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**Heidelberg University Examination Rules and Regulations for the
Master's Degree Programme
- Specific Section –
in English Studies**

of 9 February 2012

§ 1 Applicability of the General Section

The Heidelberg University examination rules and regulations for the Master's programmes in modern languages and literature studies at the Faculty of Modern Languages - General Section -, as amended, form an integral part of these examination rules and regulations.

§ 2 Subject of the academic programme

The linguistics special field of the consecutive Master's degree programme in English studies builds on a previously earned Bachelor's degree in English studies and focuses on practical research. It reflects the complete spectrum of historical and modern linguistics, while at the same time offering the opportunity for in-depth study of individual fields chosen by the student. It is ensured that all courses offered are in line with the programme's research focus.

The literary studies special field of the degree programme builds on a previously earned Bachelor's degree in English studies and focuses on practical research. It reflects the complete spectrum of English and American literature studies, including issues of cultural studies and comparative literature, while at the same time offering the opportunity for in-depth study of individual fields chosen by the student. It is ensured that all courses offered are in line with the programme's research focus.

Linguistics as a minor subject equally builds on a previously earned Bachelor's degree in English philology or linguistics. It deals with examples of advanced-level issues and methods of historical and modern linguistics, thus offering the opportunity to expand knowledge of the major subject by way of interdisciplinary comparison and contrast.

Literary studies as a minor subject equally builds on a previously earned Bachelor's degree in English philology or English or American literature. Through the study of examples, the programme teaches advanced-level issues and methods of English and American literature studies and cultural studies, thus offering the opportunity to expand knowledge of the major subject by way of interdisciplinary comparison and

contrast.

§ 3 Programme structure and possible combinations

- (1) The academic programme is structured in accordance with § 3 para. 3 item 2 of the General Section of the Master's examination rules and regulations. The modules and affiliated courses to be completed are listed in Annex 1.
- (1a) Part-time study is allowed in the English studies Master's degree programme.
- (2) Generally, any subject may be chosen as the minor subject, provided that the respective Master's-level programme is offered. If linguistics is chosen as the special field of the Master's degree programme, English literature studies (see Annex 2) may also be chosen as the minor subject. If literary studies is chosen as the special field of the Master's degree programme, English linguistics (see Annex 2) may also be chosen as the accompanying subject.

§ 4 Requirements for admission to Master's examination

In accordance with § 13 para. 2 of the General Section, students seeking admission to the Master's thesis must additionally furnish certificates confirming the award of 54 credits for the successful completion of the modules and courses set forth under Annex 1.

§ 5 Master's examination

The Master's examination is made up of the Master's thesis, the oral final examination, and the examination components to be completed during the course of study as set forth in the annex to the examination rules and regulations.

§ 6 Master's thesis

The Master's thesis may be written in English or German. The thesis must contain a summary in the other language, respectively.

§ 7 Entry into force, transitional provisions

1. The above examination rules and regulations become effective on the first day of the month following their publication in the President's bulletin. They simultaneously supersede the examination rules and regulations of 30 September 2008 (President's bulletin dated 24 October 2008, p. 773).
2. Upon request, the previous examination rules and regulations may be applied for up to two more years to students already enrolled in the Master's degree

programme in English studies at Heidelberg University on the date of entry into force of these examination rules and regulations.

Annex 1: Modules of the English studies major

- 1.1: Linguistics special field**
- 1.2: Literary studies special field**

Annex 2: Modules of the English studies minor

- 2.1: Linguistics special field**
- 2.2: Literary studies special field**

Key:

L = Lecture course

PS = Preparatory seminar

MS = Main seminar

CP = Credit points

1. Modules of the *English studies* major

1.1 Special field: Linguistics

Basic module (22 CP compulsory module)

Course	Type	Semester hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload	
Preparatory seminar II: Linguistics	PS II	2	1	6	Contact time Preparation and review Presentation or equiv. assignment Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP 60 hrs. 2 CP 30 hrs. 1 CP 60 hrs. 2 CP	180 hrs.
Main seminar: Linguistics	MS	2	1	8	Contact time Preparation and review Presentation or equiv. assignment Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP 90 hrs. 3 CP 30 hrs. 1 CP 90 hrs. 3 CP	240 hrs.
Lecture course: Linguistics	L	2	1	4	Contact time Preparation and review Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP 60 hrs. 2 CP 30 hrs. 1 CP	120 hrs.
Lecture course: Linguistics	L	2	1	4	Contact time Preparation and review Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP 60 hrs. 2 CP 30 hrs. 1 CP	120 hrs.
		8		22			660 hrs.

Specialised module (38 CP compulsory module)

Course	Type	Semester hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload
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Main seminar: Linguistics	MS	2	2-3	8	Contact time Preparation and review	30 hrs. 90 hrs.	1 CP 3 CP	240 hrs.
					Presentation or equiv. assignment Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 90 hrs.	1 CP 3 CP	
Independent Studies I ¹	Independent study	--	2-4	7	Reading Theses	120 hrs. 90 hrs.	4 CP 3 CP	210 hrs.
Main seminar: Linguistics	MS	2	2-3	8	Contact time Preparation and review Presentation or equiv. assignment Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 90 hrs. 30 hrs. 90 hrs.	1 CP 3 CP 1 CP 3 CP	240 hrs.
Independent Studies II ²	Independent study	--	2-4	7	Reading Theses	120 hrs. 90 hrs.	4 CP 3 CP	210 hrs.
Lecture course: Linguistics	L	2	2-3	4	Contact time Preparation and review Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
Lecture course: Linguistics	L	2	2-3	4	Contact time Preparation and review Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
		8		38				1,140 hrs.

Examination module: MA thesis (30 CP compulsory module)

Course	Type	Semester hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload
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¹ Independent in-depth study of the topics covered by one main seminar; assessment: submission of a reading list complemented by student's theses (prior to oral examination).

² Independent in-depth study of a topic determined in consultation with the examiner of the oral examination. Assessment: submission of a reading list complemented by student's theses (prior to oral examination).

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MA thesis	Independent study	6 months	4	30	MA thesis	900 hrs.	30 CP	900 hrs.
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Examination module: Oral examination (10 CP compulsory module)

Course	Type	Semester hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload
Oral final examination	Independent study	6 weeks	4	10	Final examination	300 hrs. 10 CP 300 s.

1.2 Special field: Literary studies**Basic module (22 CP compulsory module)**

Course	Type	Semester hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload
Preparatory seminar II Literary studies	PS II	2	1	6	Contact time 30 hrs. 1 CP Preparation and review 60 hrs. 2 CP Presentation or equiv. assignment 30 hrs. 1 CP Final examination/written assignment 60 hrs. 2 CP	180 hrs.
Main seminar Literary studies	MS	2	1	8	Contact time 30 hrs. 1 CP Preparation and review 90 hrs. 3 CP Presentation or equiv. assignment 30 hrs. 1 CP Final examination/written assignment 90 hrs. 3 CP	240 hrs.
Lecture course Literary or cultural studies	L	2	1	4	Contact time 30 hrs. 1 CP Preparation and review 60 hrs. 2 CP Final examination/written assignment 30 hrs. 1 CP	120 hrs.

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Lecture course Literary or cultural studies	L	2	1	4	Contact time Preparation and review Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
		8		22				660 hrs.

Specialised module (38 CP compulsory module)

Course	Type	Semes- ter hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload
Main seminar Literary studies	MS	2	2-3	8	Contact time Preparation and review Presentation or equiv. assignment Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP 90 hrs. 3 CP 30 hrs. 1 CP 90 hrs. 3 CP 240 hrs.
Independent Studies I ³	Inde- pendent study	--	2-4	7	Reading Theses	120 hrs. 4 CP 90 hrs. 3 CP 210 hrs.
Main seminar Literary studies	MS	2	2-3	8	Contact time Preparation and review Presentation or equiv. assignment Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP 90 hrs. 3 CP 30 hrs. 1 CP 90 hrs. 3 CP 240 hrs.
Independent Studies II ⁴	Inde- pendent study	--	2-4	7	Reading Theses	120 hrs. 4 CP 90 hrs. 3 CP 210 hrs.
Lecture course Literary or cultural studies	L	2	2-3	4	Contact time Preparation and review Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP 60 hrs. 2 CP 30 hrs. 1 CP 120 hrs.
Lecture course Literary or cultural studies	L	2	2-3	4	Contact time Preparation and review Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP 60 hrs. 2 CP 30 hrs. 1 CP 120 hrs.

³ Independent in-depth study of the topics covered by one main seminar; assessment: submission of a reading list complemented by student's theses (prior to oral examination).

⁴ Independent in-depth study of a topic determined in consultation with the examiner of the oral examination. Assessment: submission of a reading list complemented by student's theses (prior to oral examination).

Examination module: MA thesis (30 CP compulsory module)

Course	Type	Semester hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload
MA thesis	Independent study	6 months	4	30	MA thesis 900 hrs. 30 CP	900 hrs.

Examination module: Oral examination (10 CP compulsory module)

Course	Type	Semester hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload
Oral final examination	Independent study	6 weeks	4	10	Final examination 300 hrs. 10 CP	300 hrs.

2. Modules of the *English studies* minor**2.1 Special field: Linguistics****Minor subject module: Linguistics (20 CP compulsory module)**

Course	Type	Semester hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload
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Preparatory seminar II Linguistics	PS II	2	1-4	6	Contact time	30 hrs.	1 CP	180 hrs.
					Preparation and review	60 hrs.	2 CP	
					Presentation or equiv. assignment	30 hrs.	1 CP	
					Final examination/written assignment	60 hrs.	2 CP	
Lecture course Linguistics	L	2	1-4	4	Contact time	30 hrs.	1 CP	120 hrs.
					Preparation and review	60 hrs.	2 CP	
					Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs.	1 CP	
Main seminar Linguistics	MS	2	1-4	8	Contact time	30 hrs.	1 CP	240 hrs.
					Preparation and review	60 hrs.	3 CP	
					Presentation or equiv. assignment	30 hrs.	1 CP	
					Final examination/written assignment	60 hrs.	3 CP	
Independent Studies ⁵	Independent study	2	1-4	2	Reading	30 hrs.	1 CP	60 hrs.
					Theses	30 hrs.	1 CP	
		8		20				600 hrs.

2.2 Special field: Literary studies

Minor subject module: Literary studies (20 CP compulsory module)

Course	Type	Semester hours	Recommended semester	CP	CP requirements	Total workload	
Preparatory seminar II Literary studies	PS II	2	1-4	6	Contact time	30 hrs. 1 CP	180 hrs.
					Preparation and review	60 hrs. 2 CP	
					Presentation or equiv. assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP	
					Final examination/written assignment	60 hrs. 2 CP	
Lecture course Literary or cultural studies	L	2	1-4	4	Contact time	30 hrs. 1 CP	120 hrs.
					Preparation and review	60 hrs. 2 CP	
					Final examination/written assignment	30 hrs. 1 CP	

⁵ Independent in-depth study of the topics covered by the lecture course; assessment: submission of a reading list complemented by student's theses.

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Main seminar Literary studies	MS	2	1-4	8	Contact time	30 hrs.	1 CP	240 hrs.
					Preparation and review	60 hrs.	3 CP	
					Presentation or equiv. assignment	30 hrs.	1 CP	
					Final examination/written assignment	60 hrs.	3 CP	
Independent Studies ⁵	Independent study	--	1-4	2	Reading	30 hrs.	1 CP	60 hrs.
					Theses	30 hrs.	1 CP	
		8		20				600 hrs.

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