

## Romance Languages – MA Comprehensive Exams Agreement

1. You have four (4) hours to complete each exam using your own computer at your own home. You will choose one question per period in Exam 1, and therefore respond to four questions (each one representing a period or a field such as Linguistics or Cinema). On another day, you will complete Exam 2, which is a close reading of a text (you must choose one of two options) and you should inform that close reading by analyzing it in connection with its historical, literary, cultural context.
2. For your response to each exam, you should write a minimum of 8 pages and a maximum of 12 pages double space within the 4 hours time frame.
3. Unlike an MA exam written on campus and far from sources, you are not quoting/paraphrasing from memory, you can have access to only primary sources, and you are expected to cite correctly. We suggest that you should not waste too much of your allotted time flipping through your sources in search of quotations rather than developing your argument. The Honor system means that you cannot cut and paste an essay you have written before or plagiarize or consult any secondary sources such as peer-reviewed articles.
4. At least one exam must be answered in your major language. The language of the other exam can be the major language or English; choice of language for each exam is to be determined in consultation with your committee chair.
5. You will ensure well ahead of time that your committee has the final copy of your exam reading list. This is your responsibility. Last minute exceptions/question changes will not be allowed, and exams will not be re-scheduled due to the student's oversight of this responsibility.
6. When you are done, email a copy of your exam to Brita Ellis and then delete the copy from your computer and email. It is very important that you realize you must answer the questions within your time frame. For example, you will get your question from Brita Ellis at 8am on Monday week 7 and you must return your exam response 4 hours later, at 12pm sharp.
7. Plagiarizing/use of reference materials/books/notes is strictly prohibited.

**Please sign below to indicate that you fully understand the FAQ covered in the MA Exams FAQ sheet and the instructions listed above and that you will comply:**

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**Signature**

**Date**

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**Printed Name**

**MA Exam Schedule:**

Dates and times for your examination:

Pick two (2) days between Monday and Friday of Week 7 in Spring Term.

Pick two (2) four-hour time slots of 8:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-5:00pm.