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Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik

# MA ANGLISTIK/AMERIKANISTIK

Orientation Days | WS 26/27

# WELCOME – HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN

As not all new students will be in Jena before the beginning of the term, information on the MA Anglistik/Amerikanistik will be offered by Annika Wulfes online **on Monday, October 5, 11.00:**

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77960519601?
pwd=aM9ZlBliC6bZkmVsbr4cqdQolZ9sL3.1

Meeting-Chat-Link
https://us04web.zoom.us/launch/jc/77960519601
Meeting-ID: 779 6051 9601
Kenncode: 4gkeuP

There will also be an online Q&A session **on October 9, 11.00:**

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77838199231?
pwd=eKx7cSsl5g9kNZU4IPgJlCiYUoxuvm.1

Meeting-Chat-Link
https://us04web.zoom.us/launch/jc/77838199231
Meeting-ID: 778 3819 9231
Kenncode: 4yJ5Gj

Please make sure that you can attend at least one of these meetings! And please watch the Friedolin **training videos** before meeting online with Annika here

## FSR (= student representatives):

On our Instagram page you will find news concerning your studies and upcoming events.

FSR_ANGLISTIK

# SOME USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MA ANGLISTIK/AMERIKANISTIK:

Students can choose between three specialisations:

- General (Literary and Cultural Studies and Linguistics)
- Literary and Cultural Studies
- Linguistics

Students choose a specialisation simply by choosing modules from the respective field (linguistics or literary and cultural studies).

## BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER – WHAT SHOULD I DO FIRST?

- have a look at the information available about the M.A. Anglistik/ Amerikanistik (Modulbeschreibungen, Musterstudienplan) in Friedolin (in German) or on the department's homepage (in English)

- check the classes offered in the winter term in Friedolin here (either via "Modulkataloge" or "Vorlesungsverzeichnis"); you should enroll via "Modulkataloge"

- if you want to access Friedolin in English, change the language (see top left on the Friedolin page) "Modulkataloge" = "Browse module descriptions", "Vorlesungsverzeichnis" = "Schedule of classes".

## WHERE DO I FIND THE MODULE DESCRIPTIONS – MODULBESCHREIBUNGEN?

The Modulkatalog (PDF here) contains the module descriptions (in German). It provides all the information you need to know about modules, including requirements and the type of exam you have to take. You can find an overview in English here

## WHAT TYPES OF CLASSES ARE THERE?

The MA modules usually take the form of seminars, which require active participation, group work and presentations. A small number of courses take the from of lectures. Modules consist of weekly 90 minute classes. An exception are the 'Forschungsmodule', they consist of two weekly 90 minute classes. You should choose at least two Forschungsmodule in the course of your studies. Regular attendance is expected!

## DO I HAVE TO CHOOSE MODULES IN A PARTICULAR ORDER?

No. But there is a recommendation which serves as a good example for organizing your studies (Musterstudienplan– see next page)

# MUSTERSTUDIENPLAN – RECOMMENDED:

| term | linguistics and literary (and cultural) studies | language practice | credits |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2-4 modules in linguistics and/or literary (and cultural) studies = 20 credits | two modules = 10 credits | 30 credits |
| 2 | 2-4 modules in linguistics and/or literary (and cultural) studies = 20 credits | two modules = 10 credits | 30 credits |
| 3 | 2-4 modules in linguistics and/or literary (and cultural) studies = 20 credits | two modules = 10 credits | 30 credits |
| 4 | MA thesis | | 30 credits |

The programme consists of:

- 60 credits linguistics and/or literary (and cultural) studies modules
- 30 credits language practice modules
- 30 credits master's thesis.

## HOW MANY CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE IN ONE TERM?

You should make sure you reach 30 credits (Leistungspunkte) each semester. Generally, one module is worth 5 credits, only the 'Forschungsmodule' (= 2 seminars, ) are worth 10 credits. The fourth semester can be entirely devoted to writing the master's thesis.

## WHICH CLASSES SHOULD I CHOOSE?

There are compulsory and optional modules. All language practice modules (*Grammar*, *Academic Writing*, *Oral Presentation*, and *Advanced Language Skills A* and *B* and *C)* are compulsory. They add up to a total of 30 credit points. You should choose two language practice modules in your first, two language practice modules in your second, and two language practice modules in your third term.

All linguistics modules and all literary (and cultural) studies modules are optional modules. The modules you choose in linguistics and/or literary and cultural studies should add up to 20 credits per term; they must finally add up to 60 credit points to finish the programme.

**You can choose a module only once!**

## ARE ALL CLASSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH?

In general, yes. Only when seminars are taught in cooperation with other departments, the language of instruction is sometimes German. This will be indicated in the course description in Friedolin (Vorlesungsverzeichnis).

## CAN I TAKE CLASSES THAT ARE OFFERED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS?

Yes. You can choose modules from related master programmes (instead of modules offered by the Department of English/American Studies) such as M.A. Germanistische Sprachwissenschaft, M.A. Indogermanistik, M.A. Kulturanthropologie Kulturgeschichte, M.A. Literatur-Kunst-Kultur, M.A. Politikwissenschaft. The respective modules must be listed in the Modulkatalog/Modulbeschreibungen of the MA Anglistik/Amerikanistik. Students can choose modules up to a total of 30 credit points from these programmes.
The classes offered by other departments are usually taught in German!

## CAN I TAKE CLASSES OFFERED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS IF THE RESPECTIVE MODULES ARE NOT LISTED IN THE MODULKATALOG OF THE MA ANGLISTIK/AMERIKANISTIK?

Yes. Most departments offer "Zusatzmodule", i.e. you can choose one of their modules as an additional module. But you cannot acquire credits through a Zusatzmodul!

## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

You need to register for classes online (in Friedolin). In the winter term 26/27 **you must register by Sunday, October 11**, as the first automatic placement will be on October 12.

The number of students per course is limited and it could be possible that the system (Friedolin) does not accept you. Make sure to check on or after October 12 whether you can participate in enough classes to acquire 30 credits. If not, please contact the professors or choose another class. There will be a second placement on Thursday, October 15, to distribute the last open spaces. **Classes start on Monday, October 19**.

Students are responsible for their own schedules. If you encounter difficulties please speak to the professors immediately or contact the student mentor Katharina Klotz: katharina.klotz@uni-jena.de

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM ADMITTED TO MORE CLASSES THAN I NEED AFTER THE FIRST (OR SECOND) PLACEMENT?

**Please sign out of the class immediately so that another student can get your spot**. If you decide to drop a class you should do that not later than the first week and inform the instructor.
It is possible to sign out of a class as long as you have not registered for the module exams. Make sure that you have a substitution in order to reach the required 30 credits per term.

## ARE CLASSES TAUGHT ONLINE?

The department offers only few classes fully online. If classes are taught online, this is indicated in Friedolin.

## WHAT DOES ONLINE TEACHING MEAN?

In general this means that seminars take the form of video conferences and teaching materials are provided online. Teachers usually use Zoom for online classes and they offer access to teaching materials through the e-learning platform Moodle.

## WHAT IS MOODLE?

Moodle is the university's e-learning platform. It is used by most teachers of the Department of English and American Studies to provide students with teaching and learning materials (readings, videos, links, etc.). As soon as you have been admitted („zugelassen") to a class by Friedolin you should have access to the respective Moodle room. But you need a university login (URZ login/FSU account) to actually access Moodle!

**Please read your emails and check your FSU account regularly!**

## WHAT IF I CANNOT COMPLETE MY REGISTRATION (IMMATRIKULATION) BEFORE OCTOBER 12 AND DO NOT HAVE A STUDENT ACCOUNT?

If you do not have a student account by October 12, you can still enroll in classes after your registration with the International Office is complete and you have received the information you need to create a FSU account. You can enroll for a class through Friedolin as soon as you have a FSU account. Make sure to also send an email to the teacher when you enroll through Friedolin. First check whether there are still places available in the classes you are interested in!

## HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR AN EXAM AND CAN I CANCEL A REGISTRATION?

You can only take an exam if you have registered for it. You must register in Friedolin (not later than **December 20** in the winter term 26/27). You can cancel the registration yourself in Friedolin up to one week before an exam, if you no longer wish to take it. (see ASPA's FAQ page for deadlines and further information in German). In the event of illness on the day of the examination you need to see a doctor and bring the doctor's certificate (you have to contact ASPA). If you have registered and do not take an exam it will count as 'fail' (nicht bestanden).

## CAN I REPEAT AN EXAM?

If you have failed an exam for the first time, you can repeat it twice. There are fixed dates for the resit exams. If you have failed a module from 'Wahlpflichtbereich' repeatedly you can substitute it with another module from 'Wahlpflichtbereich' (see ASPA's FAQ page for more information).

## WHAT TYPES OF EXAMS ARE THERE?

In most classes you will either have to take a written exam (usually 90 minutes) or you will have to hand in a term paper (approximately 15 to 20 pages). The format of the exam (e.g. 'Klausur' = written exam) is fixed and can be found in 'Friedolin' and in the 'Modulbeschreibungen'.

There are deadlines for term papers. Papers submitted after the deadline will be graded 'fail'.

**For all questions regarding examinations see ASPA's FAQ page** in German here

## WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON THE UNIVERSITY WLAN?

In German here
in English here

## HOW CAN I USE THE LIBRARY SERVICES OFF CAMPUS?

You need to install a VPN client in order to access, for example, the university library's databases. Find information on how to set up a VPN connection here

## WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON SOFTWARE THAT IS PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY?

In German here
In English here

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