

Information for First-Semester Students

B.A. English Linguistics

B.A. British Studies

B.A. American Studies

Introductory Meeting for First-Semester Students (B.A.)
Department of English and American Studies (DEAS)



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 - Dr. Kerstin Richter: English Linguistics (Englische Sprachwissenschaft)
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Student Advisory Service & Organization of Studies

- **Degree Program Coordination (Studiengangkoordination)**
Organization of your studies/course registration/credit transfer:
Dr. Melanie Burgemeister, Gabriele Mödl
Contact by email: studienorg.iaa@ur.de
Office hours in PT 3.2.62 (during the lecture period):
Monday, 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 10 a.m.-12.00 p.m.
Thursday, 12.30 a.m.-14.00 p.m.
- **Academic Counseling (Fachstudienberatung)**
Especially content-related questions regarding your study programs:
 - English Linguistics: Dr. Kerstin Richter
 - British Studies: Dr. Martin Decker, Susanne Gürtner
 - American Studies: Dr. Carmen Dextl
- **Contact details and office hours:**
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We offer in-person office hours in PT 3.2.62 (times see below). There is no need to make an appointment in advance.

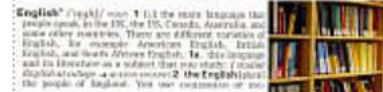
Office hours during the semester break in September/October 2024:

- **Wednesday, September 11: 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 18: 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**
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- further office hours tba

For questions about the **M.A. application** please contact
Application.MasterDEAS@ur.de.

Department of English and American Studies

Information for (prospective) students



English? /ɪŋɡlɪʃ/ noun 1 All the main languages that people speak in the US, the UK, Canada, Australia and many other countries. There are different varieties of English. We consider American English, British English, and South African English. 2a The language and its literature as a subject that you study. 2b new English/englisch a noun (count) 2 the English(s) the people of England. You can see a map of the...

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B.A. program structure – compulsory classes

Core modules (approx. 1st - 3rd / 4th semester):

all 3 B.A. programs relatively similar and compatible, also with teacher training programs

Intermediate and advanced modules (approx. 4th - 6th semester)

- Guideline: total of approx. **30 ECTS credit points per semester** („Regelstudienzeit“):
 - B.A. Major (1. Hauptfach): approx. 14-18 ECTS credit points
 - 2nd Major (2. Hauptfach): approx. 10-15 ECTS credit points
 - Minor (Nebenfach): approx. 4-8 ECTS credit points
- Recommended number of courses per semester:
 - B.A. Major: approx. *4-5 courses*
 - 2nd Major: approx. *3-4 courses*
 - *Minor: approx. 2-3 courses*
- Note: **prerequisites** (= verpflichtende Vorleistungen) and **frequency** of courses (in advanced semesters)

Recommended classes for the 1st sem.: B.A. English Linguistics

Recommended number of courses per semester:

- B.A. Major: approx. 4-5 courses
- 2nd Major: approx. 3-4 courses
- Minor: approx. 2-3 courses

ENGLISH LINGUISTICS		B.A. Major/ 2nd Major	Minor
CORE MODULE LANGUAGE ENLI-M11 (10 ECTS credit points)	GLC A (3 ECTS)	M 11.1	M 11.1
	GLC B (4 ECTS)	M 11.2	M 11.2
	Composition (3 ECTS)	M 11.3	M 11.3
	Pronunciation Exam	M 11.4	M 11.4
CORE MODULE LINGUISTICS ENLI-M12 (12 ECTS credit points)	L Theory and Structure (4 ECTS)	M 12.1	M 12.1
	L Phonetics and Phonology (4 ECTS)	M 12.2	M 12.2
	L Engl. in Use (4 ECTS)	M 12.3	M 12.3
CORE MODULE LITERARY STUDIES ENLI-M13 /M16 (12 ECTS credit points)	Intro. Literature (4 ECTS)	M 13.1	--
	L Brit. Lit. Hist. (4 ECTS)	M 13.2	--
	L Am. Lit. Hist. (4 ECTS)	M 13.3	--
CORE MODULE CULTURAL STUDIES ENLI-M14 (10 ECTS credit points)	L Intro. Brit.Stud. (2 ECTS)	M 14.1	M 14.1
	L Intro. Am.Stud. (1 ECTS)	M 14.2	M 14.2
	S Brit./Irish. Cultures (3 ECTS)	M 14.3	M 14.3
	S Am. Cult. History (4 ECTS)	M 14.4	M 14.4

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Please note:

Changes to the schedule, room changes, additional courses, and the cancellation of courses will be announced in the electronic course catalog on SPUR.

Recommended classes for the 1st sem.: B.A. British Studies

Recommended number of courses per semester:

- B.A. Major: approx. 4-5 courses
- 2nd Major: approx. 3-4 courses
- Minor: approx. 2-3 courses

BRITISH STUDIES		B.A. Major/ 2nd Major	Minor
CORE MODULE LANGUAGE BRST-M11 (10 ECTS credit points)	GLC A (3 ECTS)	M 11.1	M 11.1
	GLC B (4 ECTS)	M 11.2	M 11.2
	Composition (3 ECTS)	M 11.3	M 11.3
	Pronunciation Exam	M 11.4	M 11.4
CORE MODULE LINGUISTICS BRST-M12 (12 ECTS credit points)	L Theory and Structure (4 ECTS)	M 12.1	--
	L Phonetics and Phonology (4 ECTS)	M 12.2	--
	L Engl. in Use (4 ECTS)	M 12.3	--
CORE MODULE LITERARY STUDIES BRST-M13 /M16 (12 ECTS credit points)	Intro. Literature (4 ECTS)	M 13.1	M 16.1
	L Brit. Lit. Hist. (4 ECTS)	M 13.2	M 16.2
	L Am. Lit. Hist. (4 ECTS)	M 13.3	--
	PS EngLit 1/2/3	--	M 16.3 (1 of 3)
CORE MODULE CULTURAL STUDIES BRST-M14 (10 ECTS credit points)	L Intro. Brit.Stud. (2 ECTS)	M 14.1	M 14.1
	L Intro. Am.Stud. (1 ECTS)	M 14.2	M 14.2
	S Brit./Irish. Cultures (3 ECTS)	M 14.3	M 14.3
	S Am. Cult. History (4 ECTS)	M 14.4	M 14.4

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Please note:

- Students of British Studies must attend the **British Studies** Introduction to English and American Literary Studies! (course number: 35755)

Recommended classes for the 1st sem.: B.A. American Studies

Recommended number of courses per semester:

- B.A. Major: approx. 4-5 courses
- 2nd Major: approx. 3-4 courses
- Minor: approx. 2-3 courses

AMERICAN STUDIES		B.A. Major/ 2nd Major	Minor
CORE MODULE LANGUAGE AMST-M11 (10 ECTS credit points)	GLC A (3ECTS)	M 11.1	M 11.1
	GLC B (4ECTS)	M 11.2	M 11.2
	Composition (3ECTS)	M 11.3	M 11.3
	Pronunciation Exam	M 11.4	M 11.4
CORE MODULE LINGUISTICS AMST-M12 (12 ECTS credit points)	L Theory and Structure (4ECTS)	M 12.1	--
	L Phonetics and Phonology (4ECTS)	M 12.2	--
	L English in Use (4ECTS)	M 12.3	--
CORE MODULE LITERARY STUDIES AMST-M13 /M16 (12 ECTS credit points)	Intro. Literature (4ECTS)	M 13.1	M 16.1
	L Brit. Lit. Hist. (4 ECTS)	M 13.2	--
	L Am. Lit. Hist. (4 ECTS)	M 13.3	M 16.2
	PS AmLit I / AmLit II	--	M 16.3 (1 of 2)
CORE MODULE CULTURAL STUDIES BRST-M14 (10 ECTS credit points)	V Intro. Brit.Stud. (2ECTS)	M 14.1	M 14.1
	V Intro. Am.Stud. (1ECTS)	M 14.2	M 14.2
	S Brit./Irish. Cultures (3ECTS)	M 14.3	M 14.3
	S Am. Cult. History (4ECTS)	M 14.4	M 14.4

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Please note:

- Students of American Studies must attend the American Introduction to English and American Literary Studies! (course number: 35815)

Recommended classes for your 1st semester: Summary

GLC A

= 35860 *General Language Course A* (2 hours / 3 ECTS credit points)

L Theory and Structure (Lecture)

= 35701 *Introduction to English Linguistics: Theory and Structure* (2 hours / 4 ECTS credit points)

L Phonetics and Phonology (Lecture)

= 35702 *Introduction to English Linguistics: Phonetics and Phonology* (2 hours / 4 ECTS credit points)

Intro. Literature

= 35755 *Introduction to English and American Literary Studies* (3 hours / 4 ECTS credit points) **British Studies!**

= 35815 *Introduction to English and American Literary Studies* (3 hours / 4 ECTS credit points) **Americ. Studies!**

L Brit. Lit. Hist. (Lecture)

= 35752 *British Literary History* (2 hours / 4 ECTS credit points)

L Am. Lit. Hist. (Lecture)

= 35801 *American Literary History* (2 hours / 4 ECTS credit points)

L Intro. Brit. Stud. (Lecture)

= 35753 *Introduction to British and Irish Studies* (2 hours / 2 ECTS credit points)

L Intro. Am. Stud. (Lecture)

= 35800 *Introduction to American Studies* (1 hour / 1 ECTS credit point)

Course Registration

There are two independent course registration platforms:

1. Electronic **course registration** on **SPUR** (also the course catalog)
→ *before* the start of the lecture period
2. Electronic **exam registration** on **FlexNow** (examination management system)
→ *during* the lecture period

Course Registration on **SPUR**

- **Access to SPUR**

www.ur.de → [SPUR](#)

Alternatively: go.ur.de/deas → [Organizing Your Studies](#) →

[Course Registration](#) → [Course Registration on SPUR](#)

(Here you will find the dates for the current course registration periods at the DEAS)

- **Course registration period:**

Deadline for the winter semester course registration (seminars: General Language Course A, Introduction to English and American Literary Studies; lectures: Introduction to American Studies, American Literary History):

Thursday, October 10, 2024 (first-semester courses)

- To register for or withdraw from a course, log into SPUR using your NDS account (abc12345). Course registration can be done from within the course details or via the individual study planner.

Course Registration on **SPUR**

- **Setting priorities**

Some courses: several parallel courses (on different days, at different times).

In SPUR: “parallel groups”.

→ select several parallel groups and set up to five priorities

(1 = very high priority, 5 = very low priority)

→ Priorities: By selecting several parallel groups you can improve your chance of getting a course place. However, please select only parallel groups that you can actually take, not just any.

→ No first come first served: moment of course registration has no impact on chances of getting admitted

- **Lectures**

No maximum number of participants.

Course registration deadline for

- Lectures in American Studies: Thursday, October 10, 2024

- (some lectures: course registration so that the course instructors can contact their students)

Tips and advice regarding course registration on SPUR

- **Individual study planner**

Courses you are registered for will automatically appear in your timetable. You can also add courses for which no course registration is required to your timetable; see "Events" ("Basic data") tab.

- **Flexibility**

If your favored parallel course is already overcrowded (it is possible to see how many students have already registered) ...

... either (risky!) "play poker" and hope that you will get into the course via the lottery.

... or (better!) look for a less crowded alternative parallel course.

→ *If, for a valid reason (e.g., childcare), you can only take a certain parallel course, you can leave a brief comment when registering.*

Outcome & Attendance

- **Course registration outcome**

You will be able to see whether or not you have been admitted to your (preferred) courses (General Language Course A, Introduction to English and American Literary Studies) around noon/early afternoon on Friday, October 11. Outcome will be announced through our newsletter.

→ *While the allocation of places is still ongoing, it will not yet be possible to see the outcome of your registration.*

- **Attendance in the first session**

Being present in the first week is compulsory. Students who are absent from the first session of class without an excuse will be removed from the list of participants.

Occasionally, students present who have not yet been admitted to a course can then move up.

→ *Should you not need your place in the course, please email the course instructor.*

Exam registration on **FlexNow**

- **Examination management system**

FlexNow registration is necessary for **ALL** classes in which you want to obtain ECTS credit points.

- Important: Without having registered on FlexNow, you will not be awarded credit points or a grade (as if you had never taken that class), even if you initially registered on SPUR (SPUR and FlexNow are not connected).

- **Access to FlexNow**

go.ur.de/deas → [Organizing Your Studies](#) → [Course Registration](#) → [FlexNow](#)

- **Registration period for winter semester 2024/25:**

Monday, October 28, 2024 - Sunday, January 26, 2025.

During this period, you can register for and withdraw from exams.

- **Please note:**

- It is not possible to get registered after the deadline!
- Registration periods vary between different departments.
- Do not postpone your registration until the last week of registration, so that we can still help you if any problems or difficulties arise!

→ *It is best to register during the first few weeks of registration.*



Exception: FlexNow registration for module **M-12 (Core module English Linguistics)**

For core module M12 English Linguistics, you do not register for the module examination until the second semester at the very earliest. FlexNow registration is only possible for the module examination (covering all three lectures), not for the individual lectures.

You will attend the following lectures (example):

1st Semester:

35701: Introduction to English Linguistics: Theory and Structure

35702: Introduction to English Linguistics: Phonetics and Phonology

2nd Semester:

35703: Introduction to English Linguistics: English in Use.

You will not register for the module exam in FlexNow until the semester in which you write the module exam covering all three lectures. The module exam is a written exam that tests your knowledge of the content of all three lectures.

Foreign language skills (B.A.)

- Study and examination regulations („Bachelorprüfungsordnung“): „2 foreign languages at level A1+ according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)“
 - e.g. Latin + one modern foreign language
 - or: two modern foreign languages
 - (currently: English can count as one of these two foreign languages)
- Certification:
 - high school leaving certificate (Abiturzeugnis)
 - Alternatively: take foreign language class at the University of Regensburg:
 - Latin classes: please see the website of the Latin department (courses start each winter semester, registration deadline on SPUR: October 10)
 - Modern foreign languages: “Studienbegleitende Fremdsprachenausbildung” (SFA) at the Center of Language and Communication (ZSK)
- How many years of foreign language training at school correspond to which CEFR level can be found here: go.ur.de/deas → [Organizing Your Studies](#) → [B.A. \(Bachelor of Arts\)](#) → [First Semester](#) → [Additional Foreign Language Skills](#)

Stay abroad

- Very desirable! (but not mandatory): studies, internships, teaching assistantship.
- Study abroad: approx. after fourth semester; internships: anytime
- Information: **International Office**
(www.ur.de → [UR International](#))
 - info meetings and presentations, testimonials online (GRIPS)
 - please note: extensive planning in advance, especially for study abroad (approximately one year before intended departure)
- Study abroad: credit transfer, please see go.ur.de/deas → [Organizing Your Studies](#) → [Going Abroad](#)
- Internships and TA positions will occasionally be advertised by newsletter.
- Possible to get ERASMUS+ funding / Promos funding for your studies or internship abroad. Students who receive BAföG may apply for special funding for their studies abroad.

Federal Training Assistance Act (BAföG): BAföG-Leistungsnachweis

- submit report in order to continue receiving benefits under the Federal Training Assistance Act (BAföG)
- reviewers confirm the acquisition of the number credit points (ECTS) up to that point and a "well-organized course of study"
- after the 4th or the 6th semester
- minimum number of credit points (ECTS):

After 4 semesters:

B.A. Major (Hauptfach): 44 ECTS credit points

After 6 semesters:

B.A. Major (Hauptfach): 81 ECTS credit points

- Reviewers at the Department of English and American Studies:
Dr. Birgit Hebel-Bauridl (American Studies), Dr. Martin Decker (British Studies), Dr. Florian Schleburg (English Linguistics)

Activities & Resources

RUPs, too

Any students who are interested in joining the group, whether as backstage crew or on stage, are welcome to join us.

Contact: Jamie Kohen (jamiyekohen@hotmail.com)



Shakespeare & Company

English-language student drama company at the University of Regensburg. They perform regularly at the "Theater an der Uni Regensburg".

<https://www.shakespearecompany.de/>



Excursion to Wales (Peter Waller): usually in summer semester

Further information meetings:

Studium mit Kind: Friday, October 18, 10:00-11:30 (online via Zoom)

Studium mit Beeinträchtigung (for students with physical or mental health challenges): Wednesday, November 13, 18:15 in room R001 (in-person) or online via Zoom.

University Library

Getting to know the library:

Several in-person tours (between today and November 14), one online event (November 18) and one library tour in English (Thursday, October 10).

Please see the University Library website for more details:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/bibliothek/kurse/bibliothekseinfuehrung-praesenz/index.html>

Library tutorials (Anglistik/Amerikanistik):

<https://mediathek2.uni-regensburg.de/list/34>

Detailed information for students of the Department of English and American Studies:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/bibliothek/faecher/geisteswissenschaften/anglistik/index.html>

Last, not least:

- Please use your **student email address** or set up automatic forwarding of your emails to your preferred address!
- Attend **tutorials!**
(e.g. British Literary History, Introduction to British and Irish Studies, for presentations, term papers)
- Oral practice: for example Thursdays, 16.00–18.00, informal **English Conversation** group (35895) with Arlyn Bradley and Dr. Julia Stetler
- **course planning workshop for first-semester students**, on Thursday, October 10, at 12 p.m. in H15, organized by the student representatives (**Fachschaft SLK**): <https://fachschaft-slk.de/>

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Die zentrale Erstsemesterbegrüßung
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Montag, **21. Oktober**, um **17 Uhr** im **Audimax** statt.

*Auf jede und jeden Ersti wartet ein
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