

**These degree programme and examination regulations have been worded carefully to be up to date; however, errors cannot be completely excluded. The official German text available at the Examinations Office is the version that is legally binding.**

**Note:** For students who started their studies before the latest amendment came into effect: please also note the previous amendments with their transitory provisions.

**Degree Programme and Examination Regulations for the  
Master's Degree Programme English Studies at the Faculty of  
Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology of the University  
of  
Erlangen-Nürnberg  
– FPOEnStud –  
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Based on Section 13 (1)(2), Section 43 (5)(2), Section 61 (2)(1) of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz, BayHSchG) in conjunction with Section 34 of the Qualification Regulations for Studies at Public Universities in Bavaria (Qualitätsverordnung, QualV), Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg enacts the following examination regulations:

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**Section 1 Scope**

The degree programme and examination regulations for the research-orientated consecutive Master's degree programme English Studies with the title 'Master of Arts (MA)' complement the General Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg – ABMStPO/Phil.

**Section 2 Qualification for a Master's Degree Programme,  
Certificates and Admission Requirements**

(1) <sup>1</sup>A subject-specific degree is a degree in a two-subject Bachelor's degree programme in the subject English and American Studies. <sup>2</sup>Degrees from the field of English philology shall be recognised as subject-related degrees within the meaning of Section 35 (1)(1) in conjunction with Paragraph 2 ABMStPO/Phil if evidence of subject-specific knowledge in the field of English philology worth at least 60 ECTS credits is submitted. <sup>3</sup>Degrees covering a considerable amount of subject matter related to English studies shall be considered as equivalent degrees within the meaning of Section 35 (1)(1) in conjunction with Paragraph 2 (1) ABMStPO/Phil.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Applicants with a subject-specific degree with a grade between 2.51 and 3.50 or a subject-related or otherwise equivalent degree with up to and including the grade 2.50

shall submit a letter of motivation in English of no more than two pages with their application.

<sup>2</sup>In case of a subject-related or otherwise equivalent degree, the letter of motivation shall contain statements regarding the following points:

1. Educational background
2. Previously encountered subject matter related to English studies
3. The prospects the applicant associates with the English Studies MA degree programme

(3) <sup>1</sup>For applicants with an overall grade on their degree or, in the case of Section 34 (4) ABMStPO/Phil, an average of their achievements hitherto between 2.51 and 3.50, a selection interview shall be held; the remaining applicants shall not be admitted to the second level of the qualification assessment process and shall receive a rejection notification including reasons. <sup>2</sup>In the selection interview, applicants shall be evaluated according to the following criteria, which are weighted as specified:

1. Quality of academic knowledge of literary and cultural studies with relation to Great Britain and/or linguistics and applied linguistics, especially with relation to the English language (30%)
2. Ability to apply methods used in the humanities and social sciences, analyse texts in a broad sense, show understanding of linguistic issues and cultural processes, and identify and analyse practices and representations (40%)
3. Quality of English skills and knowledge of the English language (30%)

<sup>3</sup>It shall be conducted in English.

(4) <sup>1</sup>The requirement for evidence of sufficient German language proficiency is waived according to Section 4 (5)(14) of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg's agreement on enrolment, re-registration, leave and de-registration. <sup>2</sup>Sentence 1 notwithstanding, applicants who wish enrol for the specialisation 'Culture and Literature' or who do not wish to select a specialisation must provide proof of German language proficiency equivalent to the level DSH 2.

### **Section 3 Scope and Structure of the Master's Degree Programme, Examinations, Language**

<sup>1</sup>The degree programme is offered with or without a specialisation and comprises modules worth 120 ECTS credits. <sup>2</sup>It can be studied in one of two specialisations (*Culture and Literature* or *Linguistics and Applied Linguistics*) that students can choose at the beginning of their studies. <sup>3</sup>If no specialisation is chosen, students must obtain at least 30 ECTS credits in the specialisation *Linguistics and Applied Linguistics* from the modules 1 and 3–11 as well as at least 30 ECTS credits in the specialisation *Culture and Literature* from all modules except the modules *Advanced Language*, *Wildcard* and *MA Thesis*. <sup>4</sup>The specialisations and elective modules in the Master's degree programme English Studies as well as the type and scope of the examinations shall be set forth in the appendixes 1 to 3. <sup>5</sup>Examinations shall usually be held in English. <sup>6</sup>The specialisation *Linguistics and Applied Linguistics* can be studied entirely in English.

### **Section 4 Calculation of Final Grade**

<sup>1</sup>In the specialisation *Culture and Literature*, the modules *Wildcard* and *Advanced Language* and one further module from the first year of the degree programme chosen by the student shall be disregarded in the calculation of the final grade. <sup>2</sup>In the specialisation *Linguistics and Applied Linguistics* the final grade shall be calculated based on all

mandatory modules, with two modules of the first year of study being disregarded in the calculation of the final grade. <sup>3</sup>For students without a specialisation, the final grade shall be calculated using all modules but the module *Wildcard* (if attended) as well as two modules from the first year of study. <sup>4</sup>Students must notify the Examinations Office of their choice at the latest after the grade of the last examination achievement is announced; if no choice is submitted, the worst module grade or the two worst module grades shall be disregarded.

### Section 5 Legal Validity, Transitory Provisions

These degree programme and examination regulations shall come into effect on the day after their publication.

## Appendix 1: Specialisation *Culture and Literature*

### Module overview

Sem.	Module	Course/lecture	SWS (se- mes- ter hour s per week)	ECTS cred- its	Total ECTS credits	Type and scope of the examination and course achievements	
1***	<b>Introductory module Culture</b>	S Cultural Theory	2	5	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min.)	
		L Cultural History	2	5			
	<b>Introductory module Literature</b>	S Literary Theory	2	5	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min.)	
		L Literary History	2	5			
	<b>Elective module (Option 1 of 3)</b>	Intensive semi- nar	S Culture	1	4	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min.)
			S Literature	1	4		
			Study Group	1	2		
Introductory module: Topics in Linguistic Theory and Lan- guage Acquisition Research (Module 1, 402)		4	10	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min.)		
Interdisciplinary module Elective module	4	10	10	EA: Elective module accord- ing to requirements			
2	<b>Core module Culture</b>	AS	2	7	10	EA: Portfolio examination:  Written assignment (15 pages, 80%) and handout (after oral presentation, 20%)	
		Self-study with supervision meetings	1	3			
	<b>Core module Literature</b>	AS	2	7	10	EA: Portfolio examination:  Written assignment (15 pages, 80%) and handout (after oral presentation, 20%)	
		Self-study with supervision meetings	1	3			

1-2	<b>MA module <i>Advanced Language</i></b>	T Discourse Structure (1 <sup>nd</sup> sem.)	2	4	10	EA: Academic presentation (20 min.), including supporting material and discussion
		T Academic Discourse (2 <sup>nd</sup> sem.)	2	6		
3****	<b>Master Module I: <i>Culture or Literature</i></b>	OS Master's course	2	5	10	EA: Oral examination as an academic presentation with discussion (20–30 min., English-language)
		S Reading or discussion group; alternatively depending on demand/availability: tutorial with student conference or workshop	1	5		
	<b>Master Module II: <i>Culture or Literature</i></b>	AS	2	7	10	EA: Portfolio examination: Written assignment (15 pages, 80%) and handout (after oral presentation, 20%)
		Self-study in subdiscipline with supervision meetings <b>Alternatively:</b> cumulative self-study: certified participation in research-oriented events of the centres (3 <sup>rd</sup> –4 <sup>th</sup> sem.)	1	3		
	<b>Elective complementary studies/Wildcard (Choose 1 of 5)</b>	MA Module from MA <i>English Studies: Linguistics and Applied Linguistics</i>			10	10
<b>Alternatively:</b> MA Module from <i>North American Studies: Culture and Literature</i> *				10	EA: (as stipulated in subject's regulations)	
<b>Alternatively:</b> courses from a related (also interdisciplinary) degree programme*				10	EA: (as stipulated in subject's regulations)	
<b>Alternatively:</b> Placement (internal or external) and report**				10	EA: (as stipulated in subject's regulations)	
<b>Alternatively:</b> Work as qualified student assistant or tutor of approx. 4 SWS**				10	EA: (as stipulated in subject's regulations)	
4	<b>MA thesis module Master's thesis in the chosen specialisation</b>	Master's thesis (60–80 pages)		30	30	EA: Master's thesis (60–80 pages)

EA: examination achievement; CA: course achievement

\* Recommended from the second semester.

\*\* Can be completed from the first semester.

\*\*\* The first tutorial from the MA module *Advanced Language, Discourse Structure*, should be attended in the first semester but the examination only takes place in the second semester after completion of the course *Academic Discourse*.

\*\*\*\* The specialisation modules in the branch of study *Culture and Literature* can be chosen in *Culture* and *Literature* or in *Culture* or *Literature*. Students can choose freely which Master's module they want to attend in which subject.

## Appendix 2: Specialisation *Linguistics and Applied Linguistics*

### Module overview

Sem.	Module	Course/lecture	SWS	ECTS credits	Total ECTS credits	Type and scope of the examination and course achievements
1	<b>Introductory Module Topics in Linguistic Theory and Language Acquisition Research (Module 1)</b>	S Topics in Language Acquisition Research	2	5	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min., English-language)
		S Topics in Linguistic Theory	2	5		
	<b>Applied Linguistics A (Module 4A)</b>	AS Monolingual English Learner's Dictionaries	2	7	10	EA: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages, English-language)
		S Writing Dictionary Entries	1	3		
	<b>Descriptive and Theoretical Linguistics A (Module 5A)</b>	AS Units of Meaning: Idiom Principle and Construction Grammar	2	7	10	EA: Written final examination (60–90 min., English-language)
		T Language Workshop: Idiomaticity and Style	1-2	3		
<b>Research module Lexicography, Valency, Collocation (Module 6AB)</b>	Postgraduate seminar	2	5	5	CA: Discussion participation	
	Guest lecture attendance					
2	<b>Corpus Linguistics (Module 3)</b>	AS Corpus Linguistics	2	7	10	EA: Portfolio examination: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages, English-language, 70%) and homework (30%)
		T The Corpus Linguist's Essential Toolbox	2	3		
	<b>First Language Acquisition and Language Teaching (Module 7)</b>	AS First Language Acquisition and Language Teaching	2	7	10	EA: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages) or written final examination (60–90 min., English-language)
		S First Language Acquisition	1	3		
	<b>Linguistics and Language Teaching A (Module 9A) or</b>	AS Contrastive Linguistics and Learner Language	2	7	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min., English-language)
		T Language Workshop: Advanced Grammar	2	3		
	<b>Linguistics and Language Teaching B (Module 9B)</b>	AS Grammar and Grammars	2	7	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min., English-language)
		T Language Workshop: Advanced Grammar	2	3		
<b>Language Variation (Module 10)</b>	AS	2	7	10	EA: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages) or written final examination (60–90 min.)	
	S	1	3			
1-2	<b>Advanced Language (Module 2; compulsory module)</b>	T Discourse Structure (1 <sup>nd</sup> sem.)	2	4	10	EA: Academic presentation (20 min., English-language), including supporting material and discussion
		T Academic Discourse (2 <sup>nd</sup> sem.)	2	6		
3	<b>Applied Linguistics B (Module 4B)</b>	AS Translation Theory and Film Translation	2	7	10	EA: Portfolio examination: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages, 70%) or written final examination (60–90 min., English-language, 70%) and practical language tasks, 30%)
		T Translation and Editing Workshop	2	3		
	<b>Descriptive and Theoretical Linguistics B (Module 5B)</b>	AS Syntax: Valency Theory and Construction Grammar	2	7	10	EA: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages) or written final examination (60–90 min., English-language)
		S Valency Analysis	1	3		
<b>Research module Lexicog-</b>	Postgraduate seminar	2	5	5	CA: Discussion participation	

	<b>raphy, Valency, Collocation (Module 6AB)</b>	Guest lecture attendance				
	<b>Second Language Acquisition and Language Teaching (Module 8)</b>	AS Second Language Acquisition and Language Teaching	2	7	10	EA: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages) or written final examination (60–90 min., English-language)
		S Second Language Acquisition	1	3		
	<b>English Historical Linguistics (Module 11)</b>	AS	2	7	10	EA: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages) or written final examination (60–90 min.)
		S	1	3		
4	<b>Master's thesis in the chosen specialisation (MA Thesis Module 12; compulsory module)</b>	Postgraduate seminar		30	30	EA: Master's thesis (60–80 pages)
		Master's thesis (60–80 pages)				

EA: examination achievement; CA: course achievement

Provisions regarding module choice

1. Module 1 should be attended by all students who do not have a Bachelor's degree from FAU in English/American Studies.
2. Modules worth approx. 30 ECTS credits each must be chosen from the modules offered for the first three semesters.
3. Over the course of the degree programme, at least three modules must be chosen in which students are required to complete a written assignment.
4. A maximum total of 30 ECTS credits can be achieved in the specialisation ENGLISH STUDIES: LINGUISTICS AND APPLIED LINGUISTICS with the following distribution:
  - up to 20 ECTS credits from modules from the specialisation **ENGLISH STUDIES: CULTURE AND LITERATURE**
  - up to 20 ECTS credits (German language) from the module Angewandte und deskriptive Linguistik der romanischen Sprachen from the **MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME LINGUISTICS** and/or basic module B2 Lexikografie **Germanistik EMLex (European Master of Lexicography)** and/or an MA module from German as a Foreign Language, if available.
  - up to 20 ECTS credits from optional language modules O-1 or O-2 in all languages except English that are not the native language of the student (with the exception of translation courses); e.g., depending on the courses offered by the Language Centre, Chinese, French, Italian, Dutch, Norwegian and Spanish (insofar as the admission requirements of the Language Centre have been fulfilled).  
The module O-1 may be chosen up to two times (either for two different languages or for different levels of the same language). The module O-2 can either be chosen individually or in combination with the module O-1.
  - up to 10 ECTS credits from the basic module and the advanced module **AComputer science as a minor subject** (German language)
5. Students whose native language is English shall replace all English language courses in the modules of the degree programme (Module 2 as well as the language workshops 5A and 5B) with other modules, especially language courses in other languages, such as German as a foreign language.

### Appendix 3: Example study plan MA *English Studies* (without specialisation)

Sem.	Module	Course/lecture	SWS (se- mester hours per week)	ECTS cred- its	Total ECTS credits	Type and scope of the examina- tion and course achievements
1**	<b>Introductory module <i>Culture</i></b>	S Cultural Theory	2	5	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min., English-language)
		L Cultural History	2	5		
	<b>Introductory Module <i>Literature</i></b>	S Literary Theory	2	5	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min., English-language)
		L Literary History	2	5		
	<b>Elective Module: Introduc- tory Module</b> Topics in Lin- guistic Theory and Lan- guage Acquisition Research <b>(Module 1)</b>	T Topics in Language Acqui- sition Research	2	5	10	EA: Final oral examination (20–30 min., English-language)
		S Topics in Linguistic Theory	2	5		
2	<b>Core module <i>Culture</i></b>	AS	2	7	10	EA: Portfolio examination: Written assignment (15 pages, 80%) and handout (after oral presentation, 20%)
		Self-study with supervision meetings	1	3		
	<b>Corpus Linguistics (Module 3)</b>	AS Corpus Linguistics	2	7	10	EA: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages) or written final examina- tion (60–90 min., English- language)
		T The Corpus Linguist's Essential Toolbox	2	3		
1-2	<b>MA Module Advanced <i>Language</i></b>	T Discourse Structure (1 <sup>nd</sup> sem.)	2	4	10	EA: Academic presentation (20 min.), including supporting material and discussion
		T Academic Discourse (2 <sup>nd</sup> sem.)	2	6		
3	<b>Master Module I: <i>Culture</i></b>	OS Master's course	2	5	10	EA: Oral examination as an aca- demic presentation with discus- sion (20–30 min., English- language)
		S Reading or discussion group; alternatively depend- ing on demand/availability: tutorial with student confer- ence or workshop	1	5		
	<b>Applied Linguistics B (Module 4B)</b>	AS Translation Theory and Film Translation	2	7	10	Portfolio examination: Written assignment (approx. 15 pages, 70%) or written final examina- tion (60–90 min., English- language, 70%) and practical linguistic assignments (30%)
		T Translation and Editing Workshop	2	3		
	<b>Freie Ergänzungs- studien/<i>Wildcard</i></b>	Placement (internal or exter- nal) and report*			10	CA: Active participation
4	<b>MA thesis module Master's thesis in the cho- sen specialisation</b>	Master's thesis (60–80 pag- es)		30	30	EA: Master's thesis (60–80 pages)

EA: examination achievement; CA: course achievement

\*\* Can be completed from the first semester.

\*\* The first tutorial from the MA module *Advanced Language, Discourse Structure*, should be attended in the first semester but the examination only takes place in the second semester after completion of the course *Academic Discourse*.