

A photograph of the Tower Bridge in London, showing its two stone towers and blue suspension cables. The bridge spans the River Thames. In the background, modern skyscrapers of the City of London are visible, including the Gherkin. The sky is overcast and grey.

STUDIENFÜHRER

MASTER OF ARTS

Anglistik

Zentrale Studienberatung

UNIVERSITÄT LEIPZIG

1. DEGREE PROGRAMME:	MA BRITISH STUDIES
2. DEGREE AWARDED:	Master of Arts
3. DURATION:	4 semesters
CREDIT POINTS:	120 ECTS
START DATE:	every semester

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants need to have a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent university degree. Subject-specific entry requirements are:

- A completed BA degree in British Studies, Teacher Training or a closely related area,
- English proficiency at level C1 (Advanced) Level of English Studies according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or equivalent.
- An additional foreign language at A2 (Basic) level.

In terms of prerequisites, we accept applicants with a minimum of 60 ECTS in English studies, including a minimum of 10 ECTS in English linguistics, 10 ECTS in British literature and 10 ECTS in British cultural studies.

For more detailed information about the application process please consider our webpages:

http://anglistik.philol.uni-leipzig.de/files/anglistik/media/downloads/Informationen%20zum%20Studium/Bewerbung_MA_Anglistik.pdf

5. CONTENT OF THE PROGRAMME

The academic concept of the MA in British Studies follows the structure of the new European approach to philology, which relies on the three individual subject areas of linguistics, literature and cultural studies, as well as on the interdisciplinary cooperation between these fields. Due to their complex interconnectedness, the three research foci form an overall picture which exceeds the simple sum of the individual area.

The MA in British Studies is an advanced level, research-focused degree which builds upon the corresponding Bachelor degree (or equivalent).

During the MA programme, students broaden their subject-specific and interdisciplinary knowledge and skills in the areas of English linguistics, literature and cultural studies. At the same time, they study the current state of research in British Studies as a whole. In this way, the MA degree lays the foundations for further independent research and advanced studies in the field of British Studies.

6. STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

In the course of the MA programme, students accumulate 120 credits of which 30 credits are awarded upon the successful completion of a Master's thesis written during the third and fourth semester. Students earn 60 credits each year, which are awarded upon successful completion of the examinations (which can be oral, written or assignment-based).

The MA in British Studies relies on three core modules and six core option modules. Two of the core option modules can be replaced by modules from other subject areas or by internships. 10 credit points can also be replaced by a subject-related stay abroad. You are advised to consult with the MA programme advisor before embarking on an internship or before applying to study abroad.

7. MODULES AND EXAMINATIONS

The following lectures, seminars and tutorials consist of 2 hours per week. Please note that these modules are only taught in the winter semester **or** in the summer semester respectively.

Core Modules

Semester 1 (winter semester)

04-ANG-2101: Methods and Theories in Anglo-American Literary and Cultural Studies

Semester 2 (summer semester)

04-ANG-2304: Topics in Linguistics - from Cognition to Application

Semester 3 (winter semester)

04-ANG-2002: Medieval Studies

04-ANG-2101 Methods and Theories in Anglo-American Literary and Cultural Studies 10 Credits, Core Module	Assessment:
1. Lecture: Methods and Theories	
2. Tutorial: Methods and Theories	
3. Seminar: Methods and Theories	Research project

04-ANG-2304 Topics in Linguistics - from Cognition to Application 10 Credits, Core Module	Assessment:
1. Seminar: Theoretical and Applied Linguistics I	Term paper
2. Seminar: Theoretical and Applied Linguistics II	
3. Seminar: Theoretical and Applied Linguistics III	

04-ANG-2002 Medieval Studies 10 Credits, Core Module	Assessment:
1. Lecture: Cultural Studies	Term paper
2. Seminar: Linguistics	
3. Seminar: Literary Studies	

Core Option Modules (6 modules must be chosen)**On offer in the winter semester**

04-ANG-2102: Science and Literature

04-ANG-2302: English Linguistics: Language Structure

04-ANG-2303: Variation in English I (Textual, Geographical and Social)

04-ANG-2105-A: Identity Constructions in the British Isles and in Postcolonial Cultures

04-ANG-2306: Variation in English II (Textual, Geographical and Social)

On offer in the summer semester

04-ANG-2103: Texts, Media, Society

04-ANG-2104: Difference in Literature and Culture

04-ANG-2305: Diachronic Linguistics

04-ANG-2102 Science and Literature 10 Credits, Core Option Module	Assessment:
1. Seminar: Science and Literature I	Research project
2. Seminar: Science and Literature II	

04-ANG-2302 English Linguistics: Language Structure 10 Credits, Core Option Module	Assessment:
1. Seminar: Language Structure I	Written Examination (120 min.)
2. Seminar: Language Structure II	

04-ANG-2303 Variation in English I (Textual, Geographical and Social) 10 Credits, Core Option Module	Assessment:
1. Seminar: Text Linguistics or Varieties of English I	Oral Examination (30 min.)
2. Seminar: Text Linguistics or Varieties of English II	
3. Seminar: Text Linguistics or Varieties of English III	

04-ANG-2105-A Identity Constructions in the British Isles and in Postcolonial Cultures 10 Credits, Core Option Module	Assessment:
1. Seminar: Literary Studies	Oral Examination (30 min.)
2. Seminar: Cultural Studies	

04-ANG-2306 Variation in English II (Textual, Geographical and Social) 10 Credits, Core Option Module	Assessment:
1. Seminar: Text Linguistics or Varieties of English I	Oral Examination (30 min.)
2. Seminar: Text Linguistics or Varieties of English II	
3. Seminar: Text Linguistics or Varieties of English III	

04-ANG-2103 Texts, Media, Society 10 Credits, Core Option Module	Assessment:
1. Lecture: Cultural Studies	Term paper
2. Seminar: Literary Studies	
3. Seminar: Cultural Studies and Literary Studies	

04-ANG-2104 Difference in Literature and Culture 10 Credits, Core Option Module	Assessment:
1. Seminar: Literary Studies I	Research project
2. Seminar: Cultural Studies	
3. Seminar: Literary Studies II	

04-ANG-2305 Diachronic Linguistics 10 Credits, Core Option Module	Assessment:
1. Seminar: Diachronic Linguistics I	Research project
2. Seminar: Diachronic Linguistics II	

8. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from the Master programme in British Studies tend to find employment in a wide range of areas which require competence in the English language combined with profound scholarly foundation in British culture and/or English literatures.

The following non-exhaustive list provides applicants with some areas in which our alumni have worked in the past:

- Education (universities; private schools, excluding German state schools where a teacher training degree is required)
- Journalism/Media
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Publishing
- Cultural institutions
- International relations

9. COURSE ADVISOR

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