



Universität Regensburg

Module Catalogue M.A. English Linguistics

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Course types:

L = Lecture

S = Seminar

PS = Proseminar

HS = Hauptseminar (= advanced seminar)

C = Colloquium

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MA-ELG-M 1

1. Module title:	Methods and Skills in English Linguistics (I)					
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber					
3. Contents of the module:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods of data collection, analysis and interpretation in linguistic research • Advanced academic writing 					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	<p>Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the structure of linguistic research texts and apply their skills to the analysis of their own texts, • compare and apply various methods for collecting and analysing linguistic data, • develop, critically reflect, and evaluate a research concept in well-structured written form. 					
5. Requirements:						
a) Recommended skills:	Strong interest in the critical academic engagement with theoretical, methodological, and historical issues in linguistics					
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	None					
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>					
7. Frequency:	Each winter term					
8. Intended duration of the module:	1 semester					
9. Recommended semester:	1 st semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:	<p>Workload:</p> <p>Total number of hours: 360</p> <p>Split into:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course attendance: 4 hours per week (60 hours per semester) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 300 hours <p>Credit points: 12</p>					
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:						
12. Components of the module:						
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/topic	Credit Hours	CP	Coursework requirements
MA-ELG-M1.1	C	S	Academic Writing for Linguists	2	4	Portfolio
MA-ELG-M1.2	C	S	Research Methods of Investigating Variation in English	2	8	Portfolio
Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.						
13. Module exam:						
Competence / Topic / Area	Type of exam		Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade

Exemplary research proposal for a research project in English linguistics	Term paper	6 weeks (ca. 3000 words)	4	During the semester break.	100%
14. Remarks:					
The module should be completed in the first semester.					
The module grade contributes 10% to the overall grade.					
The module exam can only take place after the successful completion of the MA-ELG-M1.2 Portfolio.					

MA-ELG-M2

1. Module title:	Methods and Skills in Linguistics (II)					
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber					
3. Contents of the module:	Classical and current research topics in the field of English linguistics					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse and critically evaluate texts with regard to linguistic theories and methods, • assess current research approaches in English linguistics for own research projects, • reflect on and discuss an extensive linguistic source. 					
5. Requirements:						
a) Recommended skills:	None					
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	None					
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>					
7. Frequency:	Each summer term					
8. Intended duration of the module:	1 semester					
9. Recommended semester:	2 nd semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:	Workload: Total number of hours: 240 Split into: 1. Course attendance: 4 hours per week (60 hours per semester) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 180 hours Credit points: 8					
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:						
12. Components of the module:						
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit Hours	CP	Coursework requirements
MA-ELG-M2.1	C	S	Readings in Linguistics	2	4	Presentation and essay discussing a linguistic text (ca. 2000 words)
MA-ELG-M2.2	C	S/C	Research Colloquium Recent Research in English linguistics	2	4	Reading and review (ca. 1500 words) of a linguistic source
Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.						
13. Module exam:						
Competence / Topic / Area	Type of exam		Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade
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14. Remarks:						
The module remains ungraded.						

MA-ELG-M3

1. Module title:	English Linguistics: A Survey of Structure and Use					
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber					
3. Contents of the module:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the structural characteristics of the English language and its varieties (e.g. phonetics, syntax, lexis, semantics) • Overview of the use of the English language and its varieties (e.g. sociolinguistics, stylistics, language acquisition) • Overview of linguistic theories and principal academic studies on the structural characteristics and/or the conditions of use of the English language and its varieties 					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	<p>Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain, compare and evaluate structural characteristics and usage features of the English language and its varieties, • analyse texts with regard to characteristic structural and stylistic features and evaluate them in terms of their sociolinguistic and register-specific significance 					
5. Requirements:						
a) Recommended skills:	None					
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	None					
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>					
7. Frequency:	Every semester					
8. Intended duration of the module:	1 semester					
9. Recommended semester:	1 st semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:	<p>Workload: Total number of hours: 240 Split into:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course attendance: 4 hours per week (60 hours per semester) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 180 hours <p>Credit points: 8</p>					
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:						
12. Components of the module:						
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit Hours	CP	Coursework requirements
MA-ELG-M3.1	C	L	L from the subject area <i>The Structure of English or English in Use</i>	2	4	Written exam (90 minutes)
MA-ELG-M3.2	C	PS	PS from the subject area <i>The Structure of English or English in Use</i>	2	4	Presentation and hand-out; alternatively: Portfolio

Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.

13. Module exam:

Competence / Topic / Area	Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade
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14. Remarks:

The module remains ungraded.

The exact coursework requirement for MA-ELG-M3.2 will be specified by the instructor, typically at the beginning of the semester.

MA-ELG-M4

1. Module title:	English Linguistics: Studying Structure and Use						
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber						
3. Contents of the module:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced studies of the structural characteristics of the English language and its varieties (e.g. phonetics, syntax, lexis, semantics) • Advanced studies of the use of the English language and its varieties (e.g. sociolinguistics, stylistic, language acquisition) 						
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	<p>Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • select suitable literature and data for their own analyses and critically reflect on them in oral and written form, • work on a topic within the subject area <i>Structure and Use of the English Language</i> and its varieties based on their own analyses and selected specialist literature. 						
5. Requirements:							
a) Recommended skills:	None						
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	None						
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>						
7. Frequency:	every semester						
8. Intended duration of the module:	1 semester						
9. Recommended semester:	2 nd semester						
10. Workload/Credit points:	<p>Workload:</p> <p>Total number of hours: 240</p> <p>Split into:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course attendance: 2 hours per week (30 hours per semester) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 210 hours <p>Credit points: 8</p>						
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:							
12. Components of the module:							
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit Hours	CP	Coursework requirements	
MA-ELG-M4.1	C	PS	PS from the subject area <i>The Structure of English or English in Use</i>	2	8	Presentation incl. hand-out and/or portfolio	
<p>Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.</p>							
13. Module exam:							
Competence / Topic / Area			Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade
Working on a topic from English linguistics with a focus on the use or the structure of English.			Term paper	6 weeks (ca. 6000 words)	--	During the semester break.	100%
14. Remarks:							

The course instructor will specify the exact coursework requirement for MA-ELG-M4.1 in due time, typically at the beginning of the semester.

The module grade contributes 10% to the overall grade.

The module exam can only be taken after the successful completion of the coursework for MA-ELG-M4.1.

MA-ELG-M5

1. Module title:	Evolution and Variation in English (I)					
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber					
3. Contents of the module:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main features of the diachronic evolution of the English language and its varieties from its origins to the present • Basic theories of language change and linguistic evolutionary processes • Principles of linguistic variation under the influence of social, regional, and register-specific parameters 					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	<p>Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • differentiate and characterise the evolutionary paths of the English language across various linguistic levels, • identify and explain phenomena of linguistic variation and relate them to processes of language change (e.g. correlation between linguistic patterns and extra- and intralinguistic patterns, connections between linguistic levels). 					
5. Requirements:						
a) Recommended skills:	None					
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	None					
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>					
7. Frequency:	At least once per academic year					
8. Intended duration of the module:	1-2 semesters					
9. Recommended semester:	MA-0: 1 st -2 nd semester; MA-ELG 5.2, 5.3: 1 st -3 rd semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:	<p>Workload:</p> <p>Total number of hours: 420</p> <p>Split into:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course attendance: 6 hours per week (90 hours per semester) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 330 hours <p>Credit points: 14</p>					
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:						
12. Components of the module:						
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit Hours	CP	Coursework requirements
MA-ELG-M5.1	C	L/S	Historical Evolution of English	2	4	Written exam (90 minutes)
MA-ELG-M5.2	C	L/PS	L/PS from the subject area <i>Evolution and Variation in English</i>	2	4	if L: Written exam (90 minutes) if PS: Presentation and hand-out; alternatively: portfolio
MA-ELG-M5.3	C	HS	HS from the subject area <i>Evolution and Variation in English</i>	2	6	Presentation and hand-out; alternatively: Portfolio
Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.						
13. Module exam:						

Competence / Topic / Area	Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade
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14. Remarks:
 This module remains ungraded.
 The course instructor will specify the exact coursework requirements for MA-ELG-M5.2 and MA-ELG-M5.3 in due time, usually at the beginning of the semester.

MA-ELG-M6

1. Module title:	Evolution and Variation in English (II)					
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber					
3. Contents of the module:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-depth knowledge of the diachronic evolution of the English language and its varieties from their origins to the present • Investigation and analysis of language change and linguistic evolutionary processes in the history of the English language • Methodology and research on linguistic variation under the influence of social, regional and register-specific parameters 					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	<p>Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse the evolutionary paths of the English language across various linguistic levels, • critically reflect on theories addressing issues in variation research, • formulate and empirically test hypotheses regarding linguistic variation and diachronic evolution. 					
5. Requirements:						
a) Recommended skills:	None					
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	None					
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>					
7. Frequency:	At least once per academic year					
8. Intended duration of the module:	1 semester					
9. Recommended semester:	2 nd -3 rd semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:	<p>Workload:</p> <p>Total number of hours: 300</p> <p>Split into:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course attendance: 2 hours per week (30 hours per semester) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 270 hours <p>Credit points: 10</p>					
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:						
12. Components of the module:						
No.	C/CC	Form of teaching	Subject area/ topic	Credit Hours	CP	Coursework requirements
MA-ELG-M6.1	C	HS	HS from the subject area <i>Evolution and Variation in English</i>	2	10	Presentation and hand-out; alternatively: portfolio
Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.						
13. Module exam:						
Competence / Topic / Area			Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination
						Percentage of the module grade

Working on a topic related to the evolution and variation of the English language	Term paper	6 weeks (ca. 6000 words)	--	During the semester break.	100%
14. Remarks:					
The course instructor will specify the exact coursework requirement for MA-ELG-M6.1 in due time, usually at the beginning of the semester.					
The module grade contributes 15% to the overall grade.					
The module exam can only be taken after the successful completion of the coursework from MA-ELG-M6.1.					

MA-ELG-M7

1. Module title:	English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism (I)					
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber					
3. Contents of the module:	Fundamental theories, models, methods, and practical examples from the fields of English variation linguistics, language contact, and multilingualism					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compare and evaluate theories and models from the above-mentioned fields, • apply the research methods from the fields above to a project 					
5. Requirements:						
a) Recommended skills:	None					
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	None					
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>					
7. Frequency:	At least once per academic year					
8. Intended duration of the module:	1 semester					
9. Recommended semester:	2 nd –4 th semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:	Workload: Total number of hours: 300 Split into: 1. Course attendance: 4 hours per week (60 hours per semester) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 240 hours Credit points: 10					
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:						
12. Components of the module:						
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit Hours	CP	Coursework requirements
MA-ELG-M7.1	C	L/PS	L/PS from the subject area <i>English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism</i>	2	4	if L: Written exam (90 minutes) if PS: Presentation and hand-out; alternatively: portfolio
MA-ELG-M7.2	C	HS	HS from the subject area <i>English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism</i>	2	6	Presentation and hand-out; alternatively: portfolio
Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.						
13. Module exam:						
Competence / Topic / Area		Type of exam		Timeframe / scope of work		CP
						Timing of the examination
						Percentage of module grade
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14. Remarks:						
The module remains ungraded.						
The course instructor will specify the exact coursework requirement in MA-ELG-M7.1 and MA-ELG-M7.2 in due time, usually at the beginning of the semester.						

MA-ELG-M8

1. Module title:	English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism (II)						
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber						
3. Contents of the module:	Advanced knowledge of theories, models, methods, and applications in the fields of English language variation, language contact and multilingualism						
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	<p>Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critically reflect on theories, models, and methods with regard to their applicability to current research questions in the above-mentioned disciplines, • demonstrate their ability to apply methods and theories from the above-mentioned disciplines to their own empirical work and to present their findings in a written format tailored to the target audience 						
5. Requirements:							
a) Recommended skills:	None						
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	None						
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>						
7. Frequency:	At least once per academic year						
8. Intended duration of the module:	1 semester						
9. Recommended semester:	2 nd -4 th semester						
10. Workload/Credit points:	<p>Workload:</p> <p>Total number of hours: 300</p> <p>Split into:</p> <p>1. Course attendance: 2 hours per week (30 hours per semester)</p> <p>2. Self-study (incl. exam): 270 hours</p> <p>Credit points: 10</p>						
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:							
12. Components of the module:							
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit Hours	LP	Coursework requirements	
MA-ELG-M8.1	C	HS	HS from the subject area <i>English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism</i>	2	10	Presentation and hand-out; alternatively: portfolio	
Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.							
13. Module exam:							
Competence / Topic / Area			Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of the module grade

Working on a topic on variation of the English language and its varieties, language contact or multilingualism	Term paper	6 weeks (ca. 6000 words)	--	During the semester break.	100%
14. Remarks:					
The course instructor will specify the exact coursework requirement in MA-ELG-M8.1 in due time, usually at the beginning of the semester.					
The module grade contributes 15% to the overall grade.					
The module exam can only be taken after the successful completion of the coursework for MA-ELG-M8.1.					

MA-ELG-M9

1. Module title:	Praxismodul (Practical module)					
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber					
3. Contents of the module:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship with a total workload of 240 hours; equivalent to approximately 6 weeks full-time (40 hours/week) • Support in finding an internship through existing contacts to companies and institutions • Practical professional experience • Strengthening of personal responsibility and organisational skills • Application of theoretical knowledge to practical observations • Self-reflection and the ability to document personal experiences 					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to independently plan, prepare for, carry out and document an internship in the field of English Linguistics.					
5. Requirements:						
a) Recommended skills:	None					
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	None					
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>					
7. Frequency:	Internship anytime; colloquium at least once per academic year					
8. Intended duration of the module:	1-2 semesters					
9. Recommended semester:	2 nd -4 th semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:	Workload: Minimum duration of the internship: 6 weeks Total number of hours: 390 Split into: 1. Organisation and preparation: 90 hours 2. Internship: 240 hours 3. Course attendance (Colloquium): 30 hours 4. Presentation and internship report: 30 hours Credit points: 13					
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:						
12. Components of the module:						
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit Hours	CP	Coursework requirements
MA-ELG-M9.1	C	Internship	Internship (including independent organisation and preparation)	330	11	
MA-ELG-M9.2	C	C	Colloquium: Recent Research in English Linguistics	60	2	Presentation and internship report (ca. 4000 words)
Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.						
13. Module exam:						

Competence / Topic / Area	Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade
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14. Remarks:

The module remains ungraded.

The internship comprises a total of 330 hours, with approximately 90 hours allocated to the independent organization of and preparation for the internship, and around 240 hours dedicated to the internship itself. A total of 240 hours of internship activity must be documented.

The internship may take place during or outside the lecture period.

A list of some previous internships by students of the M.A. English Linguistics can be found at our website: <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/sprache-literatur-kultur/anglistik-amerikanistik/studium/master-of-arts/ma-english-linguistics/index.html>

MA-ELG-M10

1. Module title:	Master's thesis					
2. Responsible professor:	Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber					
3. Contents of the module:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition of a Master's thesis in the field of English linguistics • Research-based exploration of a specific topic • Application of methodological and theoretical competencies acquired in previous modules • Critical engagement with discipline-specific literature 					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:	<p>Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independently work on a topic from English linguistics, • research, critically evaluate, and process academic sources, • appropriately select and apply linguistic methods and conduct analyses, • write an extensive academic thesis on a scholarly level. 					
5. Requirements:						
a) Recommended skills:	None					
b) Mandatory prerequisites:	Modules MA-ELG-M1, M2, M3 and M4; 24 CP of modules MA-ELG-M5, M6, M7 or M8					
6. Applicability of the module:	Master programme <i>English Linguistics</i>					
7. Frequency:	Master thesis every semester, colloquium at least once per academic year; seminars every semester					
8. Intended duration of the module:	1 semester					
9. Recommended semester:	4 th semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:	<p>Workload:</p> <p>Total number of hours: 810</p> <p>Split into:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course attendance: 2 hours per week (30 hours per semester) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 780 hours <p>Credit points: 27</p>					
11. The module is successfully completed once the following credit requirements have been passed:						
12. Components of the module:						
No.	C/CC	Form of teaching	Subject area/ topic	Credit Hours	CP	Coursework requirements
MA-ELG-M10.1	C	C	Colloquium: Recent Research in English Linguistics	2	5	Presentation of the Master thesis project
Remarks: The credit points above serve solely to indicate the proportional contribution of the course to the overall workload of the module. Credit points will be awarded only upon successful completion of the module in its entirety.						
13. Module exam:						
Competence / Topic / Area			Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination
						Percentage of the module grade

Work on a topic from the field of English linguistics.	Master's thesis	4 months (ca. 22,500-30,000 words/ ca. 60-80 pages)	22	Each semester	100%
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14. Remarks:

The module exam can only be taken after the successful completion of modules MA-ELG-M1, MA-ELG-M2, MA-ELG-M3, and MA-ELG-M4, as well as providing proof of 24 credit points (CP) from modules MA-ELG-M5, MA-ELG-M6, MA-ELG-M7, or MA-ELG-M8.

The examination contributes 50% to the overall grade.

The Master's thesis must be written in English.