



Study and Subject Examination Regulations for the Master's Degree Program in English and American Studies at the University of Bamberg from 26 July 2013

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This English translation is only intended to help people who are not fluent in German to better understand the study and subject examination regulations of the program. Any discrepancies or differences that may arise in this translation of the official German version are not binding and have no legal standing.

In accordance with Article 13 Paragraph 1 Clause 2, in conjunction with Article 58 Paragraph 1 Clause 1 and Article 61 Paragraph 2 Clause 1, of the Bavarian Higher Education Act from 23 May 2006, the University of Bamberg issues the following:

Study and Subject Examination Regulations

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Scope of Application

(1) These study and subject examination regulations comprise specific regulations for the University of Bamberg's Master's Degree Program in English and American Studies.

(2) ¹The study and subject examination regulations supplement the general examination regulations for the bachelor's and master's degree programs of both the Humanities and the Human Sciences and Education Faculties, as well as the regulations for module examinations within the framework of the first teaching qualification (APO) at the University of Bamberg. ²In cases of doubt, the general examination regulations take precedence.

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Examination Board

The professors of English and American Studies at the University of Bamberg make up the examination board.

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Program Duration

¹Students may begin the degree program in either the winter or summer semester. ²The standard program duration is four semesters of study.

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Admission Requirements

(1) Admission to the Master's Degree Program in English and American Studies requires that candidates possess a degree from an institution of higher education or an equivalent German or foreign six-semester undergraduate-level degree comprising at least 180 ECTS points, of which at least 45 ECTS points must have been earned in the disciplines of literary, linguistic, or cultural studies of English and American Studies.

(2) Furthermore, English language proficiency of at least a C1 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages must be verified.

(3) ¹Applicants who do not demonstrate at least preparatory knowledge in all three disciplines of English and/or American Studies in the qualifying degree, pursuant to Paragraph 1, will be conditionally admitted under the stipulation that up to three of the following modules must be completed by the end of the second semester of study at the latest:

- Basic Module English and American Literature in accordance with the study and subject examination regulations of the bachelor’s degree in English/American Studies at the University of Bamberg;
- Basic Module British and American Cultural Studies in accordance with the study and subject examination regulations of the bachelor’s degree in English/American Studies at the University of Bamberg;
- Basic Module English Linguistics WiPäd in accordance with the study and examination regulations for the module examinations within the framework of the first teaching qualification at the University of Bamberg (“Studien- und Prüfungsordnung für die Modulprüfungen im Rahmen der ersten Lehramtsprüfung an der Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg”).

²The amount of required modules are decided on an individual basis depending on the competencies proven in the application. ³If sufficient proof is not submitted by the deadline, the student will be exmatriculated. ⁴This exmatriculation will be effective at the end of the second semester of study.

(4) ¹The examination board may allow commencement of studies prior to the verification of the admission requirements listed in Paragraph 1, provided that at least 150 completed ECTS points of the qualifying degree can be verified at the time of enrollment. ²The admission requirements must be fulfilled by the end of the first semester of study. ³If sufficient proof is not submitted by the deadline, the student will be exmatriculated. ⁴This exmatriculation will be effective at the end of the first semester of study.

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Program Objectives

(1) The Master’s Degree Program in English and American Studies is a four-semester program resulting in a second, advanced academic degree.

(2) The Master’s Degree Program in English and American Studies imparts the following academic and professional knowledge and skills:

- In-depth knowledge of English and American literary and cultural history, as well as English linguistics and language history
- Advanced skills in academic literary analysis
- Competence in independent linguistic analysis of texts and text collections
- In-depth knowledge of theoretical debates and the critical application of theoretical concepts to independently chosen research topics
- The ability to present one’s own findings with consideration of the audience
- The ability to integrate knowledge and engage complexity

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Program and Study Track Structure

(1) ¹As part of the Master’s Program in English and American Studies, students should obtain at least 120 ECTS points through modules in the following areas:

1. Compulsory Modules totaling 40 ECTS points from the core curriculum;

2. Elective Modules in the area of free electives totaling at least 12 ECTS points;
3. Modules totaling at least 38 ECTS points in the student's chosen study track:
 - English and American Studies
 - European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies (which is considered a study track according to Article 24 Paragraph 1 APO)

²The master's thesis module, which accounts for 30 ECTS points, must also be completed.

(2) ¹The subject-specific modules include courses and module examinations that are held or are to be completed entirely in English. ²They include courses comprising between 2 and 8 credit hours per week.

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Modules and Module Examinations of the Core Curriculum

(1) Compulsory Modules

Module Title	P/WP	ECTS Points	Credit Hours per Week (SWS)	Module Examination
Master Module English and American Literature	P	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Master Module English Linguistics	P	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Master Module British and American Culture	P	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Master Module Language Proficiency	P	10	6	4 partial module examinations that may be assigned as oral and/or written examination segments.

(2) Free Electives

¹At least 12 ECTS points must be earned in the Free Electives module group. ²Students can choose between the internship module worth 6 ECTS points, modules from other subject areas, practical language modules for other foreign languages, and subject-specific modules (in literary, linguistic, or cultural studies of English and American Studies) from the Master's Program in English and American Studies. ³Practical language modules in English cannot be chosen.

a) Internship

¹For the Internship module, students are to complete a career-oriented or research-based internship with a combined total of 180 hours (either full- or part-time). ²Admission to the internship module requires a consultation with the advisor whose area of expertise applies to the internship. ³Internships may be completed in museums; libraries and archives; non-university research institutions; publishing houses; press, radio, and television editorial departments; political institutions; foundations; the marketing and public relations field; religious and tourist organizations; or the like, either in Germany or abroad. ⁴It may be completed in no more than two phases and with no more than two organizations or institutions.

b) Modules from other Subject Areas

¹At least 6 ECTS points are to be completed in modules of the student's choosing from other subject areas, practical language modules for other foreign languages, and subject-specific modules (in literary, linguistic, or cultural studies of English and American Studies) from the Master's Program in English and American Studies if they have not yet been studied as part of a module group according to Article 36. ²Students should select English-language modules.

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Track-specific Modules and Module Groups

(1) Within the English and American Studies track, students must choose one Profile Module, one Consolidation Module, and modules totaling at least 18 ECTS points in the area of Restricted Electives.

a) Profile Modules

Module Title	P/WP	ECTS Points	Credit Hours per Week (SWS)	Module Examination
Profile Module English and American Literature I	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English Linguistics I	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module British and American Culture I	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper

The Profile Module must be completed in the subject area to which the topic of the master's thesis corresponds.

b) Consolidation Modules

Module Title	P/WP	ECTS Points	Credit Hours per Week (SWS)	Module Examination
Consolidation Module English and American Literature I	WP	10	4	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module English Linguistics I	WP	10	4	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module British and American Culture I	WP	10	4	Oral Exam

The Consolidation Module can be freely selected from one of the three subject areas.

c) Restricted Electives

¹In the Restricted Electives group, modules totaling at least 18 ECTS points from one of the three disciplines or other master programs of the student's choosing must be completed.

²English-language modules are recommended. ³Modules representing a continuation of a hitherto pursued minor may also be selected. ⁴The following modules from the degree program's disciplines may be selected:

Module Title	P/WP	ECTS Points	Credit Hours per Week (SWS)	Module Examination
Profile Module English and American Literature II	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English and American Literature III	WP	8	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English Linguistics II	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper

Profile Module English Linguistics III	WP	8	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module British and American Culture II	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module British and American Culture III	WP	8	2	Presentation with Term Paper

⁵Due to the unrestricted combination of module formats in selected subjects, the minimum number of ECTS points required to complete the degree may be slightly exceeded. ⁶The examination regulations of the degree program to which each respective module belongs apply to the Restricted Elective Modules.

(2) ¹In the study track for the European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies, modules totaling at least 30 ECTS points must be completed at one of the partner universities involved in this program (in accordance with the applicable examination regulations of the respective partner university). ²This study track can only be selected if the requirements specified in the appendix to these regulations are met and the consortium representing the partner universities involved in the program confirms in writing that the requirement of a minimum of one mobility semester will be satisfied at one of the other universities involved in the program. ³Each partner university offers ten mobility spots. ⁴Partner universities from English-speaking countries offer mobility spots on a reciprocal basis. ⁵All students accepted by the consortium receive a mobility spot at a partner university. ⁶The modules and examinations to be completed as part of the mobility semester must be agreed upon with the academic advisor at the University of Bamberg before the start of the stay abroad (learning agreement). ⁷The 38 total ECTS points specific to this study track are in the following areas:

a) Students must earn at least 10 ECTS points in the Consolidation Module Group through modules of their choosing in a discipline in which the master's thesis will not be written:

Module Title	P/WP	ECTS Points	Credit Hours per Week (SWS)	Module Examination
Consolidation Module English and American Literature I	WP	10	4	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module English and American Literature II	WP	6	2	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module English and American Literature III	WP	5	2	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module English and American Literature IV	WP	4	2	Presentation
Consolidation Module English Linguistics I	WP	10	4	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module English Linguistics II	WP	6	2	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module English Linguistics III	WP	5	2	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module English Linguistics IV	WP	4	2	Presentation
Consolidation Module British and American Culture I	WP	10	4	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module British and American Culture II	WP	6	2	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module British and American Culture III	WP	5	2	Oral Exam
Consolidation Module British and American Culture IV	WP	4	2	Presentation

b) Students must earn at least 28 ECTS points in the Profile Module Group through

modules of their choosing in the discipline in which the master's thesis will be written:

Module Title	P/WP	ECTS Points	Credit Hours per Week (SWS)	Module Examination
Profile Module English and American Literature I	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English and American Literature II	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English and American Literature III	WP	8	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English and American Literature IV	WP	6	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English and American Literature V	WP	5	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English and American Literature VI	WP	4	2	Presentation
Profile Module English Linguistics I	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English Linguistics II	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English Linguistics III	WP	8	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English Linguistics IV	WP	6	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English Linguistics V	WP	5	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module English Linguistics VI	WP	4	2	Presentation
Profile Module British and American Culture I	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module British and American Culture II	WP	10	4	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module British and American Culture III	WP	8	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module British and American Culture IV	WP	6	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module British and American Culture V	WP	5	2	Presentation with Term Paper
Profile Module British and American Culture VI	WP	4	2	Presentation

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Master's Thesis Module

(1) ¹The Master's Thesis Module is worth 30 ECTS points and includes the written master's thesis and an oral examination (duration: approx. 30 minutes), as well as additionally assigned courses according to the module handbook. ²The master's thesis serves as proof of the ability to study and research independently. ³It must be written in English and include an abstract also written in English. ⁴The oral examination is the defense of the master's thesis. ⁵It will be held in English, and the earliest it can take place is the time of submission of the master's thesis. ⁶When calculating the module grade, the master's thesis accounts for 85% and the defense for 15% of the final grade.

(2) ¹Authorization to begin the master's thesis is granted based on the requirement that at least 60 ECTS points have been earned in the Master's Degree Program in English and American Studies. ²The topic of the master's thesis is generally arranged at the end of the third semester of study with a supervisor who is authorized to hold examinations. ³The application to

begin the master's thesis must be submitted to the Office of Examinations no later than would allow for the completion of the program within the maximum study time.

(3) The period of time allotted for the master's thesis is six months.

(4) ¹Generally, the master's thesis is to be evaluated within three months' time. ²A student has passed the master's thesis if their work has been evaluated as at least "sufficient" (4.0).

(5) ¹Master's theses of the English and American Studies track are reviewed by two readers, one of whom assigned the thesis topic. ²Should the two reviewers award different marks that are both at least "sufficient" (4.0), the final mark shall be determined by calculating the average of the two individual marks. ³In the event of differing evaluations in which one reviewer deems the thesis "insufficient," the responsible examination board decides the final grade.

(6) ¹In the European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies track, the second evaluation should be performed by a professor (or a teaching staff member with authorization at the partner university to evaluate master's theses) from a partner university. ²Otherwise, Paragraph 5 applies.

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English and American Studies as a Distribution Elective in other Master's Programs

¹Admission to English and American Studies module examinations as part of a distribution elective for other master's programs is based on a review of English proficiency as determined by a compulsory placement test (a score of 60% is required for admission). ²The placement test is held prior to the start of each semester and there is no limit to the number of times it can be retaken.

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Effective Date, Transitional Provisions

(1) These regulations take effect beginning 1 October 2013.

(2) ¹The admission regulations in Article 32 are first applicable to enrollments in the 2014 summer semester. ²Pursuant to these regulations, commencement of studies in the European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies track is possible no earlier than the 2014 summer semester. ³The possibility of transferring credits from the European Joint Master's Degree in English and American Studies previously begun at the University of Bamberg to continuing studies, pursuant to these regulations, in the European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies in the 2013/2014 winter semester remains unaffected.

(3) With these regulations taking effect, the study and subject examination regulations of 28

September 2012 for the Anglistik/Amerikanistik Master's Degree Program at the University of Bamberg (German reference: http://www.unibamberg.de/fileadmin/uni/amtliche_veroeffentlichungen/2012/2012-67.pdf) no longer apply, except in cases outlined in Paragraph 4.

(4) Students who began their studies prior to these study and subject examination regulations taking effect shall complete their studies according to the previously applicable regulations.

Appendix: Admission to the Study Track for the European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies:

1. ¹Decisions on admission to the European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies track are made based on a written application that must be submitted to the University of Bamberg's examination board for English and American studies no later than 15 April for studies beginning in the winter semester or 15 November for studies beginning in the summer semester. ²Final admission decisions are made by the consortium that represents the program's participating partner universities.
2. ¹For reasons of partner universities' existing capacities, there is a limited number of available places for students in the European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies. ²A maximum of 10 students can be admitted per semester.
3. ¹Should the number of applicants to the program exceed the number of available spots, a selection process shall take place. ²The selection criterion is the final overall grade of the qualifying degree as per Article 32 Paragraph 1. ³Applicants with the best overall grade will be admitted until the admissions capacity according to Paragraph 2 above has been reached. ⁴In cases of equivalent qualifications, applicants shall be selected by lottery.
4. Rejections must be substantiated and must include instructions on the rights to legal appeal.