**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 (Erstgutacher\*innen and Zweitgutachter\*innen) in the different fields are:

TEFL:

Prof. Dr. Torben Schmidt Oberstudienrätin Inga Dwenger   
Dr. Nora Benitt  
Dr. Andreas Hübner  
Shivaun O‘Connor

Linguistics:

Prof. Dr. Anne Barron  
Emily Black, M.A.  
Irina Pandarova, M.A.

Literature:

Prof. Dr. Emer O’Sullivan  
Dr. des. Ulrike Köhler

Area Studies: Dr. Sabrina Völz

Prof. (apl.) Dr. Maria Moss

# Topics

Students choose their own topics. You can find [sample topics](https://www.leuphana.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Forschungseinrichtungen/ifes/files/Sample_BA_topics_IES_210818.pdf) 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 sent a one-page document to the examiner with a suggested title and a brief description including aresearch 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](https://www.leuphana.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Forschungseinrichtungen/ifes/personen/barron_anne/files/Proposal_for_BA_or_MEd_Thesis_at_IES_0319.pdf). 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!