Welcome to the English Department at Tübingen University

The English Department at Tübingen University is one of the larger institutions in the fields of English and American Studies in Germany. We offer a wide range of courses and all our classes are taught in English. During your studies, you will be introduced to a tradition spanning almost 1600 years of the English language and of its literatures and cultures. In addition, the American Studies Program offers a wide range of topics pertaining to American literature and culture.

If you are interested in the fields of English and American Studies, then, indeed, Tübingen is the right place for pursuing your interest at university level.

In most instances you will come to Tübingen with a background of eight or nine years of English at secondary school level. So you should already have a solid foundation on which to build. You can count on our help in the process of planning your studies – but we don’t have the means of attending to and repairing structural defects in the foundation. This will be your responsibility! To be clear about this: It is absolutely necessary to have a very good command of English, both spoken and written.

Planning your first semester here will be quite a challenge. So please read the following guidelines carefully.

In both our programmes for beginning students, i.e. “Bachelor Anglistik/Amerikanistik” and “Lehramt Englisch”, you will have to attend classes in four major areas:
– Academic English
– Cultural Studies
– Linguistics
– Literature.
Ideally, your syllabus for the first semester should include:
– Language and Use
– Introduction to English Linguistics (lecture course)
– Introduction to Cultural Studies (lecture course)
– Introduction to Literary Studies (lecture course)
– Introduction to Literary Studies (Proseminar I).

However, you may not be able to attend all of these classes in your first semester because you will also have to attend classes in your second subject. Don’t worry – you can attend one or two of the classes mentioned above in your second semester. If you have to study for the Latinum you will probably not be able to attend more than two of the above classes. The Latinum should have top priority!
To put it differently: the absolute “minimum” for your first semester is “Language and Use” and “Introduction to Literary Studies” (lecture course – offered in the winter semester only) as well as “Introduction to Linguistics” (lecture course).

As far as the lecture courses in your first semester are concerned, there will be plenty of places available. Please sign up for lectures courses on Campus (unless otherwise indicated).
You will also have to sign up for both “Language and Use” and “Introduction to Literary Studies – Proseminar I”. Attending these classes will not be a problem, provided you are somewhat flexible as to both weekday and course times.

Please note: You will have to register for most courses using Campus. If you register for a course with a limited number of participants your chances of getting a place will be considerably better on the basis of the priority system you can (and should!) use for the several course types. Thus, you will be able to choose up to four classes from the list – your first choice will have top priority, the second best will have priority level two and so on.
We will tell you more about the system of registration during the Welcome Meeting; details will be announced on the website of the department.

If you need further information before coming to Tübingen, do not hesitate to contact the programme co-ordinator for both Bachelor and Lehramt:

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We look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Meeting in October!