

Master's examination information sheet¹

1. General Information

The oral master's examination will assess students' knowledge of two topics from individual areas of political science. The themes addressed may not be the same as those focussed upon in the master's thesis. The language of examination is English or German, and is to be agreed on with the examiner.

Please also consult "Merkblatt zu den Masterprüfungen", the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences' general information sheet on the master's examination for information regarding registration and registration requirements for the master's examination, which can be found by following this link: <https://philhist.unibas.ch/de/studium/dokumente-merkblaetter/>. It is recommended that students start considering potential topics for the final examination early on in the course of their studies.

2. Registration

Students of political science are expected to have contacted the desired examiner(s) at latest two weeks before the application deadline.

To register for the oral Master's examination, a form indicating the subject of study and the desired examiner(s) as well as their signature(s) must be submitted to the Administration of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The master's examination can be defended separately from the master's thesis. Students are free to decide whether they wish to complete their master's examination or their master's thesis first, or whether they wish to do them synchronously. The master's examination takes place during the examination session of the respective semester.

3. Topic selection

Students should reflect on various topics that are interesting to them and are of relevance to political science. They should reach out to potential examiners early to discuss and narrow down the topics. Faculty members that teach in the subject area of political science and hold at least a PhD are authorised to act as examiners (a list of potential examiners can be found at the bottom of this document). Please note that students must propose **two topics** which are to be assessed by up to two examiners. Deadlines for examination registration are set by the university (further information can be found in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences document linked above).

Please send a draft outline of the examination topics including at least five references to the literature before meeting with your potential examiners. The references should belong to relevant and current research on the topic area. Identifying these will require students to carry out intensive research on the existing literature. This means making use of the standard resources for carrying out research on the literature (journal databases, library catalogues, bibliographies). Students should focus on current journal articles and/or frequently cited core works, which can be found for example through citations in SSCI.

Examiners will discuss the proposed topics with students in a meeting during their office hours.

4. The examination procedure

The oral master's examination focuses on two topic areas. The exact procedure for the examination can be discussed with your examiners. Dependent on the topics selected, the examination can be carried

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out by either one or two examiners. The examination is to be carried out in German or English.

5. Potential examiners

- Prof. Stefanie Bailer (stefanie.bailer@unibas.ch)
- Prof. Laurent Goetschel (laurent.goetschel@unibas.ch)
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