of carrying out independent research, but also has a sound command of the theoretical foundations of the field and current research trends. The knowledge assessment includes:
 - 7.1. answers to questions from committee members regarding the theoretical and methodological background of the thesis;
 - 7.2. the ability to explain and justify the chosen research approach;
 - 7.3. understanding of the theoretical premises and their connection with the empirical results;
 - 7.4. the ability to discuss the essential theoretical aspects of the study programme and their practical application.
 8. The final grade for the Bachelor's thesis consists of:
 - 8.1. submission of the final written version of the Bachelor's thesis prepared in accordance with academic requirements (70%);
 - 8.2. assessment of programme-specific theoretical knowledge (15%);
 - 8.3. public defence of the Bachelor's thesis (15%).