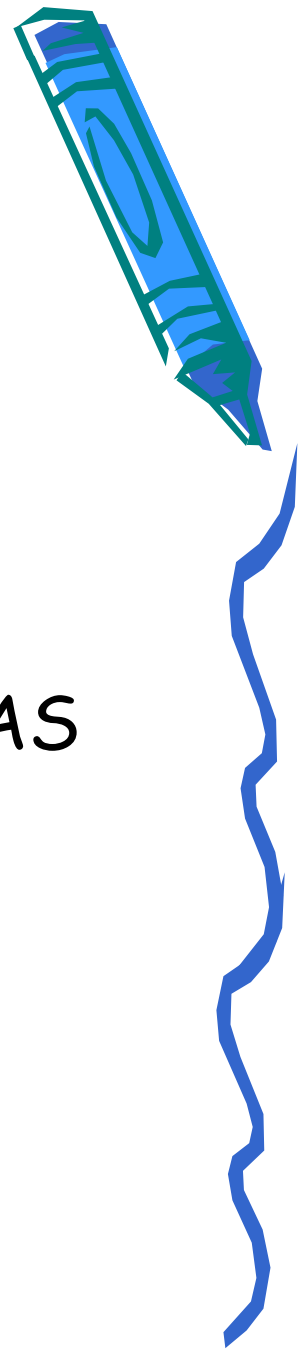


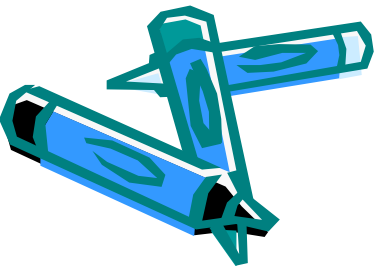
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Master's Degree Students
Orientation



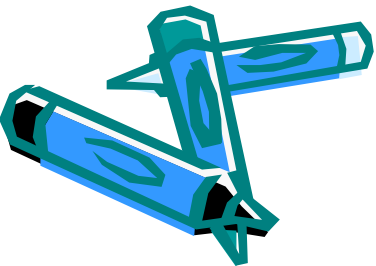


- Welcome to the Department
- Jeffrey A. Vanderziel
 - Department Head
- Today's program:
 - General orientation
 - Master's degree programs in the DEAS
 - Your questions
- But first, I have a couple of questions for all of you

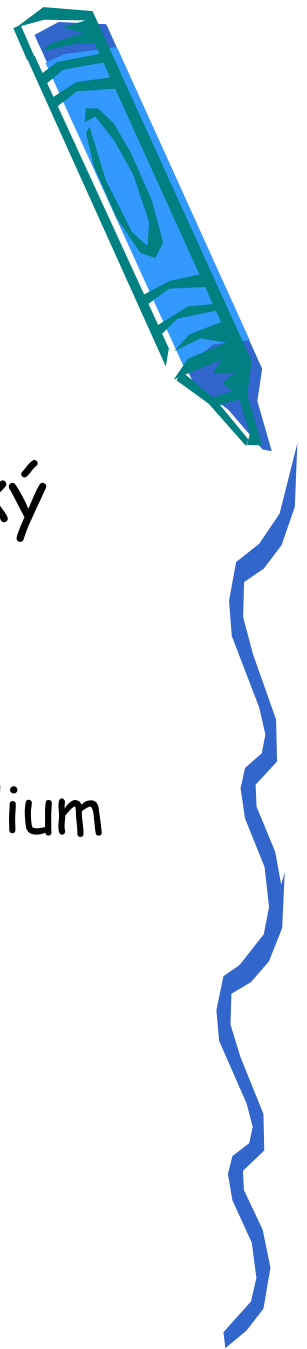


Basic sources of information

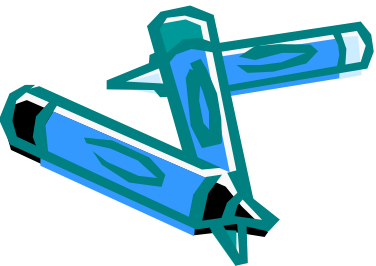
- Studijní a zkušební řád pro studenty bakalářských a magisterských studijních programů
 - http://www.muni.cz/general/legal_standards/study_examination_regulations
- Department of English web site
 - <http://www.phil.muni.cz:8088/wkaa>
- Study Department - Bldg. C, A. Nováka campus



Degree-program requirements

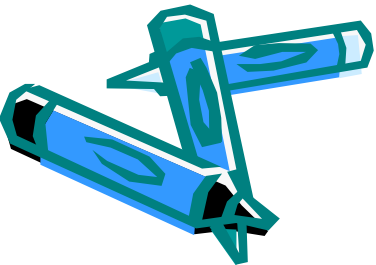
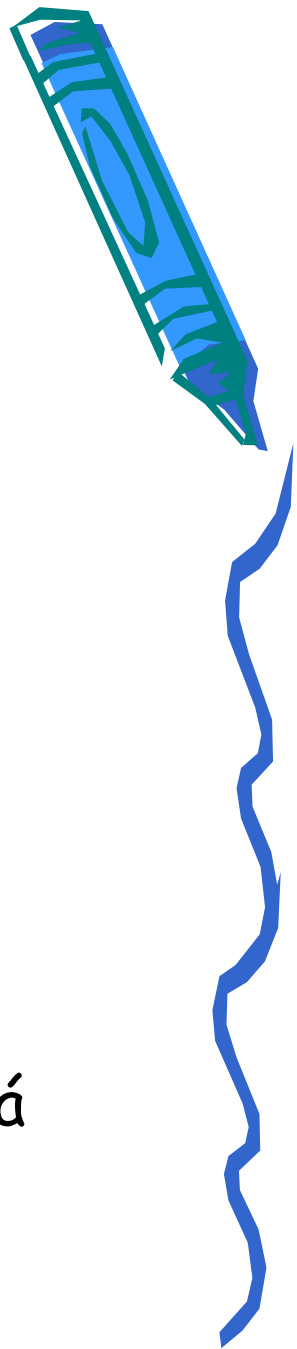


- “Studijní program 2007-2008, Katedra anglistiky a amerikanistiky, obor anglický jazyk a literatura”
- An updated, electron version of this booklet in both Czech and English at:
 - <http://www.phil.muni.cz:8088/wkaa/w-studium>
- Don't forget the:
 - University-wide language requirement:
 - A second foreign language



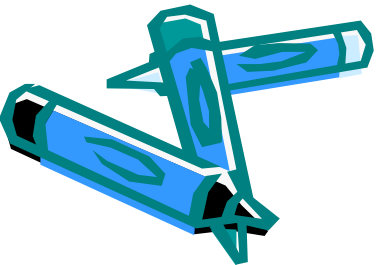
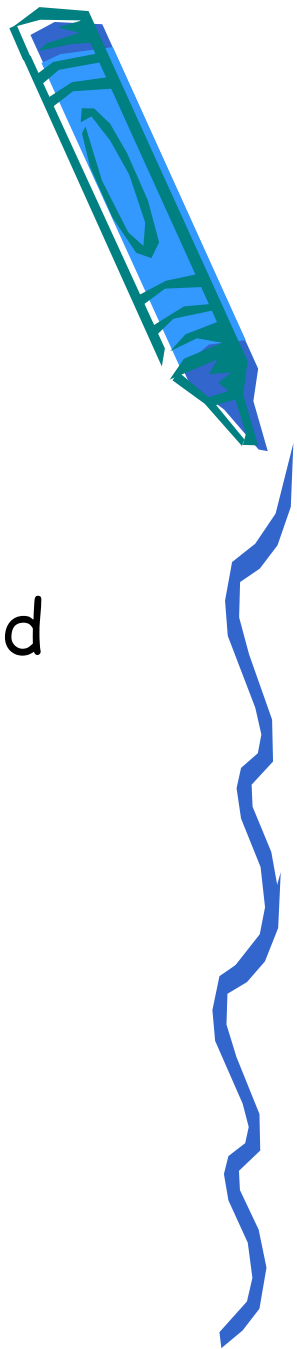
Department Office

- 3rd Floor, Building G
 - Gorkého 7
- Studies Adviser Mr. Tomáš Hanzálek
 - Office Hours:
 - Tuesday, 1300-1430
 - Wednesday, 1000-1130
 - Thursday, 1300-1500
 - *Please respect these hours.*
- Department Secretary Bc. Michaela Sochorová



Self-Access Centre

- 3rd Floor, Building G - Gorkého 7
- Reference Library
- Lending of video and audio cassettes and DVDs
- Copier
- Three computers and a printer and scanner
- Opening hours will be available soon



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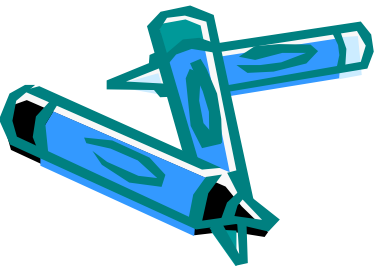
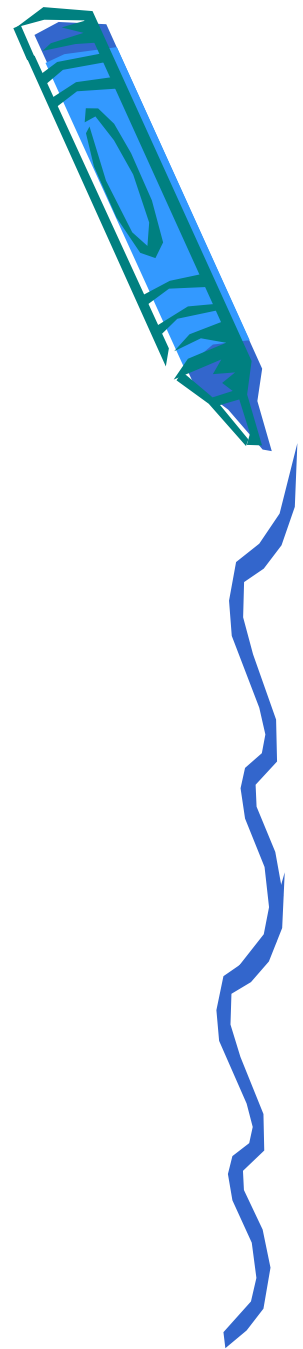


- Are you **RESPONSIBLE** and familiar with **BASIC PC APPLICATIONS**?
- Do you want to **WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT**?
- **DO YOU HAVE TIME DURING THE WEEK**?

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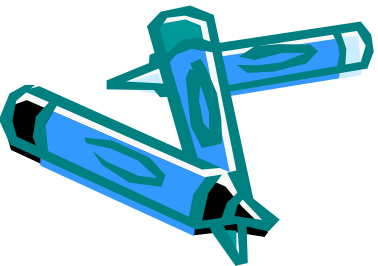
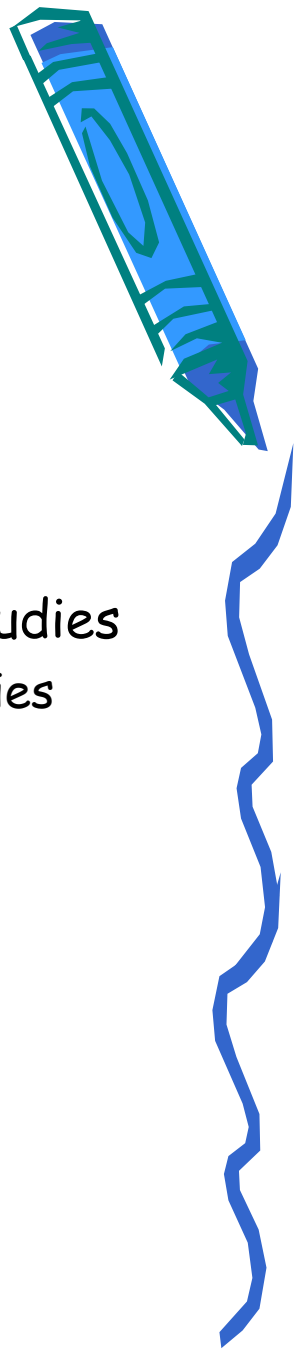
CONTACT THE HEAD LIBRARIAN:

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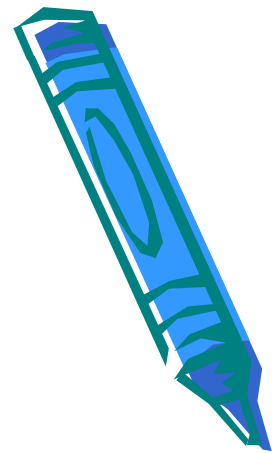


Critical Resources

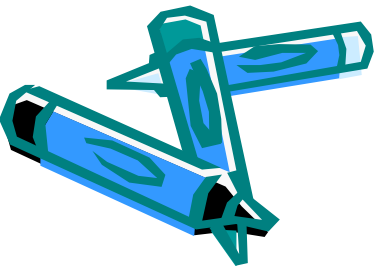
- Information System
 - <http://is.muni.cz>
 - Administrative system for all aspects of your studies
 - Course registration, grades, controlling your studies
- ELF
 - <http://www.phil.muni.cz/elf>
 - E-learning portal of the Faculty of Arts
 - Most courses in the English Department use it



Master's-degree programs

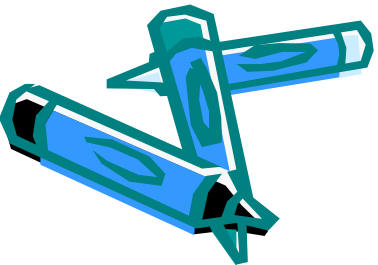
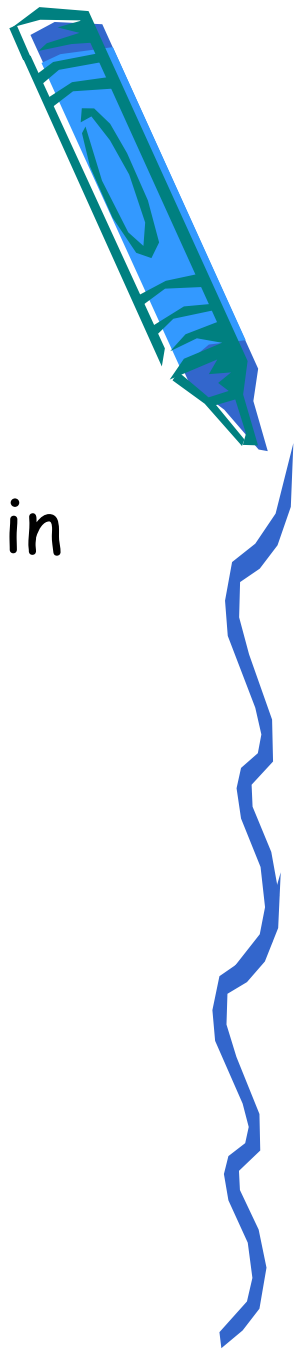


- Two degrees
 - English Language and Literature (non-teaching)
 - Teaching English Language and Literature for Secondary Schools
 - It is possible to do both degrees simultaneously
 - The number of students in the latter degree is restricted
 - However, if you are not in the teaching degree, you may only obtain a teaching qualification after you graduate by completing the Life-long learning program in continuing education offered by the Faculty of Arts



Compulsory Courses

- All students in both degrees must complete the following courses (usually in their first year)
 - Autumn semester
 - Introduction to Literary & Cultural Theory I
 - Historical Development of English
 - Spring semester
 - Introduction to Literary & Cultural Theory II



- Students in the teaching degree program must also complete the following compulsory courses

- 1st year of studies

- Four courses in pedagogy and psychology

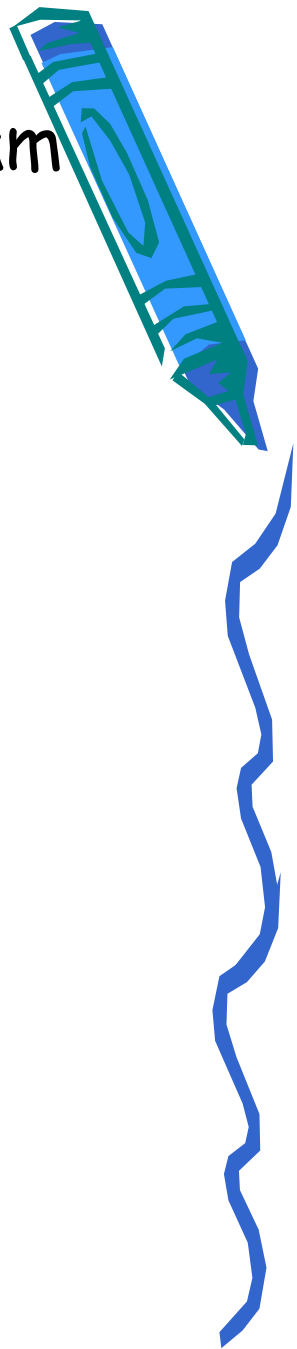
- Spring semester of 1st year

- English Language and Literature Teaching Methodology I

- Fall semester of 2nd or 3rd years

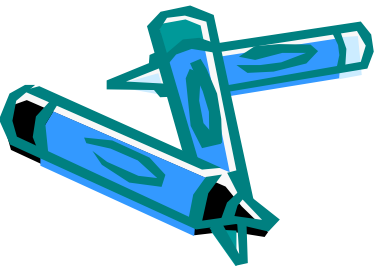
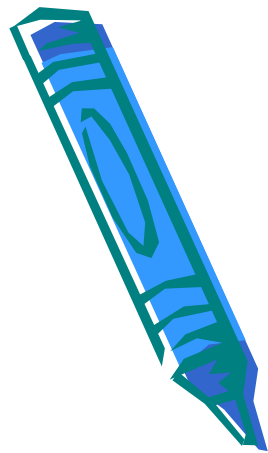
- English Language and Literature Teaching Methodology II
- Teaching Practice

- Only students in the teaching degree program may take these courses

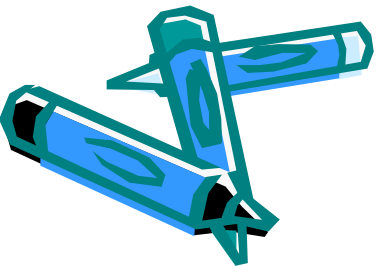
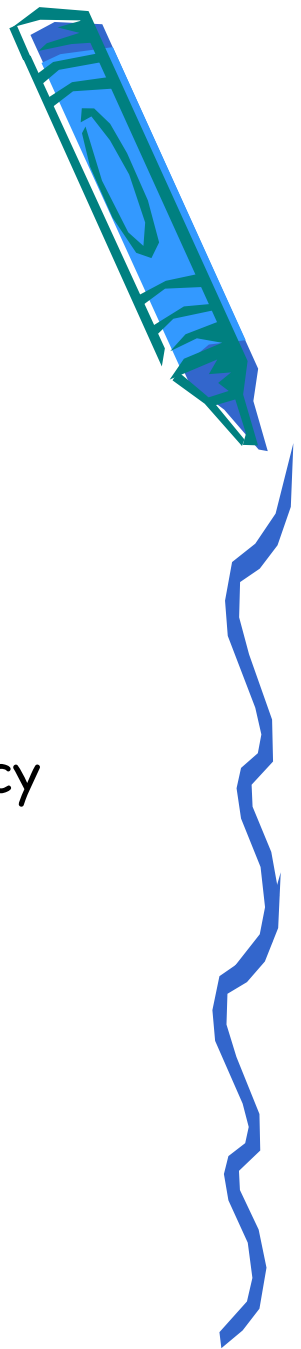


Practical Language exam

- All students must either:
 - Pass the language exam at some point during their studies, or
 - Present a certificate for recognition
- Students in the teaching degree program must pass this exam prior to enrolling in English Language and Literature Teaching Methodology II and Teaching Practice (i.e. before they begin their 3rd semester)

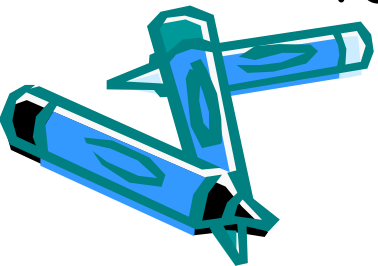
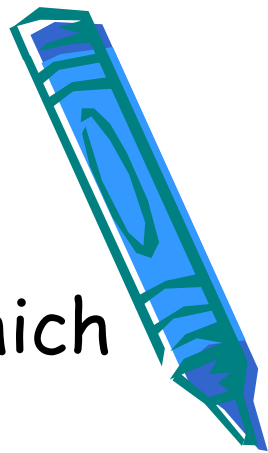


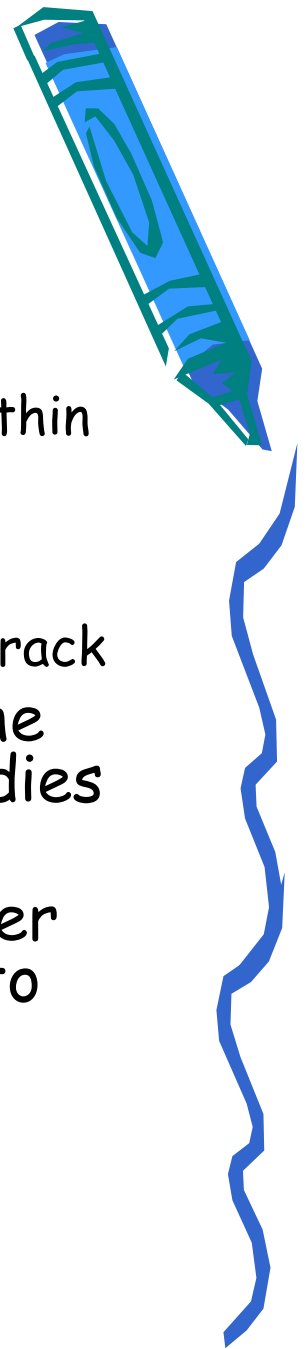
- The following certificates are recognized in lieu of the English Exam
 - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English
 - IELTS (International English Language Testing System) with grade 7 or higher, or
 - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with the score
 - 600 points or more on a paper test, or
 - 250 points or more on a computer test, or
 - 100 points or more on an Internet test (iBT)
- Or if you scored 75 or more points in English proficiency exam as a part of the Bachelor's State Exam at the Department of English and American Studies, FF MU.
- If you have one of these certificates or meet this last requirement, you may petition immediately to have this exam recognized as passed



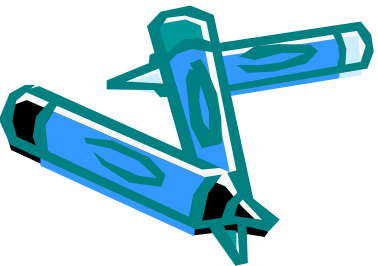
Tracks

- The core of your studies is based on which track you choose
- English Language and Literature has four possible tracks:
 - Literary Studies, Cultural Studies, Linguistics and Translation Studies
- Teaching English Language and Literature for Secondary Schools has five possible tracks:
 - Literary Studies, Cultural Studies, Linguistics, Translation Studies and English Language Teaching Methodology



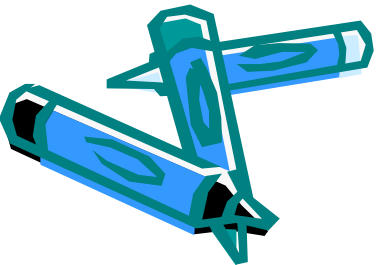


- Each of you must select a track as soon as possible
- This selection will serve as the guide for your studies
 - You must complete a minimum number of courses within your selected track
 - The topic of your Master's Diploma Thesis must correspond to your selected track
 - Your Master's State Exam will be in your selected track
- This selection should be made no later than the beginning of the second semester of your studies (Spring 2008)
- It is possible to change your mind, but the later you do it the more difficult it will be for you to complete your studies on time.



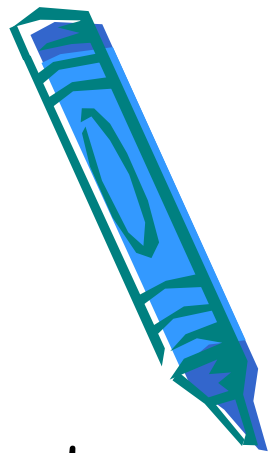
Diploma Thesis Topic

- After selecting your track, you have one more major decision to make:
 - The topic of your Master's Diploma Thesis
 - If you are a double-subject student, you may chose to write a Master's Non-Diploma Thesis in this Department
- This decision should be made as soon as possible but no later than the end of the Spring Semester 2008



What should I write about?

- According to the study regulations, students have the right to choose the topic of their thesis
 - It is to your benefit to choose a topic related to the research specialties in this Department
 - Look at what your teachers teach and what areas of research they are interested in
- Be warned: the number of theses a teacher can supervise is limited and so your first choice may say "No" to you
- In order to select a topic and a supervisor, you must fill out the Diploma Thesis Topic Registration Form



Diploma Thesis Topic Registration Form

1. Student Name: _____
 2. UČO: _____
 3. Matriculation Year: _____ Planned Completion (Semester/Year): _____
 4. Thesis Type: ___ Bachelor's Diploma Thesis ___ Bachelor's Non-diploma Thesis
 ___ Master's Diploma Thesis ___ Master's Non-diploma Thesis
 5. Degree Program: ___ English Language & Literature
 ___ Teaching English Language & Literature in Secondary Schools
 6. Form of study: ___ Full-time
 ___ Combined
 7. Master's Degree Track: ___ Literature ___ Cultural Studies
 ___ Linguistics ___ Translation
 ___ English-language Teaching Methodology
- Notes: Combined Master's students should indicate either Literature or Linguistics only.
The methodology track is **only** available to those students completing their degree in the "Teaching English Language & Literature in Secondary Schools" degree program.

8. Proposed Topic: _____

(continue on reverse if necessary)

9. Proposed Supervisor: _____

10. Student agreement:

I agree to work with the undersigned supervisor on the topic set out in Item 7. I further agree to consult my progress on this thesis on a regular basis with my supervisor and complete all requirements set out in the Diploma Thesis seminar(s). If I should decide to change my thesis topic and/or supervisor, I agree to inform my supervisor and submit a new Diploma Thesis Topic registration form. If a Master's degree student, I further agree to complete the requisite number of compulsory options and sit the Final State Exam in the track indicated.

(Signature)

(Date)

11. Supervisor agreement:

I agree to supervise the diploma thesis of the student identified in Item 1 based on the topic set out in Item 7. The subject of the diploma thesis and the track selected are in agreement.

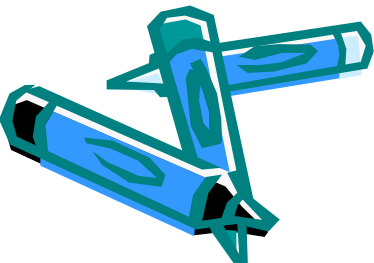
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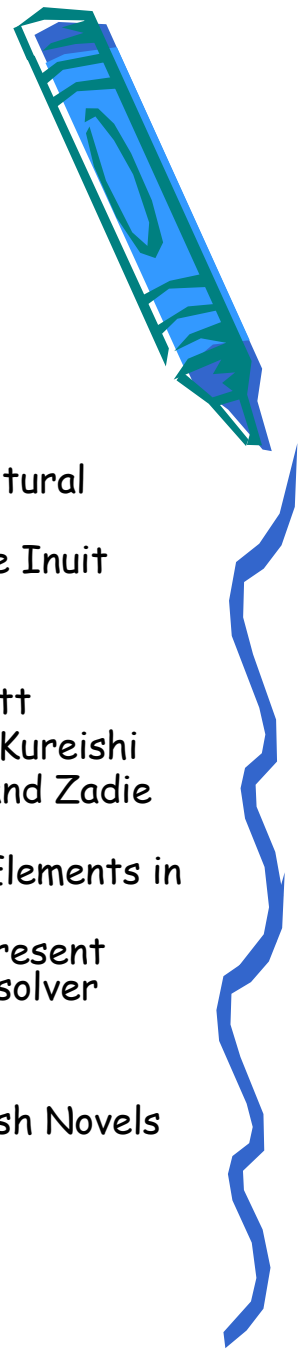
12. Head of Department confirmation:

(Signature)

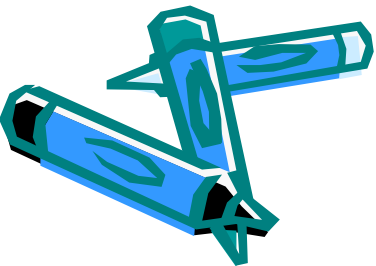
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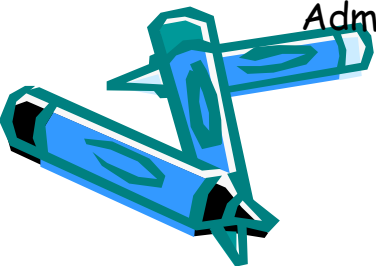
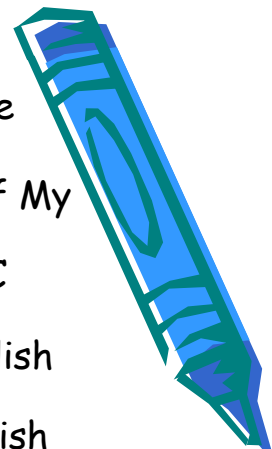
Examples of recent Master's Diploma Thesis topics



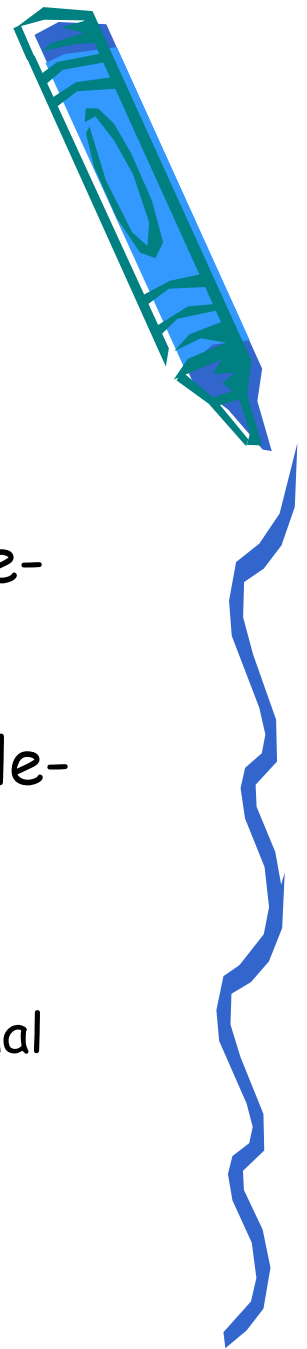
- Cultural Studies
 - The Significance of "No Wave" as a Post-War Popular Music Genre
 - Society in Norman England during the 11th and 12th Centuries
 - Depiction of Colonialism and Slavery in Anglophone Caribbean Literature
 - Food as a Transcultural Metaphor-Food Imagery in Contemporary Multicultural Women Writing in Canada
 - Flying Above the Frozen Horizon: The Religious Ideas and Practices of the Inuit
- Literary Studies
 - Different Kinds of Love in the Novels by British Women Writers
 - British Women in India as Portrayed by R. Kipling, E.M. Forster and P. Scott
 - Postcolonial Novels of London: Cultural Identities in the Writing of Hanif Kureishi
 - The Immigrants' Search for National Identity in Novels by Andrea Levy and Zadie Smith
 - Graciela Limón's Hummingbird and Gloria Anzaldúa's Borderlands: Aztec Elements in Chicana Literature
 - Culture and Nature on Speaking Terms Again: Dynamic Balance and Omnipresent Interconnectedness in the Fiction of N. Scott Momaday and Barbara Kingsolver
 - Fantasy as a Popular Genre in the Work of J.R.R. Tolkien and J.K. Rowling
 - Guilt, Crime and Punishment in Selected Novels by Barbara Vine
 - The Characters of Governesses, Guardians, Chaperons and Nurses in British Novels



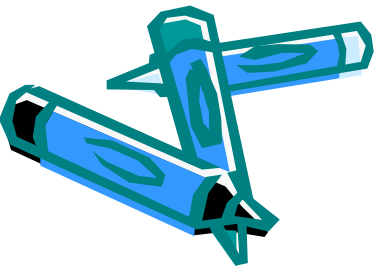
- Linguistics
 - Maintenance of and Resistance to Power Asymmetry in Classroom Discourse
 - On Ergativization of Intransitive Verbs
 - Socio-Pragmatic Analysis of the Film Script Based on Discourse Analysis of *My Fair Lady*
 - Political Interview, A Study of the Genre Based on Textual Analysis of BBC HARDTalk Interviews
 - Norwegian det-constructions and their translation correspondences in English and German: A contrastive corpus based study of dummy subjects
 - On Discourse Markers in the Conversation of Non-Native Speakers of English
- Translation
 - Reporting Verbs in Translation
 - A Bilingual Glossary of Jazz Terminology
 - Czech Mutations of *New Scientist* and *National Geographic*
 - Culture-specifics in Subtitling: A Comparative Study of Films for Adult vs. Young Audiences
 - Translation of Modal Verbs into Czech
 - Passive Voice in Translation: A Corpus-Based Study
 - Beginnings of Translations: Are They Any Different? (a corpus study of literary translations)
- Language Teaching Methodology
 - Methods and Approaches Used in Teaching English Language
 - Variety in teaching English for Lawyers at Masaryk University in Brno, the Czech Republic
 - A closer look at learner autonomy - a qualitative study
 - On Communicative Language Ability, Validity and Different Modes of Administration (The analysis of the second-year Practical English Examination)



How long should my studies take?

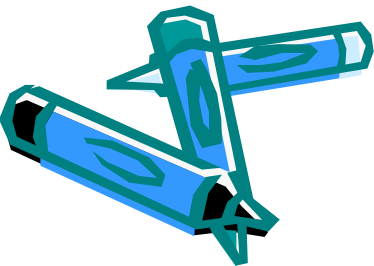
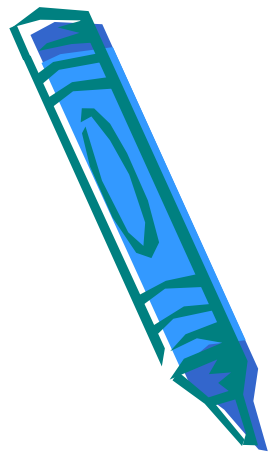


- English Language and Literature
 - Four semesters
- Teaching English Language & Literature (single-subject)
 - Four semesters
- Teaching English Language & Literature (double-subject)
 - Six semesters
- Recommendation:
 - It will take the average student one or two additional semesters



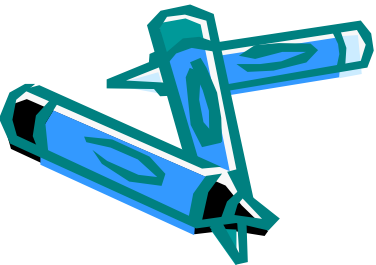
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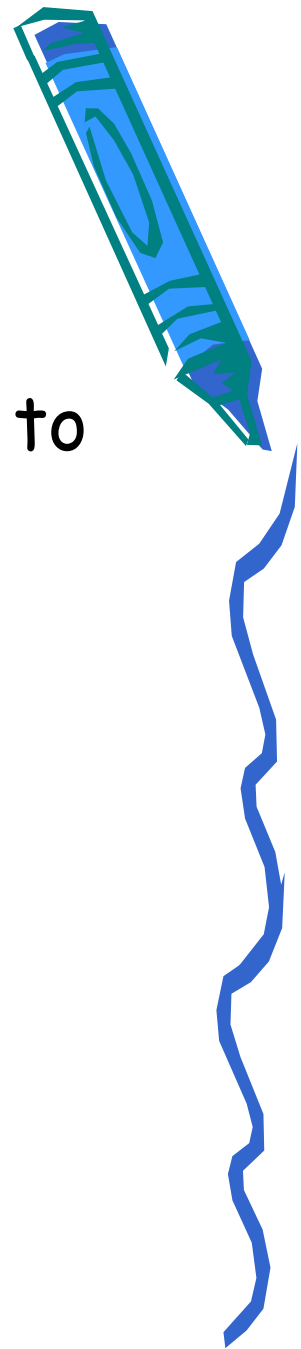
- According to university regulations
 - Minimum of 15 credits per semester
 - This applies to all credits accumulated in all degree programs you may be studying
 - Norm is 30
- Single-subject students
 - Start accumulating credits outside the Department ("C" credits) as soon as possible
- Make sure you take into account the possibility that you might fail a course



Registering for courses

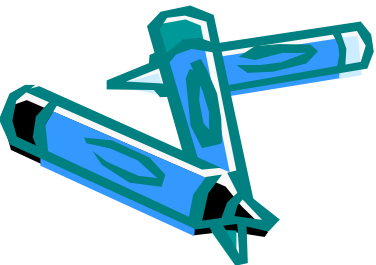
- If you are studying in both degree programs:
 - Register for each course in only one of the programs
 - At the end of each semester/academic year, petition to have the credits you have received recognized in your other degree program
 - Teaching courses should be registered to that program
 - Courses in the Pedagogy and Psychology departments
 - Didactics (UZAJxxxx) in this Department





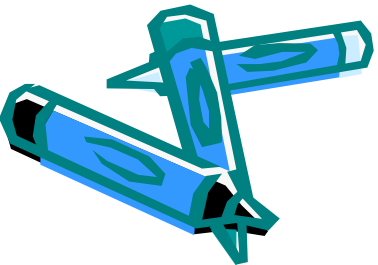
Extracurricular activities

- Your university experience isn't limited to the classroom
- Three student organizations in the Department
 - Gypsywood Players
 - English Students Club (ESCAPE)
 - <http://www.phil.muni.cz/angl/club/>
 - Bohemian-Moravian William Shakespeare Students' Society
 - <http://www.cmssws.cz/>



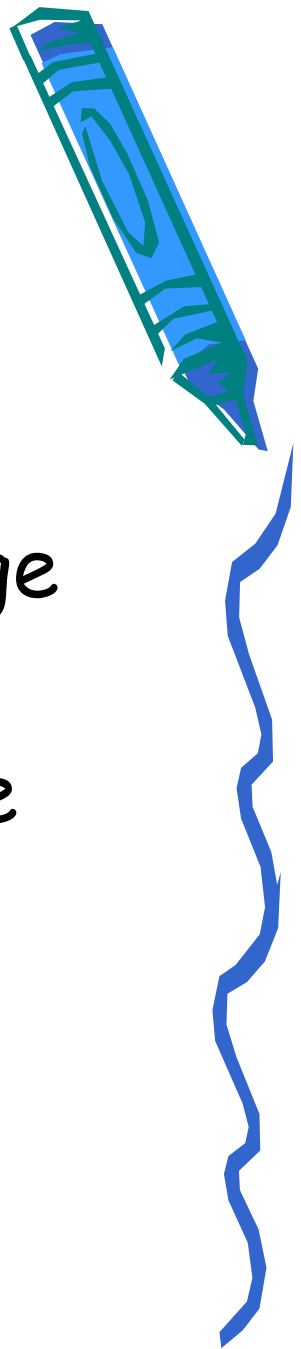
Your future

- Continuing towards a doctoral degree
 - There are currently two possibilities:
 - A doctoral degree in English Language (linguistics)
 - A doctoral degree in Comparative Literature (offered in cooperation with other philology departments at the Faculty of Arts)
- Out into the cruel, hard "real world"



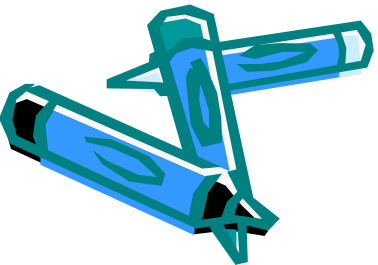
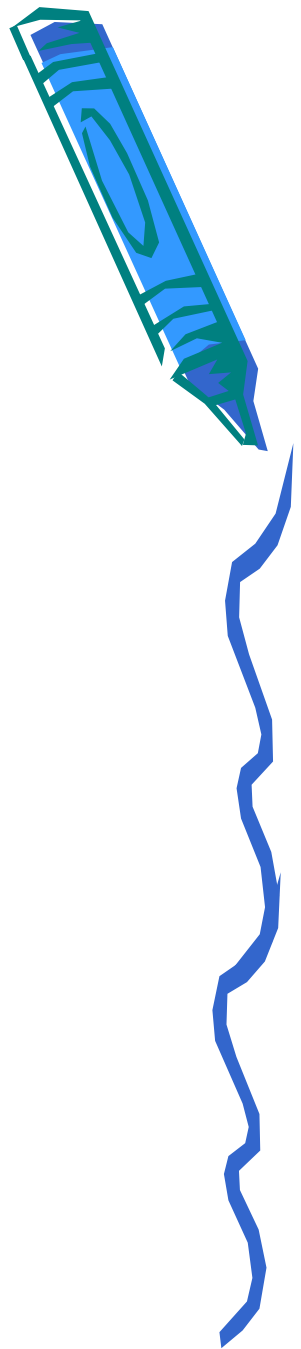
Staying informed

- Read your email regularly
- Check out the department web page
Check the IS on a regular basis
- Look at the bulletin boards outside
the department office

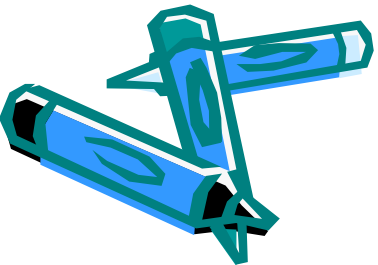


Mobile Phones

- Must be turned off whenever in a classroom
- Have respect for your fellow students and teachers



Any questions?



GOOD LUCK!!

