**KAN/SZ – Comprehensive exam in English studies**

During the exam, students will:

* Show understanding how culture shapes the use of language
* Discuss and reflect on English cultures across the world
* Identify transnational issues in texts of various types
* Explain how these issues connect with their teaching philosophy

**Prior to the exam**

Students receive a text by email three days before the scheduled exam date. During the exam, they must complete the following two tasks:

***Task 1***

Discuss the literary text in relation to some of the broader issues and concepts you learnt about during your studies, and also compare and contrast it with particular texts covered in the literature and culture MA courses.

***Task 2***

Describe in your own words the current status of English in relation to your teaching philosophy. Connect this with the courses you took at KAN during your studies, your own conceptions of your role as an English-language teacher, and with the situation of teaching English in the Czech Republic.

**Exam process**

Exam materials: Selected text, student’s notes

Exam length: 15-30 minutes

Exam format: Oral dialogue with the members of the committee

Grading criteria:

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| Criteria | Description | Evaluation |
| Argument | Demonstrates an ability to analyze complex cultural phenomena using novel approaches and presents a clear, persuasive and original argument based on the analysis. | Outstanding  Very good  Acceptable  Somewhat deficient  Very deficient |
| Supporting details, examples | Presents evidence that is accurate and relevant to the argument, and in sufficient amounts. | Outstanding  Very good  Acceptable  Somewhat deficient  Very deficient |
| Application of broader concepts | Displays an understanding of broader theoretical concepts, and connects these persuasively to the specific question | Outstanding  Very good  Acceptable  Somewhat deficient  Very deficient |
| Response to questions from examiners | Responds critically and quickly to comments and questions from examiners, integrating their questions and observations into own argument | Outstanding  Very good  Acceptable  Somewhat deficient  Very deficient |
| Fluidity | Communicates clearly and professionally in standard English without errors of grammar or register. Speaks in a way that indicates ease with the material and organized thought. | Outstanding  Very good  Acceptable  Somewhat deficient  Very deficient |