



Transition to Stage A – Guidelines

Credit Points:

1. Completion of the courses in **all Mandatory Topics** (minimum grade of 80 in each topic), at least **30** credit points (up to 2 credit points for active participation) and the **M.Sc. seminar**.
2. Print your official grades transcript and mark the courses you wish to **exclude** from your M.Sc., while keeping a maximum average grade.
3. Please make sure you include at least three Mandatory Topics out of four and the M.Sc. Seminar.
4. Please send this list to study@elsc.huji.ac.il.

Qualification Exam:

Requirements for a preliminary research proposal (Stage A):

1. The preliminary research proposal should describe the questions that the student plans to address in the proposed research. It **must** contain the following sections:
 - 1) A Title in Hebrew and in English.
 - 2) A short abstract.
 - 3) An introduction or background section, describing very shortly the state of the art in the research subject.
 - 4) A section describing the research question/s or goal/s of the research, specifically detailing how this goal goes beyond current knowledge.
 - 5) A very preliminary results section that should demonstrate that the student is on the way to master the required techniques for addressing the research questions.
2. The expected length of the research proposal is 3 pages (including everything), and in any case it must not exceed the length restrictions of the full (Stage B) research proposal, namely 13 pages, excluding bibliography, tables charts and images.
3. Both the student and the advisor should sign the proposal.

Please submit your research proposal to Yonatan Loewenstein and Nili Vershov. Once the research proposal will be confirmed, the Qualification Exam will be scheduled with committee members: Yonatan Loewenstein, Shaul Hochstein and Yifat Prut.

The Qualification Exam will include the following parts:

1. A presentation of 30 minutes of your research proposal.
Please show-up with 1 printed copy of your research proposal.
2. A week prior to your Qualification Exam, you will receive from each one of the committee member a question, which you will reply to during the Qualification Exam (20 minutes total).
3. The committee will forward its decision to The Authority for Research Students.



The Authority for Research Students:

1. Please register at [The Authority for Research Students](#), few days prior to the Exemption Exam.
For English version, please click [here](#) and contact:
research_students@savion.huji.ac.il.

2. The Authority for Research Students will send an official letter confirming the student's status as a doctoral student after passing the Qualification Exam.

*** If you are holding a TA position, make sure Human Resources will receive the confirmation letter.