

Master thesis Master of Arts in Modern Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (MAMES)

General information about Master Theses at the Faculty of Philosophy
<https://www.phil.uzh.ch/en/studies/studyessentials/graduation.html>

Required steps

- Plan the MA thesis during the semester before the final year of your graduation
- Contact potential supervisor (from the list below) with a basic idea
 - o clarify the need to enroll in specific modules
 - o discuss topic and supervision arrangement
 - o submit a written proposal which consists of the following sections: abstract, research problem, research questions, methods, and a preliminary list of references
- Mutually sign supervision agreement, submit within the deadline (see below)
[Supervision agreement Master Thesis](#)
- Book module *Master Thesis* only when all questions settled and schedule seems feasible
- Submit supervision agreement one year before intended graduation; allocate time to reach out to supervisor and potential advisors, especially during term-break

Supervision of the MA thesis

- Discuss ideas and research questions with the potential supervisor from an early stage onwards
- The topic must not have been covered by a previous written assignment
- Amount and quality of original language literature should be discussed with the supervisor at an early stage of the supervision
- All professors and lecturers teaching in the MAMES program are eligible for supervision. Arrange a consultation session with any of the lecturers below in order to discuss the feasibility of the topic and to arrange supervision.
 - o Asien-Orient-Institut (David Chiavacci, Bettina Dennerlein, Lionel Sven Fothergill, Helen Hess, Angelika Malinar, Nicolas Martin, Rebecca Sauer)
 - o ISEK (Annuska Derks, Peter Finke, Johannes Quack)

Formal requirements

- 25 000 – 35 000 words (excluding cover page, table of contents and reference list; annexes are not part of the word count)
- Citation style and formatting: discuss with the supervisor
- Submission: One electronic copy each to the supervisor

Deadline for submission:

- The master thesis will be compiled over the course of two semesters
- The master thesis is awarded with 30 ECTS credits. In the case of failure, a new topic needs to be decided and the module Master thesis has to be booked anew
- Failure to submit the Master thesis according to the deadline (1 Dec/1 June) results in failure of the module Master thesis
- The thesis can be submitted earlier than the specified deadline but not later

Consultation with professor	Before 15 November	Before 15 April
Submission of proposal	Before 15 December	Before 15 May
Supervision agreement	1 Dec – 10 Jan	1 May – 10 June
Enrollment period	Online in the official booking periods	
Submission of thesis	1 Dec.* (graduation possible: March of the following year)	1 June* (graduation possible: September of the same year)

* Year after entering agreement