English Studies
- Culture and Literature / Linguistics and Applied Linguistics -
Master of Arts

1. General information
The Master of Arts English Studies has a strong research orientation and offers two areas of specialisation as well as the possibility to study with no specialisation:

- **Culture and Literature**: this field enables students to combine specially designed courses on literary and cultural history and theory with a broad range of interdisciplinary modules. Clearly situated in historical approaches, Culture and Literature rests on two central columns of the humanities: the history of ideas and discourse analysis. Areas of expertise include:
  - Cultural studies: focus on cultural history and popular culture with a particular emphasis on the intersections of culture with economics and politics. Besides, this focus concentrates on cultural and medial translation.
  - Literary studies: relations between literature and other discourses such as philosophy, religion & politics. Furthermore, students can adapt the course to their own personal career orientation. The module *Wild Card* allows students to either select an in-depth focus in their chosen field, to work in an interdisciplinary context or to have internships recognised as part of the course.

- **Linguistics and Applied Linguistics**: this field focuses on the description and analysis of the English language in the light of current linguistic theories and teaching approaches. The following topics are covered in the course:
  - 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 & variation
  - special advanced language classes

A number of places for studying at other European universities are available.

- **No specialisation**: students may also choose to study a combination of the two major fields, dedicating an equal amount of their studies to both fields.

These areas of research are embedded into a number of well-established research centres, e.g. the Interdisciplinary Centre for Contemporary Literature and Culture (www.schaunsblau.de), the Interdisciplinary Centre for Research on Lexicography, Valency and Collocation (www.lexi.uni-erlangen.de), and the Postgraduate Programme Literature and Culture (PhD).

Aims and Competences
- Excellent academic education via innovative teaching concepts (student conference) as well as integration of work experience
- In-depth knowledge in all disciplines of English Studies
- Media and intercultural competence
- Communicative skills (near native speaker competence)
- Soft skills (presentation and moderation skills, problem-solving strategies, the ability to do self-directed research by acquiring skills in the collection, organisation and presentation of complex issues in linguistic, literary and cultural topics)

Career options
Graduates will have a wide range of career options, e.g. in the following fields: journalism, public relations, cultural management, publishing, marketing, higher education, PhD programmes/ academic career [7].

2. Programme format
MA English Studies is a consecutive two-year full-time course (or four-year part-time course) with a total of 120 ECTS points. The course of study is modularised and encourages a specialisation in one of the two fields 'Culture and Literature' or 'Linguistics and Applied Linguistics' or no specialization (=a combination of the two fields). We recommend students to explore the general structure of the programme on our website [1] and to have a look at the examination regulations (FPO) which comprises model courses in the two fields [3].

3. Application and admission [4]
The MA English Studies is open to graduates with a BA English and American Studies with a final grade 2.5 or better (exceptions may be made in well-substantiated cases and on the basis of a short letter of motivation and a 15 to 20-minute interview for those students who achieved a final grade ranging up to 3.5). Graduates of other BA programmes with a focus on English philology (60 ECTS credits) are also invited to apply for places. The programme generally begins each winter semester. Application deadline is July 15th. 

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Further Information
[1] Homepage English Studies: [https://www.angam.phil.fau.de/degree-programs/ma-english-studies/](https://www.angam.phil.fau.de/degree-programs/ma-english-studies/)
[2] Degree programme regulations and examination offices: [https://www.fau.eu/study/current-students/examination-matters/](https://www.fau.eu/study/current-students/examination-matters/)
[5] Student Service Center of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology: [www.studienservicecenter.phil.fau.de](http://www.master.fau.eu)
[6] University Calendar: [www.vorlesungsverzeichnis.fau.de](http://www.master.fau.eu)
[7] Information on career options (in German): [www.phil.fau.de/koerperzonen/master](http://www.master.fau.eu)

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