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## Application and Admission

- MA English Studies is a consecutive Master programme that can be studied after you have successfully completed your undergraduate degree (BA or equivalent).
- The programme is open to students with joint-honours degrees that include English and/or American Studies as one subject.\*
- We also welcome applications from graduates of other BA programmes in the fields of Language, Literature, or Culture whose first degree covered at least 60 ECTS in these fields and included a focus on English and/or American Studies (subject-related degrees).\*
- The minimum requirement for all applicants is a final degree grade of 2.5 or better. (In exceptional cases, students with a final grade between 2.51 and 3.30 may be admitted on the basis of an interview.)

(\*If you hold a single-honours degree or a 'subject-related degree', you need to provide additional documentation. Please see our website for further details.)

## Language Requirements

- The MA English Studies can be studied entirely in English.
- Applicants must provide proof that their English language proficiency meets level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or its equivalent.
- While knowledge of German is not a prerequisite for admission or enrollment, students must provide proof for level A1 (very basic) by the end of the first year of their studies at FAU.

## Contact and Further Information

The programme starts each winter term. For more information on the programme, deadlines, contact details, guidance on how to apply via the online application platform, as well as answers to frequently asked questions please visit our website:

[www.anglistik.phil.fau.de/master](http://www.anglistik.phil.fau.de/master)

# Master of Arts English Studies



Cultural Studies  
and  
Literary Studies

Linguistics  
and  
Applied Linguistics



## MA English Studies

MA English Studies is a degree programme in English linguistics, literary studies and cultural studies with a strong research orientation. The programme

- is a consecutive two-year full-time course with a total of 120 ECTS points (60 ECTS points per academic year);
- can also be studied as a four-year part-time course with 30 ECTS per year;
- offers an in-depth study of the English language, the literatures and cultures of Great Britain and Ireland as well as other English speaking countries;
- encourages students to choose modules from a range of related subjects (including North American Studies, Book Studies, Romance languages and others);
- offers a number of places for studying abroad at other European universities;
- is fully modularised and can be studied entirely in English.

## Degrees and Specialisation

Students may choose to specialise in specific fields and obtain one of the following degrees:

- MA English Studies: Culture and Literature
- MA English Studies: Linguistics and Applied Linguistics
- MA English Studies (with no specialisation)
- All three options include advanced language classes to further develop students' English language and academic skills.

## MA English Studies: Culture and Literature

A focus on Culture and Literature covers some of the most prominent approaches in the history of the humanities, from the history of ideas to semiotics and discourse analysis.

- Cultural Studies includes cultural history, popular culture, and processes of cultural and medial translation; a specific emphasis is placed on the intersection of culture with economics and politics.
- Literary Studies covers a wide range of English literatures from the Renaissance to the present, closely examining literary texts as well as their relations to other discourses such as philosophy and religion.
- Interdisciplinary options and work experience: A Wild Card module provides the opportunity to do an internship in order to get work experience in a related area (optional) or take courses from related fields of study.

## MA English Studies: Linguistics and Applied Linguistics

This specialisation focuses on the description and analysis of the English language in the light of current linguistic theories. It covers the following topics:

- the idiomatic element of language: construction grammar, valency theory, research on collocation and idiomaticity
- foreign language teaching: lexicography, grammar, contrastive linguistics, speech perception and production, literacy development, bilingualism and bilingual education
- first and second language acquisition and research on learner language
- corpus linguistics
- the English language: history and variation

## MA English Studies (no Specialisation)

Students may also choose to study a combination of the two major fields outlined above, dedicating an equal amount of their studies to both.

## Participants will obtain ...

- the ability to reflect critically on linguistic, cultural and literary phenomena in the light of current theories
- media, intercultural and language competence
- soft skills (such as presentation skills, problem-solving strategies and the ability to carry out self-directed research) in student conferences, workshops and academic networks

## Career Options

Graduates will have a wide range of career options in fields such as

- journalism
- public relations
- cultural management
- publishing
- marketing
- higher education
- academic career/  
PhD programmes

