

## **Compulsory state exam according the rules at FA CUNI**

**(modified for the programm Germanoslavistics)**

### **Exam: the part for the second year students, who are in person in Prague**

*The part of the exam typically includes **methodological-theoretical and contextual or historical questions** that the student is given to work out in advance. Students take this part at the end of their stay in Prague in person so that they have the opportunity to discuss everything in depth with their tutors and prepare well. The result of this exam is part of the annual evaluation of the student's work in the second year.*

*( In the third year, students are already concentrating entirely on their dissertation. That is why the „real state exam“ in the third year is concentrating on the disiccusion about the thesis. See the other instruction for the third year in vademecum of the Germanoslavistics program.)*

*The exam is not administered through SIS. It is arranged by both the supervisors and the student and the programme coordinator at the end of the second year from June (this date is preferred) to mid-September, subject to the time availability of the supervisors and the student. The exam for the studnets is in person in Prague.*

*The exam questions are prepared by the instructors and given to students at least 14 days in advance. The formulation of the questions must be agreed upon by both supervisors, and the questions are based on a common knowledge of the student's work (student submits also the current stucture of theses in advance to help supervisors evaluate his/hers progress).The questions relate to the topic of the dissertation, but do not cover it completely - they are broader, directed towards the context, and verify a broader knowledge of the topic and the state of the research.*

*The exam is in **the language of the dissertation**. Students will prepare answers. They present them during the exam, they **can** prepare a powerpoint, they **can** also submit preparatory texts as answers to the questions. A discussion follows the presentation of each answer. Total time for the exam is **45 min (max. one hour)**.*

*The results of the examination are recorded in a protocol, which serves as the basis for the annual evaluation.*

## **Exam: The part for the third year students**

*According to the rules of the Faculty of Arts, students register for the state final examination at the end of the third year, which is the final obligation at the end of the third year before submitting the final thesis.*

*Examinations are announced on stable dates given by the FF UK offices, if students do not apply for the announced dates, they must apply for an individual date announced by the programme coordinator. In this case, they must also arrange with their supervisors and the coordinator when the exam is possible for everyone.*

*This exam is in **the language** in which they write their PhD thesis. During the exam discussion, additional questions may be asked in English due to the complex language situation of the program, which we want to keep. According to the founders of the program, this is a principle feature of the program.*

**A part of thesis is submitted for examination**, preferably the methodological chapter plus the structure of the thesis and its direction. The student submits part of his/her dissertation (up to 50 pages) one week before the examination and sends it to the chair and committee members. The student will prepare a 15-minute presentation of his/her thesis. A powerpoint **may be prepared if necessary** (this may be prepared in a different language than the exam itself, again taking into account the multilingual nature of the programme). This is followed by a discussion based on the work presented by the student.

*(In this way, the exam is modified from the normal state exam of other programs that are not in double degree mode. The state exam also typically includes methodological-theoretical and contextual or historical questions that the student is given to work out in advance. Students take this part at the end of their stay in Prague in person so that they have the opportunity to discuss everything in depth with their tutors and prepare well. The result of this exam is part of the annual evaluation of the student's work in the second year. In the third year, students are already concentrating **entirely** on their dissertation.)*

*The committee is composed of members of the scientific board, including the "Czech" supervisor, the "Italian" supervisor is present and has **a strong** advisory voice, but he is not formally a voting member of the committee, but the committee takes his/her opinion into account.*

*The exam lasts about 45 minutes (max. one hour) and is preferably a distance exam, given that Italian students are not expected to be able to easily attend the exam in person.*

*The link to the Teams platform will be sent to students and the committee with an invitation from the relevant office in time for the student's official application for the exam.*

