Key facts about M.A. English Linguistics  
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There are several documents which describe this degree scheme. The most important one is
- *Modulhandbuch* - ‘module handbook’ (abbreviated MHB)
  This contains the description of the modules you have to complete, and what courses make up the modules. You will find the courses on the online platform *Alma*.
- *Prüfungsordnung* - ‘examination rules’ (abbreviated PO)
  This is a more legal text which lays out the rules. There is a general one which lays out the rules for all MAs, and a specific one which relates to just MA English Linguistics.

I. Aims, Contents and Structure of the M.A. Course

§ 2 Course Contents and Objectives, Duration of Study, Start Dates
(1) Objectives: see Module Handbook, p.3
(2) Start of the program: winter and summer semester
Length of study: an MA degree is expected to take 4 terms (PO FB4-MA, p.2)
Requirement for successful completion of the course: 120 ECTS
(3) Requirements for enrolment:
  • B.A. (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of 2.5, visible focus on linguistics
  • good English skills (minimum C1)
  • knowledge of another modern or classic language (A2 by end of 3rd semester)

§ 3 Structure of the M.A. Course

(4) Structure: two years of study, final oral exam
(5) Students are required to complete 120 ECTS, consisting of the following modules:

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II. Teaching

§ 4 Forms of Teaching
There are different sorts of classes or teaching forms in your courses.
   1. Lectures
   2. Seminars and Colloquiums
   3. Work Group and Exercises
   4. Tutorials

You have to apply on the online portal Alma to join classes. Please note that classes may
be limited in the number of participants to ensure that students are taught appropriately.

§ 5 Language
The course language is English. Classes and exams within the interdisciplinary
compulsory electives can be taught in other languages.

§ 6 Types of examination
See Module Handbook, p.6ff. There are written exams, papers which you write at home,
and oral exams.

II M.A. exam and M.A. final grade

§ 8 M.A. exam
Requirement for final oral exam and M.A. thesis: regular and successful participation of the
modules stated in § 3 (2) (exception: ELI-MA-07)

§ 9 M.A. thesis (see § 17 FB4-MA, p.10)
(1) Aim: to show that the author is able to independently work on an academic problem
and properly present the results in written form
(2) Time limit: four months
(3) Language: German or English, time limit for correction: four weeks
(4) Plagiarism statement is required
(5) Two correctors (in case of disagreement of one grade or more √ third corrector)

§ 10 Final grade
50% = ELI-MA-09
50% = average of the other modules (weighted according to the ECTS)

* Order of final oral exam and completion of thesis. The normal order is to write your
thesis and then do your oral exam. But if you want to do it the other way round, you must
apply to the examination office ('Prüfungsamt') in good time.