

MAAS EXIT OPTIONS

To complete the requirements of their degree, MAAS students have the following three options:

- Option A: Thesis (70+ pages)
- Option B: Non-Thesis Master’s Essay (40 pages)
- Option C: Non-Thesis Research Essay (20 pages) plus Self-Study (20 pages)

Mid-course in the program (15 credits) the student is required to meet with Dr. Heine, Asian Studies Program Director, to discuss his/her exit option – Option A, B, or C.

If a joint decision is made to select Option A: Thesis, the student must take responsibility to find three graduate faculty members who will form the advisory committee (see faculty list below). Dr. Heine, Program Director, can serve as the primary advisor, a committee member, or as a representative of the Asian Studies Program.

If Option B: Non-Thesis Master’s Essay or Option C: Non-Thesis Research Essay plus Self-Study is selected, to what extent a committee is required will be determined in consultation with the Program Director.

	Option A: Thesis	Option B: Non-Thesis Master’s Essay Option C: Non-Thesis Research Essay plus Self-Study
Committee	Committee of 3	TBD*
Forms	M and ETD forms for Graduate Office	Internal Forms
Process Begins	3 Semesters in Advance	1 ½ Semesters in Advance
Requirements	Both Proposal and Defense are required	
Language or Fieldwork	As determined to be appropriate by committee	

*The Program Director will determine how and to what extent the committee will be required for Options B & C

Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary program and as such, allows students to select faculty from a wide range of disciplines who have experience serving as Thesis and Master’s Essay committee members.

See Graduate Faculty Members listed on UGS Website: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/faculty-staff-grad-das-faculty.shtml>.

Asian Studies Core Faculty

Thomas Breslin, Professor of International Relations
 Steven Heine, Professor and Director of Asian Studies
 Instructor Li Ma, Assistant Director of Chinese Cultural Programs (for Non-Thesis Options only)
 Matthew Marr, Assistant Professor of Global & Sociocultural Studies *and* Asian Studies
 Amy Bliss Marshall, Assistant Professor of History *and* Asian Studies
 Eric Messersmith, Asian Studies Lecturer (for Non-Thesis Options only)
 Oren Stier, Director of Graduate Studies *and* Associate Professor of Religious Studies
 Bin Xu, Assistant Professor of Global & Sociocultural Studies *and* Asian Studies

Lidu Yi, Professor of Chinese Art & Art History
 Shenggao Wang (for Non-Thesis Options only)
 Hitomi Yoshio, Assistant Professor in Japanese Studies and Culture
 Julie Zeng, Assistant Professor of International Relations

Option A: Thesis	<u>Asian Studies</u>	<u>SIPA</u>	<u>University Grad School</u>
Fall 2015 Graduation			
M-1 – w/ 2-pg proposal required by Dept	February 6, 2015	February 13, 2015	February 20, 2015
M-2 – 5-page proposal required by UGS	June 18, 2015	June 25, 2015	July 2, 2015
M-3 – Final draft of full Thesis	October 9, 2015	October 16, 2015	October 23, 2015
Last day to hold Thesis defense	October 30, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 13, 2015
Last day to submit Final ETD Approval Form	November 20, 2015	November 27, 2015	December 4, 2015
Spring 2016 Graduation			
M-1 – w/ 2-pg proposal required by Dept	May 22, 2015	May 29, 2015	June 5, 2015
M-2 – 5-page proposal required by UGS	October 23, 2015	October 30, 2015	November 6, 2015
M-3 – Final draft of full Thesis	February 26, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 11, 2016
Last day to hold Thesis defense	March 18, 2016	March 25, 2016	April 1, 2016
Last day to submit Final ETD Approval Form	April 8, 2016	April 15, 2016	April 22, 2016
Summer 2016 Graduation			
M-1 – w/ 2-pg proposal required by Dept	September 18, 2015	September 25, 2015	October 2, 2015
M-2 – 5-page proposal required by UGS	March 18, 2016	March 25, 2016	April 1, 2016
M-3 – Final draft of full Thesis	June 3, 2016	June 10, 2016	June 17, 2016
Last day to hold Thesis defense	June 24, 2016	July 1, 2016	July 8, 2016
Last day to submit Final ETD Approval Form	July 15, 2016	July 22, 2016	July 29, 2016

Option B: Non-Thesis Master’s Essay
Option C: Non-Thesis Research Essay plus Self-Study

Fall 2015

- *Selection of Committee
- 2-pg Proposal (w/ Agreement forms)
- **5-pg Selection with Bibliography
- ***Draft 1 (30 pages POLISHED)
- ***Draft 2 (40 pages ABSOLUTELY FIRM)
- Final Q&A
- Submit Final Approved Version

Spring 2016

- *Selection of Committee
- 2-pg Proposal (w/ Agreement forms)
- **5-pg Selection with Bibliography
- ***Draft 1 (30 pages POLISHED)
- ***Draft 2 (40 pages ABSOLUTELY FIRM)
- Final Q&A
- Submit Final Approved Version

Summer 2016

- *Selection of Committee
- 2-pg Proposal (w/ Agreement forms)
- **5-pg Selection with Bibliography
- ***Draft 1 (30 pages POLISHED)
- ***Draft 2 (40 pages ABSOLUTELY FIRM)
- Final Q&A
- Submit Final Approved Version

Asian Studies

- July 27, 2015
- August 17, 2015
- September 7, 2015
- October 19, 2015
- November 16, 2015
- TBA before final week
- Same week as Q&A

- December 15, 2015
- January 4, 2016
- January 25, 2016
- March 7, 2016
- April 1, 2016
- TBA before final week
- Same week as Q&A

- March 28, 2016
- April 18, 2016
- May 16, 2016
- June 13, 2013
- July 5, 2016
- TBA before final week
- Same week as Q&A

* The Program Director will determine how and to what extent the committee will be required for Options B & C
 ** This can be an abstract, introduction, or representative section of the paper.
 *** Students should consult with the Program Director about the best option for working on Option C essays either simultaneously or separately.