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Master's degree



English: Language, Literatures and Cultures

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Overview

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| Degree | Master of Arts in English: Language, Literatures and Cultures |
| Teaching language | <ul style="list-style-type: none">English |
| Languages | Core-curriculum courses are held in English only. Students with no or few German language skills are required to take German language courses, which are taught in German. |
| Full-time / part-time | <ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time |
| Mode of study | Less than 50% online |
| Programme duration | 4 semesters |
| Beginning | Winter and summer semester |
| Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study | The University of Göttingen is a university with a focus on in-person classes. We strive to also offer online or hybrid courses, especially for first-year students, but students should be aware that the degree programme cannot be fully studied online. |
| Application deadline | 1 June for the following winter semester 1 December for the following summer semester |
| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | None |
| Combined Master's degree / PhD programme | No |
| Joint degree / double degree programme | No |
| Description/content | <p>Students can choose between a Single Honours Master's programme and a Joint Honours Master's programme.</p> <p>For the Single Honours MA programme, students complete a total of 78 credits (plus 30 for the MA thesis) from the curriculum offered by the Department of English. In addition to two obligatory modules on Life and Institution and Practical English Language, students can choose from modules on Anglophone Literature and Culture, North American Studies, Medieval English Studies, and Modern English Linguistics. Students may specialise in the following particular areas that may be certified:</p> |

- Anglophone Literature and Culture
- Studies in (North American and English) Literature and Culture
- Literary and Cultural Management, a study which includes modules on literary analysis as well as practical modules in the literature industry
- English Language in Focus (Linguistics and Medieval English Studies)

Students may also combine modules from all areas in order to cover a broad range of various topics. Basic modules stress the survey aspect of training, while advanced modules focus on in-depth analysis. This study option is suited for anyone who wishes to broaden their knowledge in various fields relating to the subject before deciding which field to choose for an MA thesis.

For the Joint Honours MA in English: Language, Literatures and Cultures, students have to choose at least one other subject. This can be closely related (e.g. North American Studies) or completely unrelated (e.g. Law or German History); any combination is acceptable, provided that the subject is offered as a 36-credit module package at the University of Göttingen.

In their course of study, students can choose between four study varieties:

- across the disciplines
- with a focus on either literary or language studies
- with a focus on Anglophone literature and culture
- with a focus on English language theory and history

Obligatory modules include advanced courses on English language and on culture and institutions of the UK or the USA. Elective modules depend on the kind of specialisation students wish to acquire. In studying across the disciplines, students can choose between basic and advanced modules in English and postcolonial literature and culture, North American literature and culture, modern English linguistics, and the history of English. Students whose interests lie in either English / North American literature or in language studies can opt for a large variety of modules on offer in the respective disciplines.

The Department of English also offers three module packages (minor subjects) to be taken in combination with a 42-credit (Joint Honours) MA programme:

- English: Language, Literatures and Cultures, which meets the same criteria as outlined above
- Anglophone Literature and Culture
- Linguistics and Medieval Studies (Language in Focus)

Other English-language MA programmes at the university include North American Studies, Digital Humanities, Iranian and Persianate Studies, East Asian Studies and Modern Indian Studies.

Course Details

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| Course organisation | Students are relatively free in their combination of courses and modules. The entrance level of knowledge of first-year students is assessed in order to ensure that students are placed into the correct course levels. Other than that, we suggest that basic modules be taken before advanced modules are tackled, but there is no obligation to do so. The organisation of modules depends largely on which study option is chosen. Part-time studies are possible. |
| A Diploma supplement will be issued | Yes |
| Certificates for specific modules are awarded | Yes |
| International elements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International guest lecturers • Specialist literature in other languages |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language training provided • Study trips |
| Integrated internships | Students opting for the Literary and Cultural Management area are required to complete an eight-to twelve-week internship in Germany or abroad (e.g. in house museums, at the management of a literary festival, in a publishing company, etc.) Students can be assisted in finding a suitable place. Note that German language skills are required for an internship at a German museum or publishing company. |
| Course-specific, integrated German language courses | No |
| Course-specific, integrated English language courses | Yes |

Online learning

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| Pace of course | Instructor-led (Specific due dates for lectures/assignments/exams) |
| Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire programme) | Yes, compulsory |
| Types of online learning elements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to databases with study material • Discussion forums and / or groups • Flipped Classroom • Online sessions • Online study material provided by institution • Online tutorials • Other • Video learning (Pre-recorded videos, Vlogs, Video-Podcasts) |

Costs / Funding

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| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | None |
| Semester contribution | <p>Fees are around 400 EUR per semester. The fees include a prepaid semester ticket that entitles students to use regional trains (in Lower Saxony and Bremen) and city buses in Göttingen free of charge. Students of the University of Göttingen receive discounts for cultural events. Meals and drinks are also available at reduced prices at all university canteens.</p> <p>http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee</p> |
| Costs of living | <p>The average cost of living in Göttingen is modest compared to other major university cities in Germany. Currently, expenses for accommodation, food, health insurance and books are about 850 EUR per month. Please note that fees for health insurance may vary according to age. For further information, please see the following link: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html.</p> |
| Funding opportunities | Yes |

within the university

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

Germany Scholarship (Deutschlandstipendium): <https://uni-goettingen.de/en/218085.html>

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

BA degree in English Studies or a related subject (180 ECTS)
A minimum of 50 ECTS in modules relating to English as an academic subject are required. The clear majority of these must be on subject-specific aspects (e.g. language theory, literary and cultural developments, history of English, literary theory), not on areas of use of English. See also the section on language requirements.

Language requirements

Applicants must provide proof of English language skills. We accept any of the following: NULTE certificate at minimum level C1, Cambridge English Scale: minimum 180 points, IELTS (minimum band 6.5, reading and writing skills may not be lower than 5.5), TOEFL (minimum 93 points), UNICert band III, Global Scale of English (Pearson Academic): minimum 76 points. The date of the test may not be older than two years from the moment of applying.
Applicants who wish to combine English: Language, Literatures and Cultures with a module package NOT taught in English must also provide proof of German proficiency if their native language is not German. Please enquire. Candidates without German language skills who choose an English-only module package are exempt on condition that they successfully complete basic German classes during their course of study.

Application deadline

1 June for the following winter semester
1 December for the following summer semester

Submit application to

<https://masterbewerbung.phil.uni-goettingen.de>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

The university supports students in finding part-time jobs in local industries and businesses. A number of student jobs are also available at the university. They are announced on the following website: www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de.

Please note that restrictions may apply with your scholarship or visa. Non-EU students are subject to special regulations. Foreign applicants should note that it is not easy to find a job to finance their studies, as German students are also searching for jobs. Some proficiency in German may be indispensable to find a job. Non-EU students are permitted to work a maximum of 120 full days (240 half days) per year.

Accommodation

The Accommodation Service of the International Office supports international students who are enrolled at the University of Göttingen in finding accommodation and serves as a point of contact for related queries. The Accommodation Service also publishes suitable offers from private landlords in Göttingen and collaborates with the Student Services ("Studentenwerk"). As the number of available accommodation options in Göttingen is limited, it is highly recommended to contact the Accommodation Service as early as possible. For further information, please see the following link: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/617883.html>

Career advisory service

The Career Service of the University of Göttingen offers individual support to facilitate your successful transition from the academic to the professional world — whether you want to work in Germany or abroad. Especially for international students aiming for a career entry in Germany, the Career Service provides topic-specific "Career Impulse Sessions", workshops, online learning modules, and a qualification programme in "Building International Careers" as well as digital career tools and a virtual community for international employment opportunities: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Welcome event

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The International Office provides a complimentary pick-up service ("Buddy Exchange Service") from the Göttingen railway station to the accommodation. German students help newly arrived students to adapt to the university and the city during their first weeks.
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/49307.html>

There is also an orientation week for new international students, which provides valuable information about Göttingen and the university.
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196392.html>

Study Buddy programme (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/112395.html>) as a part of the Integration and Diversity project at Göttingen University (InDiGU)
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/108275.html>

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