

# Writing your ResMA Thesis in 5 steps

## Year I, Semester 1

### CRITICAL AREA STUDIES

Choose a topic you want to work on and use this course to think about the conceptual framework you want to use for your research. Read up on the relevant theory, consider how it might feature in your work and how to position your work in the field. Think about the source materials you want to use, their availability and accessibility.

## Year I, Semester 2, block 3

### METHODOLOGIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES OR RESEARCH SCHOOL COURSE(S)

Use this course to determine the methodological approaches of your research. Make a start writing the methodological part of your research proposal.

Apply for a research and thesis supervisor.

Deadline 15 March.

## Year I, Semester 2, block 4

### RESEARCH PREPARATION

At the end of this short course, you need to have finished your research proposal.

Deadline for submission to the Board of Examiners:

1 July (if you want time to rewrite, if necessary: 1 June)

## Year II, Semester 3

### RESEARCH PROJECT

During this semester, you will do the actual research. You report to your research supervisor: (short) reports once every three weeks during the research period and a final research report by the end of the semester.

Deadline 31 January.

## Year II, Semester 4

### RESEARCH MA THESIS AND THESIS SEMINAR

During this semester, you will write your thesis using the original sources you collected during your research.

In the thesis seminar you will present your work, discuss the challenges and how you are dealing with them with the convener of the seminar and your fellow students.

Deadline final version: 15 June.