

MA in Foreign Literatures | General (non-thesis) track  
**Qualifying exam procedure**

This oral exam aims to assess students' ability to employ the overall critical and scholarly framework gained in two of their MA courses. However, the exam is meant to broaden the discussion by requiring students to read new primary material as well as additional secondary sources for each (see below). While two MA courses serve as the thematic and critical background for the exam, students will be tested on the new material alone.

During the one-hour exam, students will be asked to respond to two questions or themes formulated by the faculty members and given to the students ahead of time. These questions should be relatively broad and yet specific enough to enable students to prepare for them in advance. Students are not, however, expected to come with a prepared presentation. Rather, they will be asked to address one or both questions for each class, using these questions as the guiding basis for a back-and-forth discussion between students and examiners. Students are expected to situate these questions within the original critical and thematic framework of each course.

The grade for the qualifying exam is the average grade given by the two examiners. The MA qualifying exam constitutes 25% of students' final MA grade.

The MA qualifying exam must be taken by June of the year after which students have completed all of their other requirements for the MA degree.

**Original course:**

**Lecturer:**

**Primary texts [1-2 novels/plays, 2-5 poems]**

- 1.
- 2.

**Secondary sources [3 articles or chapters]**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Questions:**

- 1.
- 2.