B.A. English & American Studies (Minor)

Starter Kit for New Students

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Welcome to the Bachelor Program English & American Studies (minor)!

In the following, you will learn what you need to know to get started for your first semester. This Starter Kit will cover the following points:

- the structure of the program
- the module handbook
- which courses to take in the first semester
- course registration on ALMA
  - where to get advice
- language requirements
  - studying abroad
- dates and deadlines
- important websites
- help and advice
Main Components of the Bachelor Program
English & American Studies

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In each of these areas you complete two modules that build on each other. In the basic modules, you are introduced to the basic concepts and methods of each area of study. In the advanced modules, you may specialize and choose topics you are particularly interested in.

A module usually consists of more than one class. Typically, you complete a module with a single exam.
The Module Handbook

To learn more about the individual modules of your program as well as on any other requirements in your course of study, please consult your Module Handbook.

All Module Handbooks and Examination Regulations are listed at the Registrar’s Office of the Faculty of Philosophy (“Prüfungsamt der geisteswissenschaftlichen Fächer”):

https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/128311

Go to: Prüfungsordnungen & Modulhandbücher > Aktuell: Anglistik/Amerikanistik B.A. > 2016 NF
Courses in Your First Semester

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1. Basic Module Academic English
   Seminar “Language and Use” → sign up via ALMA

2. Basic Module Literary Studies:
   Lecture course “Introduction to Literary Studies”
   (available on TIMMS; the instructor of the seminar will provide you with the necessary information on how to access the lecture)

   + Seminar “Introduction to Literary Studies” + Tutorial
   (the time slot of the tutorial is provided in the course description of the seminar)

   → sign up for the seminar via ALMA.
   (The lecture course and the tutorial do not require any registration.)

These courses are the minimum you should take during your first semester. They are part of the orientation exam (“Orientierungsprüfung”), which must be completed by the end of the third semester at the very latest.
Courses in Your First Semester

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The recommendation given above is the default case. If you are in no special situation, please skip this and the following slide.

For whatever reason, you may have less or more time on your hands. Therefore, you may want to adjust your schedule accordingly.

a) Fewer courses:
If, for instance, you need to acquire another language (e.g. Latin) for your second subject, you should take less than those courses mentioned above for now. In this case, **rather take Language & Use than the Basic Module Literary Studies**. Please note that you cannot split the courses of the Basic Module Literary Studies between different semesters.
Courses in Your First Semester

B.A. English & American Studies (Minor) – Special Cases (2)

The recommendation given above is the default case. If you are in no special situation, please skip this slide.

b) More courses:
If, for whatever reason, you have extra time, you may consider to take one of the following two courses in addition to the ones mentioned above:

Optional:

3. Basic Module Linguistics
Lecture “Introduction to English Linguistics” → sign up via ALMA
(take the seminar in this module in your 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} semester)

4. Basic Module Cultural Studies
Lecture “Introduction to Cultural Studies” + Tutorial
→ sign up for the lecture and the tutorial via ALMA
Registration on ALMA

alma.uni-tuebingen.de

Please consult the following website for further information on how to register for courses on ALMA:

https://uni-tuebingen.de/studium/studienorganisation/studienanfang/
Registration on ALMA

You have to register via ALMA for all of your classes: alma.uni-tuebingen.de

Students in their first semester can register from 6 to 12 April 2020.

When you register for classes be as flexible as possible about the days and times of the courses. Indicate your preference and give alternatives.

Allocation of places by ALMA: Monday, 13 April 2020

Don´t panic if you don´t get all the classes you want!

The absolute “minimum” for your first semester is “Language and Use” and the Basic Module “Introduction to Literary Studies” (Lecture & seminar incl. tutorial).

In case you do not get into these classes, please contact the English Department Main Office at: anglistik@es.uni-tuebingen.de — please provide your student ID number (Matrikelnummer) and a list of your preferred courses incl. alternatives.
Information and Advice in the English Department

... Want to know how to prepare for exams?

... Lost on campus?

... Got a problem with your schedule?

... Need help with a term paper?

... Or a question about your Prüfungsordnung?
Information and Advice in the English Department

For any questions concerning your studies, please contact the

Helpdesk

Room 555 (5th floor)

Office Hours:
Mon & Tue 1 – 3 p.m.,
Wed & Thu 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Email:
helpdesk@es.uni-tuebingen.de

For special concerns, please consult the homepage of the English Seminar.
Language Requirements for the Bachelor Program
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Besides a B2 level (CEFR) in English, you need good knowledge (A2 CEFR) in one other modern or classic foreign language. Proof of this may be your “Abitur” certificate or an acknowledged language test. It needs to be provided for your “Orientierungsprüfung” at the latest, i.e. by the end of the 3rd semester.

For students with a non-German mother tongue, German is accepted as a modern foreign language.

Any proof of your language proficiency must be submitted to the Registrar's Office (“Prüfungsamt”). They will answer any further questions:

Study Abroad

As a student of English & American Studies, you are strongly recommended to take advantage of the numerous opportunities the University of Tübingen offers you to go abroad and spend an extended period of time in an English-speaking country. Typically, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience! This requires much planning-ahead – sometimes more than a year!

Exchange Programs:

USA / Canada / Australia: [https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/1085](https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/1085)

UK / Ireland (ERAMUS+): [uni-tuebingen.de/de/4590](uni-tuebingen.de/de/4590)

- ERASMUS+ application deadline: in Nov./Dec. 2020 (look out for announcements)
- USA/Canada application deadline: Aug. 3, 2020 for WS 2021/22 and SS 2022
- Australia application deadline: June 15, 2020 for SS 2021 and WS 2021/22

The International Office ("Dezernat für Internationale Angelegenheiten") offers orientation events on the various options for going abroad. Look them up on their website:

[https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/studying-abroad/](https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/studying-abroad/)
Dates and Deadlines

Semester Dates

General Semester Dates: https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/843

English Department Dates: uni-tuebingen.de/de/68573
(“Dates and Deadlines”)
Important Websites

English Department Homepage
https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/30

Module Handbooks and Exam Regulations (Prüfungsordnungen)
https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/128311

Fachschaft
https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/78751

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Englisches Seminar: esunituebingen
Your Questions

For **general questions**, consult the Help & Advice section on our website. Many of your questions are probably answered in our FAQs:

https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/19975

For your **individual questions** or when having **problems with course registration**, contact the Helpdesk via e-mail:

helpdesk@es.uni-tuebingen.de
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