Master's thesis

Due to the period of limited on-site operations at the University of Konstanz the instructions for the registration differ from the usual instructions, i.e. the registration is online.

1. Start thinking about a topic and find two professors who will be the supervisors. Both supervisors have to be professors unless the supervisor has received special permission to supervise this thesis (see list Authorized Supervisors https://www.ling.uni-konstanz.de/en/studies/master-of-arts/master-of-arts/).

2. Request forms (application for the admission to final examination) from Robert Bucifal (Central Examination Office, robert.bucifal@uni.kn) via e-mail a few weeks before the beginning of the enrolment period (so either in January or June). The forms have to be filled in together with your supervisors (scanned signatures are sufficient).

3. Send an e-mail to the student advisor Ms. Kelling (referat.linguistik@uni-konstanz.de) and request a confirmation that you finished at least half of your study programme and your internship/study abroad.

4. Submit all the signed forms to Robert Bucifal (via e-mail) before the deadline.

5. After you have enrolled for the master’s thesis you will receive a letter and a message in StudIS. The letter and the message contain all the information about the official start for preparing the thesis and the deadline for submitting it.

Deadlines

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Additional information

- Length of the master’s thesis: 50-60 pages.

- If you have a good reason to postpone the deadline for submission (e.g., sickness), you can apply for an extension until two weeks before the deadline. In case of sickness you need a document from your GP which lists your symptoms. In case of other reasons, you need to submit a proof with your supervisors signature. Again, all documents have to be submitted to Robert Bucifal.

- Generally, if necessary, the title can be changed after the enrolment, but the topic cannot. The changed title needs to be approved by the supervisors and submitted as part of a short letter to Robert Bucifal.

Oral exam

The same procedure as described above holds for the oral examination, i.e. you need forms that you will receive from Robert Bucifal. With these documents you enrol for the oral examination. The enrolment period is again 1st to 15th July and 1st to 15th February.

You and your supervisors need to decide on a date for the examination and you also need a confirmation from Ms. Kelling that you finished all assessments. One week before the oral exam all marks (except for the thesis) have to be in StudIS. The oral exam lasts 30 minutes. The oral exam can be held in the university in rooms of the department or online (for online examination separate application necessary).

After the oral exam

The supervisors have eight weeks to write the evaluation of the thesis. The university needs between two and three weeks to print the diploma.

Notes

Enrolment before finishing the study programme

Students have to be enrolled in the programme in order to finish their studies. To give you an example, a student is preparing her master’s thesis in the summer semester (2021), but the date for the oral examination (which is the student’s very last exam of the MA programme) is in the following winter semester (21/22). This student still has to enrol for the winter semester, even if it just for this last exam. After your last exam you can apply to be exmatriculated, so that you are not enrolled any longer, and if this happens within the first month of the semester (lecture period), the tuition fees can be refund. You can find all the details here: https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/while-you-study/formalities/exmatriculation/
Topics

- Online list of topics: https://www.ling.uni-konstanz.de/studium/master-of-arts/thesis-topics-for-master-students/

Further topics

German Adaptation of the Working Memory Task – Listening Span Task
- Main task: Data collection and if necessary, change of the materials
- Participants
  o Adults and children
  o Monolingual German
  o German + HL (e.g., Turkish as a HL in Germany)
- Research project of Kaja Gregorc, Angelika Golegos & Theo Marinis
- Contact: Angelika

Piloting a Theory of Mind Task
- Main task: Data collection and change of the materials
- Participants
  o Children
  o Monolingual German
- DAAD research project German-Greek toolkit for Theory of Mind and Language in Autism (MiLA), PI Theo Marinis (University of Konstanz) & Arhonto Terzi (University of Patras),
- Contact: Angelika

Rhetorical Questions and Child Narrations
- Main task: transcription and analysis narratives
- Participants
  o Children (6-9 years)
  o Monolingual and bilingual German – Italian
- Research Project P10 (see online list of topics)
- Contact: Theo

Implicit Bias – The Perception of Accent
- Main task: support creating test material, record items, check the properties of the items (Phonetics)
- Participants
  o Children and adults
  o Monolingual German
- New project on the perception of accent and negative vs. positive attitudes based on the accent (e.g., standard German vs. Kiezdeutsch)
- Contact: Theo
Multilingualism in Higher Education
- Main task: Create a SoSci survey to collect data on the language background of students (Which languages do the students speak? Are they monolingual or multilingual?)
- Participants: University students
- No German required, this project can be done in English
- Part of the European Reform University Alliance ERUA
- Contact: Theo