

○ **AAS 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.

	<b>Option A: Thesis</b>	<b>Option B: Non-Thesis Master’s Essay Option C: Non-Thesis Research Essay plus Self-Study</b>
<b>Committee</b>	Committee of 3	TBD*
<b>Forms</b>	M and ETD forms for Graduate Office	Internal Forms
<b>Process Begins</b>	3 Semesters in Advance	1 ½ Semesters in Advance
<b>Requirements</b>	Both Proposal and Defense are required	
<b>Language or Fieldwork</b>	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, Prof of International Relations  
 Mitzi Carter, Instructor of GSS *and* Asian Studies  
 Rae Choi, Assistant Professor of GSS  
 Steven Heine, Professor and Director of Asian Studies  
 Ma Li, Instructor of Chinese Language (for Non-Thesis Options only)  
 Matthew Marr, Associate Prof of GSS *and* Asian Studies  
 Amy Bliss Marshall, Assistant Prof of History *and* Asian Studies  
 Eric Messersmith, Asian Studies Lecturer (for Non-Thesis Options only)

Steven Vose, Assistant Prof of Religious Studies  
 Shenggao Wang, Instructor of Chinese Language and Culture (for Non-Thesis Options only)  
 Lidu Yi, Assistant Prof of Chinese Art & Art History  
 Julie Zeng, Associate Prof of International Relations

## Exit Option Deadlines

### Option A: Thesis

<u>Expected Graduation</u>	<u>Asian Studies</u>	<u>SIPA</u>	<u>University Grad School (UGS)*</u>
<b>Spring 2018 Graduation</b>			
M-1 – w/ 2-pg proposal required by Dept	May 19, 2017	May 26, 2017	June 2, 2017
M-2 – 5-page proposal required by UGS	October 20, 2017	October 27, 2017	November 3, 2017
M-3 – Final draft of full Thesis	February 23, 2018	March 2, 2018	March 9, 2018
Last day to hold Thesis defense	March 9, 2018	March 16, 2018	March 30, 2018
Last day to submit Final ETD Approval Form	April 6, 2018	April 13, 2018	April 20, 2018
<b>Summer 2018 Graduation</b>			
M-1 – w/ 2-pg proposal required by Dept	September 15, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 29, 2017
M-2 – 5-page proposal required by UGS	March 9, 2018	March 16, 2018	March 23, 2018
M-3 – Final draft of full Thesis	May 25, 2018	June 1, 2018	June 8, 2018
Last day to hold Thesis defense	June 15, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 29, 2018
Last day to submit Final ETD Approval Form	July 6, 2018	July 13, 2018	July 20, 2018
<b>Fall 2018 Graduation</b>			
M-1 – w/ 2-pg proposal required by Dept	February 2, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 16, 2018
M-2 – 5-page proposal required by UGS	June 15, 2018	June 22, 2018	June 29, 2018
M-3 – Final draft of full Thesis	TBD	TBD	TBD
Last day to hold Thesis defense	TBD	TBD	TBD
Last day to submit Final ETD Approval Form	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Please note that the UGS deadlines are the last possible dates to submit. Therefore, if there are issues with the forms, turning them in last minute may result in delayed graduation.**

\*These are the dates forms are due TO the University Graduate School. Students must also meet departmental and college deadlines. Failure to meet these deadlines could delay graduation. Consult with the College website or your Graduate Program Director for this information. Ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to make sure forms are received by the University Graduate School on time.

All defenses must be held no earlier than the first Friday and no later than the last Friday in a given semester.

For Spring 2018, the earliest date would be 01/12/18;

For Summer 2018, the earliest date would be 05/11/18

FORM M-1 should be submitted by master's students as soon as the thesis committee has been formed.

FORM M-1 should typically be submitted one semester before FORM M-2 but no later than the deadline: TWO semesters before the anticipated graduation term.

FORM M-2 should be submitted by master's students no later than the deadline: ONE semester before the anticipated graduation term.

FORM M-3 must be submitted to the University Graduate School at least 3 weeks before the date of the defense or by the deadline (whichever date is earlier).

**Option B: Non-Thesis Master's Essay**

**Option C: Non-Thesis Research Essay plus Self-Study**

**Expected graduation**

**Spring 2018**

\*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 2018**

\*Selection of Committee

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\*\*5-pg Selection with Bibliography

\*\*\*Draft 1 (30 pages POLISHED)

\*\*\*Draft 2 (40 pages ABSOLUTELY FIRM)

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**Fall 2018**

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Final Q&A

Submit Final Approved Version

**Asian Studies**

December 15, 2017

January 5, 2018

January 26, 2018

March 9, 2018

March 30, 2018

TBA before final week

Same week as Q&A

March 30, 2018

April 20, 2018

May 18, 2018

June 15, 2018

July 6, 2018

TBA before final week

Same week as Q&A

July 27, 2018

August 17, 2018

September 4, 2018

October 19, 2018

November 16, 2018

TBA before final week

Same week as Q&A

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\*\* 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