

MA Intercultural Anglophone Studies (MAIAS)

Some information on
the “letter describing two research topics that you would like to pursue within the program”

Content of the written presentation

Please describe **two research topics** that you would like to pursue within the MAIAS program. For **each topic**, please write **between 500 and 800 words** (without works cited).

The text should demonstrate your capability to develop ideas for specific research topics, which could be pursued in the course of the MAIAS program. It should reflect your awareness of what the MAIAS program at UBT can offer you in the major area you will focus on, i.e. in the major area “literature” or the major area “linguistics.”

Some further information on contents and form

- The letter must be your own writing; any case of plagiarism will cause rejection of the application.
- For each research topic, begin by specifying the primary texts/materials you wish to study. You should refer to specific literary authors and works (or movies), or specific phenomena of language study. The topics should not relate to each other or overlap.
- For each topic, you should formulate specific research questions. Please indicate why you think these questions are significant for a better understanding of the texts, why the questions appear important to you, and/or how they might be relevant to the field of literary/cultural studies or linguistics.
- You should show awareness of suitable methods for pursuing the topics.
- You should refer to secondary sources in order to show your awareness of existing scholarship for each topic. Any references must be documented in a short bibliography (MLA style for the major area “literature”).
- The mere outline of a research field is NOT a research topic.