Genres of Writing

In preparation of their academic careers, students will need to develop expertise in a number of different genres of writing. These include, e.g., longer research papers; interpretive essays; conference papers; response papers or reading diary; short book reviews; review essays; *Forschungsberichte*; take-home exams. In order to ensure that students have a chance to gain some practice in these different formats and have time to complete assignments in a timely fashion, students will be required to write a total of three research papers during their course work (one during the M.A. year; two during the two post-M.A. years). A research paper (20-25 pages) should include a reasonably comprehensive survey of the relevant literature on the chosen topic. Students will inform the instructor of the seminar no later than 5th week if they plan to write their research paper in that seminar. The deadline for submission of the research paper is 4 weeks after the end of the quarter in which the seminar is conducted. If students wish to write additional research papers under the same conditions, this is, of course, permitted and welcome; such papers might well become the basis of later publications or dissertation chapters. Students should also inform the Director of Graduate Studies about the classes for which they intend to write research papers. All choices of genre must be approved by the instructor of the seminar.