English B. Ed. @ Tübingen

English is the most frequently taught and studied language worldwide. Our Bachelor of Education program provides future teachers of English with insights into the diversity of the English language as well as of English literatures and cultures and prepares them for the challenges of teaching English professionally at secondary schools. Our curriculum mirrors the academic, research-oriented and professional profile of teacher education advanced by the Tübingen School of Education. As the central institution for teacher education at the University of Tübingen, the Tübingen School of Education connects all departments and institutes involved in teacher education.

The University of Tübingen

Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. These have been our guiding principles in research and teaching from the very beginning. Founded in 1477, Tübingen is one of Europe’s oldest, most respected institutions of higher education. Tübingen’s success in the German government’s Excellence programs since 2012 have placed it among the most outstanding universities in Germany. The University is also well-placed in international higher education rankings.

With its wide spectrum of subjects, the University of Tübingen offers many opportunities for learning and for teaching – often in interdisciplinary programs which draw on a number of different subjects. Internationally, we have a large number of student exchange options with partners around the globe. Excellent research at the University of Tübingen goes hand-in-hand with the latest teaching methods to provide the best possible foundation for studies for students from Germany and around the world. This attractive learning environment is further enriched by a large variety of cultural and sporting activities.

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Areas of Study

Academic English, Linguistics and Literary and Cultural Studies are the subject-specific areas of our program. We pride ourselves on offering our students courses that cover a variety of topics and a broad range of texts relating to the English language and Anglophone literatures and cultures. Our courses in Teaching English as a Foreign Language equip students with the skills needed as future teachers of English. While investigating the conditions and processes of learning and teaching, we examine current topics and contemporary texts in order to explore the possibilities of integrating them into the classroom.

Going Abroad

All students of English are strongly recommended to spend some time in an English-speaking country. We offer our students the opportunity to partake in the University’s established exchange programs with more than fifty universities in the United Kingdom, North America, Ireland, India and Australia as our partners. For more information see our special website: https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/4590
Our three-year Bachelor’s program for future teachers of English will enable students to achieve excellence in both subject-specific and teaching-related areas of study.

The English Bachelor of Education may be studied as a major in a combination of two or three subjects.

The curriculum consists of five core areas of study:

- Literary Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Linguistics
- Academic English
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Literary and Cultural Studies, Linguistics and Academic English are the individual areas of study in the subject-specific part of the program. The field of Academic English focuses on the skills of spoken and written language. Linguistics deals with language as a system (phonetics/phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics), language as a means of communication (pragmatics, sociolinguistics, language acquisition) and the historical development of English. In the fields of Literary and Cultural Studies, students learn to explore and analyze literary and cultural texts including modern media such as photography or film and digital media within their specific socio-historical contexts.

Our program connects subject-specific knowledge with the demands of the classroom. The field of Teaching English as a Foreign Language as the teaching-related part of the program presents students with the challenges of learning and teaching of the English language and of Anglophone literatures and cultures. The Bachelor curriculum in Teaching English as a Foreign Language encourages students to reflect upon the practical consequences of their theoretical knowledge in preparation for their obligatory school internship (Schulpraxissemester) in the Master of Education.

Keywords: Bachelor of Education English, Tübingen School of Education, Literary and Cultural Studies, Linguistics, Academic English, Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Opportunities

Master of Education

Graduates of our study program who want to pursue a career as teachers in German secondary schools need to apply for a Master of Education. Admission to the next phase of teacher education (Referendariat) is only possible after the successful completion of the Master of Education.

The profile and curriculum of our Master of Education English is available on our website: https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/149475

Master of Arts

Graduates of the Bachelor of Education English who would like to explore career options outside the field of teaching may alternatively apply for a Master of Arts program. We recommend one of our Master of Arts programs in American Studies, English Literatures and Cultures, Linguistics or Cultures of the Global South.

For an overview of our Master of Arts programs, please see our website: https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/4587

Requirements/How to apply

General Requirements

In general, prospective students of our study program should have enthusiasm for the English language and for the literatures and cultures of the English-speaking world. As students of a teaching degree, they should also have a special interest in the learning and teaching of the English language and of Anglophone literatures and cultures.

For a full list of the formal requirements, please visit our website: https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/149463

Language Requirements

The language requirements for studying English in the Bachelor of Education are:

- a good command of spoken and written English (B2 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
- the Latinum or command of a second modern language (A2 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

How to apply

Admission to the Bachelor of Education English is restricted. Students can commence their studies in the winter semester. The deadline for applications is July 15.

Our website provides an overview with the most important pieces of information and all relevant links: https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/149463

More information on the application process for the Bachelor of Education English and the obligatory self-evaluation questionnaire for future teachers can be found on the University’s website: https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/344

For up-to-date news and details on the application process, please also see the website of the Student Administration Office: https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/79672

Deadline for applications: July 15

Contact for inquiries concerning admissions:
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Program start: each winter semester (admission restricted)
Regular duration of studies: 3 years (with two majors)
Studying abroad: recommended
Workload: 180 ECTS credit points (with two majors)
Language of instruction: English
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