

Information for First-Semester Students

- B.A. American Studies
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- B.A. English Linguistics

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



Universität Regensburg

Department of English & American Studies



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go.ur.de/deas/new-students

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Student Advisory Service & Organization of Studies

- **Degree Program Coordination (Studiengangkoordination)**

Organization of your studies/course registration/credit transfer:

Gabriele Mödl, Claudia Trotzke

- Contact by email: studienorg.iaa@ur.de

- **Office hours in PT 3.2.62 (during the lecture period):**

 - Mondays, 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

 - Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12.00 p.m.

 - Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

- **Academic Counseling (Fachstudienberatung)**

Especially content-related questions regarding your study programs:

- American Studies: Dr. Carmen Dexl (carmen.dexl@ur.de)

- British Studies: Dr. Martin Decker (martin.decker@ur.de), Susanne Gürtner (susanne.guertner@ur.de)

- English Linguistics: Dr. Kerstin Richter (kerstin.richter@ur.de)

- **Contact details and office hours:**

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Student Advisory Service

Degree Program Coordination (Studiengangkoordination)

Gabriele Mödl, M.A. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

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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 lecture-free period (**beginning February 12**):

- **Wednesday, 10 a.m.–12.30 p.m.**

For questions about the **M.A. application** please contact

Application.MasterDEAS@ur.de.

We can give you advice on questions regarding the organization of your studies, such as:

- Organization of your studies (Which courses do I need? In which semester should I take which courses? What are the prerequisites?)
- Questions regarding the application process for prospective Master's students
- Questions about the course registration on SPUR and FlexNow
- Organizational advice regarding the recognition of credits earned at other universities

Academic Counseling (Fachstudienberatung)

In addition to the degree program coordinators, the academic advisors at the Department of English and American Studies can help you with questions regarding your studies (especially content-related questions):

- English Linguistics: [Dr. Kerstin Richter](#), [Dr. Florian Schlegel](#) (for M.A. students)
- British and Irish Studies: [Dr. Martin Decker](#), [Susanne Gürtner](#)
- American Studies: [Lena Gotteswinter](#) (Teacher Qualification), [Dr. Carmen Dexl](#) (B.A., M.A., Freely Combinable Minor FKN)

Department of English and American Studies

Information for (prospective) students



English (ˈɪŋɡlɪʃ; /ˈɪŋ-/) is the most widely spoken language in the world, with over 350 million speakers. It is the official language of the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, and many other countries. There are different varieties of English, for example American English, British English, and South African English. In the context of the Department of English and American Studies, we focus on the study of the English language and literature in the context of the United Kingdom and the United States.

Contact Us:

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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 of courses (in advanced semesters)*



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

Recommended number of classes 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

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

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

Recommended number of classes 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

Please note:

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- 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. English Linguistics

Recommended number of classes 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	--
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	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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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) **American 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 summer semester course registration (seminars: General Language Course A, Introduction to English and American Literary Studies; lectures: Introduction to American Studies, American Literary History):

Thursday, April 11, 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, April 11, 2024

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" 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 on Friday, April 12 (automated email from SPUR).

→ *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 summer semester 2024:**

Monday, April 29, 2024 - Sunday, July 7, 2024.

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 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)
 - 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! Study abroad, internships, teaching assistantships.
- Not necessarily an extension of the duration of your studies!
- Information: **International Office**
(www.ur.de → [UR International](#))
 - info meetings and presentations, testimonials online (GRIPS)
 - please note: extensive planning in advance (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 may be advertised by newsletter.
- Finances: 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)
- Guidelines on website: Organizing your studies → student advisory service

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: Tuesday, April 23, 13:00-14:00 (online)

Studium mit Beeinträchtigung: Monday, April 29, 18:15 in room R 001, and online via Zoom

University Library

Getting to know the library (online course for first-semester students)

Several in-person and online events throughout April.

Please see the University Library website for more details:

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

Library tutorials:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/library/tutorials/index.html>

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

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

On a final note:

- Please use your **student email address** or set up automatic forwarding of your emails to your preferred address!
- Attend **tutorials**
- PLEASE subscribe to our **newsletter**
go.ur.de/deas → [Organizing Your Studies](#) → [Newsletter](#)
- **course planning workshop for first-semester students**, on Thursday, April 11, at 12:00, organized by the student representatives (**Fachschaft SLK**):
<https://fachschaft-slk.de/>



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