

Basic structure of study requirements within the PhD programme ANGLOPHONE LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Individual study requirements are set in bold. Unless stated otherwise, the examination takes the form of a course credit.

1. REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE MONITORING OF THESIS PROGRESS

1.1 Doctoral Seminar (AXALDOS03–06, from Year 5 onwards AXALDOS03 registered repeatedly)

- The seminar consists of these semester-long modules:
 - a) 2 semester-long courses (1 year in total) covering basic theoretical and methodological topics of the programme’s specialization, in the first and second year of study. While the courses *Rhetoric in Philosophy and Literature* and *Literate Technologies* are typically on offer, a different course may be available.
 - b) 3 years of presentations on the details of the thesis outline or individual thesis chapters, and the outcomes of the student’s other research activities, as well as discussions with the supervisor(s) about methodology, under the general supervision of the PhD Programme Board Chair, or a member of the PhD Programme Board appointed by the Chair.
- In case of a research stay abroad, the student’s absence from the doctoral seminar is excused; however, the requirements to complete 2 courses (see “a”) and present the results of the work on the thesis (see “b”) remain the same.
- The *Doctoral seminar* requirement will be automatically registered in the Student Information System (SIS) in every year of study.

1.2 Submission of an extended dissertation proposal (AXALDIS01)

- The extended thesis proposal has to follow the supervisor’s suggestions and comments regarding the provisional proposal presented at the entrance exam. These include namely: (a) specification of the general topic and aims of the thesis based on the readings of primary and secondary literature, (b) hypotheses, expected outcomes, and the argument for their significance, (c) a detailed discussion of and argument supporting the methodologies applied, (d) a detailed description of the thesis structure together with a time schedule of the individual stages (chapters) completion, (e) a detailed list of secondary literature, and possibly other addenda. The extended thesis proposal is to demonstrate that the student has completed the majority of tasks associated with the work on the thesis. This requirement is crucial for the assessment of the student’s work on the selected dissertation topic according to the given time schedule of thesis preparation. It ascertains whether the student will be able to successfully continue working on the dissertation topic. Formally, the submitted work may be structured into individual points, or it may be presented as a continuous text (as agreed with the supervisor).
- Extent: 15-20 standardized pages (1 standardized page = 30 lines per page, 60 characters per line)
- Year 2 of study

1.3 A chapter or another coherent dissertation output (AXALDIS02-03, from Year 5 onwards AXALDIS02 registered repeatedly)

- Minimum extent: 35 standardized pages. It is possible to present the student’s progress as part of the *Doctoral seminar*.
- Every year from Year 3 onwards

2. BASIC STUDY REQUIREMENTS

Requirements mandatory for all students of the PhD programme

2.1 Foreign language

- Having consulted this requirement with the supervisor, students choose to sit for an exam in one of the following languages: German (AXJAZ0005), French (AXJAZ0002), Spanish (AXJAZ0007), or Latin (AXJAZ0004).¹ Choice of another language related to the dissertation topic may be accepted as an exception, pending the approval of the supervisor as well as the PhD Programme Board Chair.
- Year 1 to Year 3 of study, as agreed with the supervisor.

2.2 Philosophy (AXOBEC002)

- Graded paper on a philosophical topic related to the dissertation project
- Year 1 to Year 3 of study as agreed with the supervisor

2.3 Research Exam: Anglophone literatures and cultures (AXALSPE04)

- The exam topic will be set by the supervisor
- Year 1 to Year 3 of study as agreed with the supervisor

Requirements assigned individually upon consulting the supervisor

2.4 Individual Study Requirements (various codes per selected seminars)

- In accordance with the nature of the dissertation topic, the supervisor assigns at least one, and at most three additional requirements: the completion of 1-3 optional specialization seminars, theoretically and/or methodologically relevant to the dissertation topic. Having consulted the supervisor, the student will attend an MA programme course whose completion will be made more demanding (requiring the final essay and presentations to be longer and more complex), or a PhD course of a different programme. The supervisor is also able to assign *Other Research Activity* (AXALOAK13) (see below, section 3.4) instead of *Individual Study Requirements*.
- Year 1 to Year 3 of study

3. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Research stay abroad (AXALOAK09)

- The year of completion is not specified as the stay abroad depends upon current scholarship calls which cannot be fully predicted. It is possible to meet this requirement after the student sits for the final exam; its completion is only required before signing up for the thesis defence (“obhajoba” in Czech).
- On the basis of a written application approved by the Dean, it is possible – in justified cases, e.g. childcare – to replace the research stay abroad with some of the following research activities: an active participation at a conference, professional editorial work, professional translation, teaching at university level, or an academic publication.

3.2 Academic publication (AXALOAK10)

- One academic article in a peer-reviewed journal or a chapter in a collective monograph accepted for publication
- The year of completion is not specified. It is possible to meet this requirement after the student sits for the final exam; its completion is only required before signing up for the thesis defence.

3.3 Active participation at a conference (AXALOAK11)

- Only international conferences where paper proposals are subject to peer-review are applicable.
- The year of completion is not specified. It is possible to meet this requirement after the student sits for the final exam; its completion is only required before signing up for the thesis defence.

3.4 Other research activity (AXALOAK12)

¹ This requirement does not apply to students who have a BA or MA degree in a German / French / Spanish / Latin Philology programme.

- The student chooses one of the following activities:
 - a grant application (including work on a subsequently unsuccessful application),
 - professional editorial work (collaborative work on editing conference compendia, thematic journal issues, specialized dictionaries, or collective monographs),
 - professional translation (of academic articles, monograph chapters, etc.)
 - teaching at university level: elective seminars at undergraduate or graduate level, strictly under the supervisor's guidance, provided that the student shows interest and is able to present the outcomes of his/her research to undergraduate and graduate students.
- The year of completion is not specified. It is possible to meet these requirements after the student sits for the final exam; their completion is only required before signing up for the thesis defence.
- The supervisor is also able to assign a second *Other Research Activity* instead of one *Individual Study Requirement*, as stated in 2.4 above.

4. FINAL EXAM (ASDZK0001)

- Year 3 of study
- Completion of ALL study requirements from the *Basic Study Requirements* section of the plan is prerequisite for submitting an application for the Final Exam.
- The state doctoral examination is set to test the knowledge of the methodological and factual problems of the specialization as a whole. The subject matter of the examination is related to the complete development of the studied branch of literature, with possible comparative overlaps into other Anglophone literatures. Emphasis is being put on mastering the methods of literary theory and terminology. The examination takes approximately 1 hour, with a 30-minute student presentation on a topic assigned in advance, and a 30-minute discussion about the presentation, led by the chair of the Board of Examiners.

5. THESIS DEFENCE (in Czech “obhajoba disertační práce”) (AX0007305)

- Completion of ALL study requirements prescribed in the *Individual Study Plan* is prerequisite for submitting the application for the defence.

Standard duration of study: 4 years.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL STUDY PLAN (ISP)

The template of the ISP is created in the SIS by the Research Office (“Oddělení vědy”), assigning automatically to every doctoral student all of the requirements common to all of the students of the PhD programme – that is, the requirements in the plan's framework above, with their respective codes. As soon as this basic ISP is created, the student – having consulted the supervisor – needs to add in the SIS:

1. *Foreign Language*, choosing from languages associated in the SIS with the respective study plan.
2. *Individual Study Requirements* as specified above. These requirements may be added either by choosing an already existing course, or (if such the course does not exist in the SIS yet), by entering the so-called “course description” (“popis předmětu”), which describes the given requirement, and will be paired with a concrete course in the SIS later.
3. Year of completion: for all requirements in the plan above without a designated year of completion.