

## Major English and American Studies (2018 examination regulations)

Major students have to acquire a total of **108 credit points (CPs)**. They have to take **11 exams** and write a **bachelor's thesis**.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year:

Language Skills F Foundations		2 x 2 SWS <sup>1</sup> + 1 AP <sup>2</sup>	9 CP
Basic Module I	Medieval Studies	2 x 2 SWS + 1 AP	6 CP
Basic Module II	Linguistics	2 x 2 SWS + 1 AP	6 CP
Basic Module III	Literature	1 x 4 SWS + 1 AP	6 CP
			<b>27 CP</b>

For the *Language Skills Foundations Module* students must acquire certificates of attendance in the following classes: *Foundations (Grammar)*, *Foundations (Writing)*. The *Language Skills F Foundations* and the *Basic Modules I – III* must be finished with a final exam.

**Oxford Online Placement Test:** In order to participate in the *Language Skills Foundations Module*, students must pass the *Oxford Online Placement Test* first. In case students do not pass the OOPT, they might partake in the **Remedial Course** in the following winter semester.

The **Basic Modules I and II** consist of Part I and Part II and must be attended in two separate semesters. The **Basic Module III**, however, must be completed in one semester.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year:

Methods of Academic Writing and Research Module	2 x 2 SWS; 2 x 1 SWS + 1 AP	8 CP
Intermediate Module Literature	2 x 2 SWS + 1 AP	8 CP
Intermediate Module Linguistics	2 x 2 SWS + 1 AP	8 CP
Career Orientation Module	2 x 2 SWS	5 CP
		<b>29 CP</b>

The *Methods of Academic Writing and Research Module* consists of one seminar from the linguistics department and one seminar from the literary studies department, as well as two tutorials concerning methods of academic writing and research. The courses of the *Methods of Academic Writing and Research Module* can already be attended in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. It should be completed before the student writes their first term paper in an *Advanced or Intermediate Module*. The exam consists of two separately registered parts.

In order to complete the *Methods of Academic Writing and Research Module*, the student must take an exam in the form of a portfolio, consisting of two short papers, one in linguistics and one in literary Studies. Additionally, a short written exercise is part of the portfolio. The exam is ungraded but must be passed. The participation requirements for the *Methods of Academic Writing and*

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<sup>1</sup> SWS = *Semester-Wochenstunden*: Weekly hours per semester

<sup>2</sup> AP = *Abschluss-Prüfung*: Final Exam

*Research Module* are the certificate of attendance for *Basic Module II Part I*, as well as the successful participation in the *Basic Module III* exam.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year:

Language Skills WS Writing Skills	2 x 2 SWS + 1 AP	9 CP
Language Skills OS Oral Skills	2 x 2 SWS + 1 AP	6 CP
Advanced Module I	2 x 2 SWS + 1 AP	10 CP
Advanced Module II	2 x 2 SWS + 1 AP	10 CP
Advanced Module III	2 x 2 SWS	5 CP
		<b>40 CP</b>

The *Language Skills* and *Oral Skills* modules must be completed with one written (WS) and one oral exam (OS).

**The classes for the advanced modules can be chosen from the linguistics and literary studies departments. Within one module, only classes of the same department can be combined (either linguistics or literary studies).**

**Admission to the *Advanced Modules* requires that the student has passed the according intermediate module, i.e. a student may only take an advanced module in literary studies if they have passed an intermediate module in literary studies.**

**If the bachelor's thesis is written in the linguistics department, the student needs to write at least one graded term paper in an *Advanced Module*. If the bachelor's thesis is written in the literary department, the student must have written at least two term papers in this department previous to their bachelor's thesis, at least one of them being part of an *Advanced Module*.**

The *bachelor's thesis* should be written in either an advanced or intermediate class. It may also be based on an international internship, or a research paper written abroad.

The *bachelor's thesis* must be written in the English language. The students are awarded 12 CP for their bachelor's thesis.

**The total sum of credit points should 108.**

Exams in the *Basic and Language Skills modules* are organized centrally and taken on a fixed date. The registration for these exams is done online via the [Studierendenportal](#) and has a deadline. All deadlines and dates can be found [here](#).

Registration for *individual exams* (e.g. Term papers) is done in accordance with the lecturer. The formal registration is also done on the [Studierendenportal](#).

Should you have further questions or problems please contact the Student's Office of the English and American Studies department: