

Thesis defense and Final State exam

Thesis defense and Final State exam are elements that are specific to Euroculture in Olomouc. It is the final step for each student to graduate.

General Information

Thesis defense and Final State exam are aspects of Euroculture programme that are specific to Euroculture Olomouc. These two exams are mandatory at all Czech universities and are given by Czech national university law.

Each is a separate exam when student is given separate grade - Thesis defense and Final State exam. Both parts will take place at the same day, following each other - first Thesis Defense, followed by Final State exam.



Thesis Defense

Thesis defense is an oral defence of the MA Thesis of the student. The student first introduces the thesis and presents his/her findings to a committee which usually comprises of the members of the department, supervisor, and other specialists on the topic.

After the presentation of the student (roughly 10 min.), the evaluations of the supervisors (first and second supervisor) are presented and questions asked. The student answers the comments of the supervisors and the discussion follows.

Final State exam

Final State exam is an exam which all the students must pass in order to be able to get the diploma. The student is assigned a topic on which s/he has to present orally for 15 minutes (no notes are allowed, but a PowerPoint presentation is). Studenta will be asked to refer to the literature and the general discourse of the discipline.

After the presentation of the student the discussion follows. The members of the committee, which again comprises of the members of the faculty, afterwards open the discussion on the topic and the presentation of the student.

The exam tests the student's ability to address certain problems in general. The conception and the viewpoint of the presentation might be wider or narrower, but definitely clear.

The topic of the exam will be selected by the committee and the student will know the topic ten days before the date of the state exam. The topic will be carefully selected and related in general to the thesis topic of the particular student.