

§1 General Regulations

The latest version of the General Regulations for Masters Degrees in the Faculty of Modern Languages (“Prüfungsordnung Allgemeiner Teil”) applies.

§2 Course Contents

The MA in English Studies (Linguistics) is a graduate degree; a BA in English Studies or English Linguistics is a prerequisite for enrolment. The MA has an emphasis on practical research and covers the entire breadth of historical and modern linguistics. At the same time, it provides opportunities for more in-depth study of fields of the student’s own choice. There is a strong emphasis on research throughout.

The MA in English Studies (Literature) is a graduate degree; a BA in English Studies or English Literature is a prerequisite for enrolment. The MA has an emphasis on practical research and covers the entire breadth of English literary studies, including cultural studies and comparative literature. At the same time, it provides opportunities for more in-depth study of fields of the student’s own choice. There is a strong emphasis on research throughout.

Students can also enrol in an English Studies Minor. The Linguistics minor follows on from a BA in English Studies or English Linguistics, which is a prerequisite for enrolment. It provides advanced scrutiny of selected topics and approaches in historical and modern linguistics, and complements a wide variety of major subjects.

The Literature minor follows on from a BA in English Studies or English Literature, which is a prerequisite for enrolment. It provides advanced scrutiny of selected topics and approaches in English literary and cultural studies, and complements a wide variety of major subjects.

§3 Course structure and subject combinations

(1) The English Studies MA is structured in accordance with § 3 (3) 2 of the General Regulations for Master Subjects in the Faculty of Modern Languages (“Prüfungsordnung Allgemeiner Teil”). The modules and courses to be completed are listed in Appendix 1.

(2) Any existing minor subject can be chosen in combination with the English Studies major, provided the admission requirements for the minor are met. The major in English Studies (Linguistics) can be combined with the minor in English Studies (Literature), and vice versa.

§ 4 Admission Requirements for the Thesis

Candidates must accumulate at least 54 credit points from the courses and modules listed in appendix 1 (in accordance with §13 (2) of the General Regulations for Masters Degrees in the Faculty of Modern Languages (“Prüfungsordnung Allgemeiner Teil”)) in order to qualify to write the thesis.

§ 5 Examination

The MA examination consists of the completed courses (see Appendix 1), the thesis, and a final oral examination.

§ 6 Thesis

The thesis is written in either English or German. A summary of the thesis in German must be included if the thesis is written in English; if the thesis is written in German, an English summary must be included.

Appendix 1 MA in English Studies as a major subject: Modules

1.1 Linguistics

Basic English Linguistics Module (22 CP, compulsory module)

Course Type	SWS ¹	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation (1 Credit Point = 30 hours' work)			Total
Proseminar II Sprachwissenschaft (Linguistics Seminar)	2	1	6	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs. 60 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP 2 CP	180 hrs.
Hauptseminar Sprachwissenschaft (Advanced Linguistics Seminar)	2	1	8	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 90 hrs. 30 hrs. 90 hrs.	1 CP 3 CP 1 CP 3 CP	240 hrs.
Vorlesung Sprachwissenschaft (Linguistics Lecture)	2	1	4	Attendance Independent study Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
Vorlesung Sprachwissenschaft (Linguistics Lecture)	2	1	4	Attendance Independent study Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
	8		22				660 hrs.

Advanced English Linguistics Module (38 CP, compulsory module)

Course Type	SWS	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation			Total
Hauptseminar Sprachwissenschaft (Advanced Linguistics Seminar)	2	2-3	8	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 90 hrs. 30 hrs. 90 hrs.	1 CP 3 CP 1 CP 3 CP	240 hrs.
Independent Studies I ²	--	2-4	7	Reading Theses	120 hrs. 90 hrs.	4 CP 3 CP	210 hrs.

1 Semesterwochenstunden: attendance in hours per week.

2 Independent research on topics from an Advanced Seminar or a Lecture, and production of a literature list and theses.

Hauptseminar Sprachwissenschaft (Advanced Linguistics Seminar)	2	2-3	8	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 90 hrs. 30 hrs. 90 hrs.	1 CP 3 CP 1 CP 3 CP	240 hrs.
Independent Studies II ³	--	2-4	7	Reading Theses	120 hrs. 90 hrs.	4 CP 3 CP	210 hrs.
Vorlesung Sprachwissenschaft (Linguistics Lecture)	2	2-3	4	Attendance Independent study Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
Vorlesung Sprachwissenschaft (Linguistics Lecture)	2	2-3	4	Attendance Independent study Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
	8		38				1.140 hrs.

MA Thesis Module (30 CP, compulsory module)

	SWS	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation			Total
MA Thesis	6 months	4	30	Thesis	900 hrs.	30 CP	900 hrs.

Oral Examination Module (10 CP, compulsory module)

	SWS	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation			Total
Oral Examination	6 weeks	4	30	Preparation for examination	300 hrs.	10 CP	300 hrs.

3 Independent research on topics from an Advanced Seminar or a Lecture, and production of a literature list and theses.

1.2 Literature

Basic Literature Module (22 CP, compulsory module)

Course Type	SWS	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation	Total		
Proseminar II Literaturwissenschaft (Literature Seminar)	2	1	6	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs. 60 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP 2 CP	180 hrs.
Hauptseminar Literaturwissenschaft (Advanced Literature Seminar)	2	1	8	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 90 hrs. 30 hrs. 90 hrs.	1 CP 3 CP 1 CP 3 CP	240 hrs.
Vorlesung Literatur- oder Kulturwissenschaft (Literature or Cultural Studies Lecture)	2	1	4	Attendance Independent study Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
Vorlesung Literatur- oder Kulturwissenschaft (Literature or Cultural Studies Lecture)	2	1	4	Attendance Independent study Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
	8		22				660 hrs.

Advanced Literature Module (38 CP, compulsory module)

Lehrveranstaltung	SWS	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation	Total		
Hauptseminar Literaturwissenschaft (Advanced Literature Seminar)	2	2-3	8	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 90 hrs. 30 hrs. 90 hrs.	1 CP 3 CP 1 CP 3 CP	240 hrs.
Independent Studies I ⁴	--	2-4	7	Reading Theses	120 hrs. 90 hrs.	4 CP 3 CP	210 hrs.
Hauptseminar Literaturwissenschaft	2	2-3	8	Attendance	30 hrs.	1 CP	240 hrs.

4 Independent research on topics from an Advanced Seminar or a Lecture, and production of a literature list and theses.

(Advanced Literature Seminar)				Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	90 hrs. 30 hrs. 90 hrs.	3 CP 1 CP 3 CP	
Independent Studies II ⁵	--	2-4	7	Reading Theses	120 hrs. 90 hrs.	4 CP 3 CP	210 hrs.
Vorlesung Literatur- oder Kulturwissenschaft (Literature or Cultural Studies Lecture)	2	2-3	4	Attendance Independent study Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
Vorlesung Literatur- oder Kulturwissenschaft (Literature or Cultural Studies Lecture)	2	2-3	4	Attendance Independent study Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
	8		38				1.140 hrs.

MA Thesis Module (30 CP, compulsory module)

	SWS	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation			Total
MA Thesis	6 months	4	30	Thesis	900 hrs.	30 CP	900 hrs.

Oral Examination Module (10 CP, compulsory module)

	SWS	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation			Total
Oral Examination	6 weeks	4	30	Preparation for examination	300 hrs.	10 CP	300 hrs.

5 Independent research on topics from an Advanced Seminar or a Lecture, and production of a literature list and theses.

Appendix 2 MA in English Studies as a minor subject: Modules

2.1 Literature

Literature Module (20 CP, compulsory module)

Course Type	SWS	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation	Total	
Proseminar II Literaturwissenschaft (Literature Seminar)	2	1-4	6	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs. 60 hrs. 1 CP 2 CP 1 CP 2 CP	180 hrs.
Vorlesung Literatur- oder Kulturwissenschaft (Literature or Cultural Studies Lecture)	2	1-4	4	Attendance Independent study Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs. 1 CP 2 CP 1 CP	120 hrs.
Hauptseminar Literaturwissenschaft (Advanced Literature Seminar)	2	1-4	8	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs. 60 hrs. 1 CP 3 CP 1 CP 3 CP	240 hrs.
Independent Studies ⁶	--	1-4	2	Reading Theses	30 Std. 30 hrs. 1 CP 1 CP	60 hrs.
	8		20			600 hrs.

2.2 Linguistics

Linguistics Module (20 CP, compulsory module)

Course Type	SWS	Recommended Semester	CP	CP Calculation	Total	
Proseminar II Sprachwissenschaft (Linguistics Seminar)	2	1-4	6	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs. 60 hrs. 1 CP 2 CP 1 CP 2 CP	180 hrs.
Vorlesung Sprachwissenschaft	2	1-4	4	Attendance	30 hrs. 1 CP	120 hrs.

⁶ Independent research on topics from an Advanced Seminar or a Lecture, and production of a literature list and theses.

(Linguistics Lecture)				Independent study Oral exam or paper	60 hrs. 30 hrs.	2 CP 1 CP	
Hauptseminar Sprachwissenschaft (Advanced Linguistics Seminar)	2	1-4	8	Attendance Independent study Presentation or equiv. Oral exam or paper	30 hrs. 60 hrs. 30 hrs. 60 hrs.	1 CP 3 CP 1 CP 3 CP	240 hrs.
Independent Studies ⁵	2	1-4	2	Reading Theses	30 hrs. 30 hrs.	1 CP 1 CP	60 hrs.
	8		20				600 hrs.