

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/studium/studenten/abschluss/master.html>

Required steps

- Plan the Master thesis in the semester preceding your last year before graduation
- Contact potential supervisor with a basic idea; if supervision agreed
 - o clarify the need to enroll in specific modules
 - 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 timeline deemed feasible
- Supervision agreement to be submitted one year before intended graduation; allocate time to reach out to potential supervisors, especially during holidays

Supervision of the Master 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 the 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:
 - o Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies (David Chiavacci, Bettina Dennerlein, Angelika Malinar, Nicolas Martin, Andrea Riemenschneider)
 - o ISEK (Annuska Derks, Peter Finke, Mareile Flitsch, Johannes Quack)

Formal requirements

- 25 000 – 35 000 words
- Citation style and formatting: discuss with the supervisor
- Submission: One electronic copy 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 Master thesis can be submitted earlier than the specified deadline but not later

Consultation with supervisor	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 December*	1 June*

* Year after entering agreement