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Master's degree



British, American and Postcolonial Studies (MA)

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in British, American and Postcolonial Studies
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	<p>All courses of the department are held in English.</p> <p>The course accompanying the work experience module is conducted in German. If the student's language skills are insufficient, a German language course is offered as an alternative.</p>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The course of study begins in the winter semester (October) of each year. An orientation for new students takes place in early October.
Application deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For the MA in British, American and Postcolonial Studies (BAPS), the application period will begin in May and end on 15 July each year. One application per candidate is possible during this period; applications outside the designated application period cannot be accepted.Applicants from outside the EU are strongly advised to apply well before the deadline of 15 July. In this way, successful candidates have a maximum amount of time to apply for visas (which can be time-consuming) and also to arrange funding, travel, and accommodation before the start of the MA orientation week in October.All candidates will be notified at the latest at the end of July.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The MA programme in British, American and Postcolonial Studies combines advanced training in literary and cultural studies, linguistics, and book studies, thus offering students the opportunity to gain a multifaceted and profound understanding of the social and cultural dynamics of the English-speaking world. The curriculum is designed to give students maximum flexibility in constructing specific areas of specialisation, while at the same time providing a solid basis for interdisciplinary research and collaboration. Focusing on research and professional skills, the programme aims to prepare students for careers in academic and non-academic settings.</p>

Main areas of teaching at the University of Münster's English Department include the following:

- in linguistics: empirical and applied linguistics, variation and change in English, sociolinguistics, corpus linguistics, varieties of English, and language contact
- in literary and cultural studies: British literature and culture from the Middle Ages to the present day, American studies, diaspora studies, African American studies, postcolonial studies, media studies, empire writing, literary and cultural theory, and literary historiography
- in book studies: book history and publishing studies in the Anglophone world, printed and digital text forms and a focus on the various contexts of book production, distribution and reception

In addition, the programme offers opportunities for interdisciplinary study not only within English studies but also between English studies and related fields such as art history, sociology, or communication studies.

All courses of the department are taught in English, thus involving intensive language practice and drawing students from around the world.

Course Details

Course organisation

This MA programme gives students the opportunity to deal with and specialise in a wide variety of focus and research areas, including British, American, and postcolonial studies as well as literary and cultural studies, linguistics, and book studies. Throughout the programme, group projects, workshops, independent study, and work experience enhance students' research, social, and practical skills and contribute to their career development. Advanced academic and professional skills courses further improve their writing, presentation, and research skills and prepare them for the job market.

In the first semester, following an initial "Orientation Week", modules are tailored to introduce students to the advanced study of literature, culture, language, and the book via lectures, seminars, and research workshops.

In addition, the two-semester module "Work Experience" provides professional skills training and hands-on experience in potential fields of employment. Students interested in pursuing an academic career may also organise an academic event (e.g. a student conference or a lecture series), and/or apply to tutor undergraduates for credits.

The second semester offers the opportunity for in-depth study in two separate modules which focus on the historical, social, and systematic dimensions of selected sub-disciplines.

In the third semester, a module on "Interdisciplinary Perspectives" within English studies and an "External Module" comprising courses in related fields such as history, anthropology, or sociology enable students to broaden their knowledge and skills and to develop interdisciplinary research projects. A year-long research module (including a postgraduate class) is provided to facilitate the preparation of the MA thesis and to accompany the writing process of the thesis.

The final semester sees the completion of the research module and the MA thesis.

An extended stay abroad is highly recommended (see below).

Modules:

- Survey, Tools and Methods
- Advanced Studies in Literature, Culture, Linguistics, and Book Studies
- Work Experience
- Historical and Social Perspectives
- Systematic Perspectives
- Interdisciplinary Perspectives
- External Module
- Research Module

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International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Training in intercultural skills
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Integrated internships

As part of the module "Work Experience", all students have the opportunity to gain practical experience, qualifications, and skills in relevant professional fields. Options include the following:

- serving as an intern in firms or organisations either at home or abroad (e.g. museums, publishing houses, the media, theatres, cultural festivals, advertising agencies, consultancies, etc.)
- planning and organising an academic event (e.g. a student conference, lecture series, film festival, art exhibition, etc.)
- co-organising an academic event and gaining teaching experience by offering tutorials for BA students at the English Department

Internships must consist of a minimum of 240 hours. They can either be part-time (during the semester or the semester break) or full-time (during the semester break, approx. six weeks).

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

None

Semester contribution

Students must pay a semester contribution fee of 317.48 EUR per semester. This includes a "semester ticket" covering public transportation in the greater Münster area and throughout Germany.

You can find more information here:

<https://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/einschreibung/semesterbeitrag.shtml>

Costs of living

We recommend that students budget at least 900 EUR per month to cover personal expenses (accommodation, living expenses, health insurance).

Funding opportunities within the university

No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

We welcome applicants with a three-year undergraduate degree (Bachelor's or equivalent) in English studies, or a degree that is thematically related to this MA programme. In addition to documenting their previous academic achievements, prospective students are required to submit a curriculum vitae and proof of English-language proficiency (details below).

For detailed admission requirements, please refer to: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/Anglistik/BAPS/apply/index.html>.

Language requirements

Applicants must have an excellent command of the English language. For non-native speakers, this must be documented by one of the following tests:

- CPE (A, B or C)
- CAE (grade A or B)
- TOEFL PBT 620+
- TOEFL iBT 109+
- IELTS 7.5+

Previous studies in English cannot be used as a substitute for a language certificate. German language skills are desirable but not required.

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Submit application to

For further information on the application process, please see: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/bewerbung/master.html>

Services

Accommodation

As in all popular university cities in Germany, accommodation is in high demand and is not easy to find in Münster – but it's not impossible either!

Please contact the International Office (Bachelor's and Master's students) or the CERes (doctoral candidates) of the university for advice. Please also note that the University of Münster (like most German public universities) does not have its own student halls of residence.

Career advisory service

The university's career service offers a number of specific courses and individual counselling in relation to job applications, work experience, developing a professional profile, etc.

For further information, see: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/CareerService/en/index.html>.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

International Office: <http://www.uni-muenster.de/InternationalOffice/en>

With about 43,000 students and 5,500 academics, the University of Münster is one of the largest universities in Germany. It enjoys an outstanding reputation in the region and far beyond for its excellent research opportunities, high-quality teaching and promotion of junior researchers. Fifteen faculties with 280 degree programmes and some 30 research centres comprise the institutional backbone of the university. Besides its academic opportunities, the University of Münster offers a wide and varied range of extracurricular activities. Pursue your interests by participating in student societies, university theatre, choirs, orchestras, bands, and sports courses. Additionally, make sure to visit the university's museums and gardens to further enrich your experience.



University location

Münster is located in north-west Germany, close to the border with the Netherlands. The city is a lively student town, famous for its bicycle-friendly atmosphere and student pubs. Of Münster's total population of approx. 319,400 inhabitants, over 62,800 are students at the different universities. Münster is a thriving centre of science and academia. It is a great place to live, learn and teach.


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