

## Writing BA Theses at the Institute of English Studies: Examiners, Topics, Timeline and Procedure

Students are welcome to write their BA theses – in English – at the Institute of English Studies. These can be in the fields of Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Linguistics, Literature, or Area Studies. Examiners (Erstgutachter\*innen and Zweitgutachter\*innen) in the different fields are:

### TEFL:

Prof. Dr. Torben Schmidt  
Oberstudienrätin Inga Dwenger  
Dr. Nora Benitt  
Dr. Diana Pili-Moss

### Linguistics:

Prof. Dr. Anne Barron

### Literature:

Prof. Dr. Emer O'Sullivan  
Dr. Ulrike Köhler

### Area Studies:

Dr. Sabrina Völz  
Prof. (apl.) Dr. Maria Moss

### **Topics**

Students choose their own topics. You can find [sample topics](#) here.

### ***Timeline and procedure***

Experience has shown that if students want the marks for their BA theses in time for graduation in the autumn, the **papers must be submitted on or before August 31**. The following timeline is based on an August submission date. If you need or want to write your paper to another deadline, please contact your examiner in good time.

By **May 1**, students should have spoken to their preferred first examiner about a topic. After this consultation and before **May 5**, they should send a one-page document to the examiner with a suggested title and a brief description including a research question and – if an empirical thesis – the chosen methodology and data. It should also name the student's preferred first and second examiners. A copy of the document should also be sent to the institute secretary, Beatrice Brodesser: [beatrice.brodesser@leuphana.de](mailto:beatrice.brodesser@leuphana.de). Students will be informed by **May 10**, by their preferred first examiner, whether both examiners will accept them.

After being accepted, students should send to both examiners, by **May 30**, a proposal/exposé of 3-4 pages including cover sheet and bibliography according to the institute guidelines for proposing a BA or MEd thesis. Students who want their marks in time for graduation in autumn have to submit the exam form, signed by both examiners, to the Prüfungsservice by **June 25**.

Good luck with your theses!