

**“M.A. (Master of Arts) Thesis”** (Version: 17 February 2010)

**Contents and objectives:** In completing the M.A. thesis, the candidate demonstrates her/his ability to work on a circumscribed topic, in accordance with academic standards, and to present his/her results in an appropriate form. With the viva voce examination (disputatio) the candidate demonstrates her/his ability to orally present and defend her/his own research findings.

This module runs in the fourth semester.

**On completion of this module, participants will have:**

- ✓ consolidated advanced research skills
- ✓ consolidated the ability to process and organise substantial quantities of complex information
- ✓ gained experience in undertaking academic research
- ✓ gained experience in presenting research findings orally and in writing

4th semester of the Master course

**Status:**  
compulsory

**Entry requirements:**  
40 LP (credit points)

**Offered:**  
annually (winter semester)

**Alternative course choices within the module:**  
none

**Module coordinator:**  
Prof. Dr. Mark Stein

**Weighting of module grade in calculation of final grade:** 25%

Course type	Participation	SWS <i>(class hours per teaching week)</i>	LP <i>(credit points)</i>	Semester	Assignments	Of which relevant for grade	Entry requirements
M.A. thesis		0	20	4		(20/27)	
Disputatio		0	7	4		(7/27)	
The module grade is the average value of the grades obtained for the M.A. thesis (20/27) and the disputatio (7/27).							
<b>Total</b>			<b>27</b>				