

Information on the **Master's Thesis**

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You are thinking about writing your MA Thesis under my supervision?

This sheet should give you a first idea of some 'technicalities'. Please come and see me during my **office hours** to talk about your proposed project.

General Information on the MA Thesis

- Seize: 60-80 pages (A4, Times New Roman 12 pt, line spacing 1,5)
- Language: English
- Time frame: 4 months (an extension of up to 2 months is possible)
- Registration / Submission: at the 'Zentrales Prüfungssekretariat'

Topics

I am open for all topics that fall into the area of British literary studies or cultural studies, or the 'New English Literatures'. To my mind, finding a topic that interests you is one of the most important aspects of writing a final thesis. Hence, I do not have a list of possible topics, but I will try to assist you in finding your topic should you want help. Once we've agreed on a topic, you will have to go to the 'Zentrales Prüfungssekretariat' to register your intention of writing your MA thesis. They will then contact me and I will officially assign you your topic. The 4 months period for completing your thesis will start, once you have been officially informed of your topic.

Paper-proposal

I strongly advise you to hand in a **paper-proposal** before you actually start writing. In this proposal, you briefly introduce your topic and you formulate a **thesis** of what you want to show in your paper ("In my paper I will argue ..."). On the basis of this proposal, I will either suggest changes or give you the 'go-ahead'.

Style-sheet

Please use my **style-sheet**, which can be found on the k-drive or downloaded from my homepage.