Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main

Department 03: Institute for Political Science

Prof. Dr. Geißel

Information on Oral Final Exams in BA/MA Degrees

The oral exam consists of a discussion of your B.A. or M.A. thesis. The exam normally

takes 30 min. Please prepare a 5-7 minute presentation about your B.A. or M.A. thesis

that includes these three elements:

- Firstly, you summarize your thesis research question as well as the main results.

Sketch out your research design and your theoretical approach.

- Second, take position to critique made by the assessment of your thesis, and

propose possible solutions.

- Thirdly, name two to three theses that can be discussed during the oral exam.

These can be theses from the conclusion of your thesis, or following ideas that

match the theme of your thesis.

Generally, the oral exam will take place in my office. A second scholar will also be

present and protocol the exam. After the exam, we will announce and justify your grade.