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# Final State Exams

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## Students of Liberal Arts and Humanities (BA)

- Students who began their studies in September 2017 and 2018:
  - **Knowledge examination (Humanities Exam):**

This part of the examination should prove that you are able to combine all your knowledge that has been attested by the respective comprehensive examinations into one united perspective of the entire study. This part of the Final State Examination will follow after the defence of your Bachelor Diploma Paper.

The examination will be based on the list of literature that you studied, which should be submitted together with the application for the Final State Examination. The list of references/literature must contain:

    - at least 6 relevant titles you had prepared for the comprehensive examination in European History in Contexts
    - at least 7 relevant titles you had prepared for the comprehensive examination in Philosophical Anthropology
    - all titles relevant to the first part of Comprehensive Exam in Social Sciences
    - at least one title relevant to the comprehensive examination in English Competence.

A title is considered “relevant” if it was applicable for the respective comprehensive examination that you passed. A “title” may be a book, part of a book or an article that could be claimed as a separate item on the list of relevant literature for the respective comprehensive examination. You can find the list of literature form [here](#) .
- Students who began their studies in September 2019 and later:
  - **Knowledge examination (Humanities Exam):**

This part of the state examination is interdisciplinary in nature and assumes the students' ability to combine, compare and creatively use the knowledge acquired by taking the core theoretical courses (especially Introduction to Anthropology, Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to European History, Comprehensive Exam in Philosophy, Comprehensive Exam in Social Sciences and Comprehensive Exam in European History) and the compulsory elective courses.

Students should prepare a presentation that should demonstrate their ability to work in the various fields they have been exposed to while studying Liberal Arts and Humanities. Therefore, they will prepare a professionally relevant topic that they will present from a different perspective than their field of specialization (i.e., the field in which they are writing their undergraduate thesis).

*Thus, for example, a student writing a sociology thesis on unemployment should present an interpretation from the field of history or psychology, with a student writing a thesis in moral philosophy would prepare an account of developmental psychology, etc.*

The presentation should not exceed 15 minutes. It is recommended to consult the topic in advance with the thesis supervisor, the lecturers in the relevant fields or the programme supervisor.

Three days prior to the state examination, students will submit a presentation file in a standard format (e.g. \*.ppt) and separately a list of the literature used to prepare the presentation. The list of literature should include at least 5 relevant titles (books or articles). The presentation and the list of literature are to be submitted by email to the secretary of the study programme.

The on-site oral presentation will be evaluated on the ability to argue in the perspective of the field, use of relevant literature and argumentation, overall treatment of the topic, persuasiveness of the presentation, ability to answer questions and lead discussion. It is also recommended not to exceed the given time of fifteen minutes.

When evaluating the student, the committee shall take into account their orientation in individual discourses of social sciences and humanities, ability to answer the committee's questions, and their ability to coherently speak on relevant academic topics.
- For further details on the BA final state exams, please, contact [Bc. Veronika Kučabová](#) .

## Students of MA programmes

- Please, consult your study programme department secretary to find out more about the specifics of state final examinations of each programme .

## **Calculating the overall grade of the state final examination**

- According to Article 9 (4) of the CSECU , grades are passed by a resolution of all members of the Board present. All members of the Board present must participate in the vote on grading. If the State Examination consists of more than one part, the Board determines the overall result, taking into account the average result of the individual parts of the State Examination. The result of "fail"("neprospěl/a") is arrived at if at least one part is graded as "fail"("neprospěl/a"). If the result of all parts is "very good", the overall grade will also be "very good".