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

1. General information

The Master of Arts English Studies is a taught course with a strong research orientation, which offers two areas of specialization:

- **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. Students may study one of these fields exclusively, thus obtaining a degree in ‘MA English Studies: Culture and Literature’ or in ‘MA English Studies: Linguistics and Applied Linguistics’, or they may choose to study a combination of the two fields, thus obtaining a degree in ‘MA English Studies’.

Furthermore, students can choose

- modules from other specified MA courses of the university
- language classes: The research-based part of the programme is complemented by additional courses in language and academic skills.
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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.schauinsblau.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 (Wild Card)
- 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.
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 (60 ECTS/30ECTS points per academic year). The course of study is modularised and encourages a specialisation in one of the two fields 'Culture and Literature' or 'Linguistics and Applied Linguistics'. As the courses taught in these two fields comprise a large number, we recommend students to explore the general structure of the programme on our website (http://www.anglistik.phil.fau.de/master) and to have a look at the examination regulations (FPO) which comprises model courses in the two fields (http://www.fau.de/universitaetorganisation/recht/studiensat zungen/phil.shtml#Master).

3. Admission and costs

- 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

- At the time of application, students from abroad are required to provide certificates for their language proficiency in English (C1) and German (DSH 2). (A DSH 2 certificate is only required for the area "Culture and Literature" and English Studies without further specialization).

- The programme generally begins each winter semester, but registrations for the summer are also possible for students who can be admitted to advanced semesters on the basis of a previous and equivalent MA programme. Please note the respective deadlines: Summer semester: 15 February (advanced semesters) Winter semester: 15 August

- Applications can be submitted under: https://movein-uni-erlangen.moveonnet.eu/movein/portal/studyportal.php

- Information on the application procedure: https://www.fau.eu/international/international-applicants/bachelors-masters-state-examinations/admission-requirements/

- Costs: fees amounting to € 107 (€ 42 semester fee for student services and € 65 solidarity fee for the basic semester ticket)

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