

SPL 12 – Word limits for research papers

Following a process of discussion in all sections of our department, as of March 2017, our official word limits for research papers (number of words of the main text, excluding references, bibliography and appendices) are:

Type of paper	Linguistics	Literary & Cultural Studies
Diploma or Master thesis	25.000 - 30.000	28.000 - 33.000
Bachelor paper (BA)	8.000 - 9.000	8.000 - 10.000
Bachelor paper (BEd)	6.500 - 7.000	6.500 - 7.000
Seminar paper (MA, Diplom-LA)	6.500 - 7.000	6.500 - 8.000
Proseminar paper (except PS Linguistics 1)	3.150 - 3.850	3.150 - 3.850
Proseminar paper (PS Linguistics 1)	2.250 - 2.750	–