



## Maturity test

After you have submitted your thesis, you are required to take a maturity test before the thesis can be assessed. The maturity test is a written examination and it is taken as agreed between a student and a professor. Registration is at least 10 days beforehand. Registration is not possible before the thesis has been handed in. The maturity test questions are given by the main examiner of the thesis.

The maturity test requires an essay-type answer. Three alternative questions (which are used as the title of the essay) are given on the general theme of your thesis – you choose one of them. When writing the answer it should be kept in mind that the reader is a person familiar with the scientific discipline in general but not necessarily the specific subject of the thesis work. The maturity test answer must be an independent 3 entity which can be understood without any previous knowledge of the actual thesis.

The maturity test is examined by the examiner(s) of the thesis. You should pay special attention to the language as the maturity test is also examined by an English language examiner. The students in the programme with Finnish/Swedish as the language of their elementary school education will write the test in Finnish/Swedish, and it will be examined by a Finnish/Swedish language examiner.

The maturity test must meet the following minimum requirements (adapted from the instructions given by the maturity test examiners from the University Language Center).

1. Select one of the given topics. Write an essay with clear handwriting approximately length of four pages. Remember the title.
2. Writing is not a memory test. The command of both the entity and the language is evaluated.
3. The content must follow the title. Writing should be well structured and form a coherent whole. Division of chapters must be indicated clearly.
4. Do not use very long and complex sentences.
5. Stylistically the maturity test should be written according to the standards of academic writing. Avoid too abstract language, moderate use of theoretical terms is recommended.