

Information on the doctoral degree programme *English Philology*

Form of entrance examination: Oral interview

Content of the entrance examination: The entrance examination interview takes the form of a discussion of the applicant's dissertation research proposal (project), which the applicant must submit as an appendix to the application. In justifiable cases and following approval by the degree programme coordinator, this discussion may take place online. In this proposal, the applicant must define the topic and goals of the proposed dissertation and demonstrate an adequate theoretical and methodological grounding for studying in a doctoral degree programme as well as displaying a good knowledge of relevant secondary literature for the proposed topic. The applicant must also describe how the proposed research will make a unique contribution to the development of knowledge within the field, as well as outlining the structure of the dissertation. The research proposal should include a bibliography listing sources that the applicant has studied and that are of relevance to the topic of the proposed research.

During the entrance examination interview, the applicant's aptitude for scholarly work, knowledge of the discipline, knowledge of the relevant literature and capacity for independent scholarly thought are verified and evaluated.

Criteria for the evaluation of the entrance examination: The entrance examination is evaluated on a points-based principle. The maximum possible points score is 100. The minimum score for admission is 60 points.

Possible grounds for exemption from the entrance examination: No exemptions are granted.

Recommended literature:

Literary focus:

Carter, Ronald and John McRae. *The Penguin guide to literature in English: Britain and Ireland*. London: Penguin Books, 2016.

Penguin English guides.

Klages, Mary. *Literary theory: the complete guide*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, an imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing, 2017.

Poplawski, Paul, Valerie Allen, Andrew Hiscock, Lee Morrissey, Peter J Kitson, Maria H Frawley and John Brannigan. *English literature in context*. Second edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Ruland, Richard and Malcolm Bradbury. *From Puritanism to Postmodernism: A History of American Literature*. New York: Penguin Books, 1992.

Linguistic focus:

Mair, Christian. *English Linguistics*. Tübingen: Narr Francke Attempto Verlag, 2015.

Svoboda, A. Hrehovčík, T. *An ABC of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics*. Opava: Slezská univerzita, 2006.

Štekauer, P. (ed.). *Rudiments of English Linguistics*. Prešov: Slovacontact, 2000.

Štekauer, P., Kavka, S. (eds.). *Rudiments of English Linguistics II*. Prešov: Prešovská univerzita, 2003.

Timofeeva, Olga et al. *New Approaches to English Linguistics*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 2016.

Further information:

- Deadline for applications: Applications for the academic year 2021/2022 may be submitted **up to 15 May 2021**.
- The applicant must submit the research proposal by the deadline for the e-application, i.e. it must be received no later than 15 May 2021.
- The date of the entrance examination will be set by the degree programme coordinator.
- The decision on admission/non-admission will be issued to the applicant within one month from the entrance examination and the submission of the confirmation of previous education with recognition in the Czech Republic.

Information on the required documents and their structure

The research proposal should include information on the following:

1. Research questions
2. The research context
3. Research methods
4. Research schedule/timeline
5. Publication and dissemination

Other documents:

1. The applicant's academic CV, including a list of publications,
2. A letter of motivation,
3. A letter of recommendation from a university teacher or researcher,
4. Any language certificates awarded to the applicant.