



Examination and Study Regulations
for the Master's Programme
Intercultural Anglophone Studies
at the University of Bayreuth
dated 25 February 2026

Pursuant to Article 9 sentence 1 in conjunction with Article 80 paragraph 1 sentence 1 and Article 84 paragraph 2 sentence 1 of the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (BayHIG), the University of Bayreuth hereby issues the following regulations:

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§ 1

General Examination and Study Regulations

¹The Master's programme Intercultural Anglophone Studies is governed by the General Examination and Study Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Programmes at the University of Bayreuth (APSO).

²Supplementary and deviating provisions for the Master's programme Intercultural Anglophone Studies are set out in these regulations.

§ 2

Aims and Structure of the Degree Programme

- (1) ¹The Master's programme Intercultural Anglophone Studies aims to equip students with advanced competences in linguistics, literary studies, and cultural studies relating to Anglophone cultural areas, to provide them with sound subject-specific knowledge and an understanding of interdisciplinary interrelationships, and to enable them to carry out advanced independent academic work. ²The degree programme builds on the foundations in linguistics, literary studies, and cultural studies acquired in Bachelor's studies in English Studies or American Studies and serves to deepen and broaden them. ³The study programme focuses on reflecting on processes of intercultural understanding, with particular emphasis on the different Anglophone cultural areas. ⁴Linguistic, literary, and cultural forms of expression in other media – for example, visual media – in Anglophone countries are examined at a high theoretical level in the major areas "Literature" and "Linguistics". ⁵Optionally, the course of study may focus on intercultural issues relating to ecology and sustainability. ⁶In view of the steadily growing importance of cultural interconnections, professional competence requires in-depth cultural knowledge. ⁷The degree programme therefore generally presupposes the ability to work academically, to engage in reflective and objective discussion, and to write shorter research-oriented papers. ⁸At the same time, these abilities are specifically fostered and further developed as students acquire academic competence, on the basis of selected topics, in independently developing and presenting research findings and critically engaging with the existing state of research. ⁹The aim is to qualify students as experts in research into the English language or, alternatively, Anglophone literatures and cultures in the context of intercultural processes. ¹⁰Their independent judgement in analysing complex linguistic, literary, and cultural interrelationships is strengthened. ¹¹In addition to preparation for professional practice, the degree programme also prepares students for academic work and provides the basis for further qualifications such as postgraduate programmes or a doctorate.
- (2) ¹The Master's programme Intercultural Anglophone Studies, including all examinations, is conducted in English. ²Upon successful completion of the Master's examination, the University,

through the Faculty of Languages & Literatures, awards the academic degree of Master of Arts (abbreviated: M.A.).

- (3) ¹The Master's programme can be completed as a full-time or part-time degree programme. ²The programme may be commenced in the winter semester or the summer semester.

§ 3

Admission to the Programme

- (1) The entry requirements for the Master's programme are:
1. a university degree with an examination grade of at least "good" (2.5) in the Bachelor's programme English & American Studies at the University of Bayreuth or an equivalent qualification;
 2. proof of English language proficiency at least at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, demonstrated by successful completion of the Bachelor's programme English & American Studies at the University of Bayreuth or equivalent proficiency.
Notwithstanding § 6 para 1 no. 15 of the Enrolment Regulations, basic knowledge of German is recommended.
- (2) ¹When assessing the equivalence of a qualification, there must be no significant differences in the competences acquired compared to the qualifications referred to in paragraph 1 no. 1. ²Article 86 BayHIG applies to the determination of the eligibility for recognition of domestic and foreign qualifications. ³The decision on the equivalence of a qualification is taken by the Examination Board.
- (3) ¹If the certificate for the relevant first degree is not yet available, a confirmation stating individual marks for all examinations and academic achievements completed by the application deadline must be submitted. ²These achievements must comprise a total of at least 150 credit points and correspond to at least the mark "good" (2.5) based on the calculation of the overall mark. ³Applicants who meet the requirements set out in sentence 2 shall be enrolled on condition that they submit the certificate of the relevant first degree with at least the mark "good" by the end of the second semester.

§ 4

Additions and Deviations

- (1) Notwithstanding § 5 para 3 of the APSO, applications for the recognition of prior learning must be submitted to the Examination Board as soon as possible after enrolment, but no later than before the results of the final resit examination for the relevant module are announced.
- (2) Deviations from or additions to § 31 APSO:
 1. Notwithstanding paragraph 4 sentence 1, the Master's thesis must be submitted in English.
 2. In addition to paragraph 5, two typed, bound, and paginated copies of the Master's thesis must be submitted to the examiners by the deadline, unless the respective examiners waive submission of the printed copy.
 3. In addition to the Master's thesis, the content of the Master's thesis shall be presented in a 15-minute presentation (oral defence). The presentation shall be followed by a 30-minute discussion that examines the subject matter of the Master's thesis in greater depth and places it in a broader disciplinary context. The presentation shall take place before the reviewers and/or the public. At the student's request, the presentation may be closed to the public. Each examiner shall award a mark for the performance in accordance with § 13 APSO. If at least one examiner awards the mark "unsatisfactory" (5.0), the presentation may be repeated twice.
 4. In addition to paragraph 8, the Examination Board may appoint a further examiner in special cases, in particular where the marks awarded differ by more than one grade.

§ 5

Entry into Force

- (1) ¹These regulations shall enter into force on 26 February 2026. ²They shall apply to students who are enrolled in the Master's programme Intercultural Anglophone Studies or who commence this degree programme from the 2026/2027 winter semester onwards. ³The remaining students shall organise their studies in accordance with the previous Examination and Study Regulations for the Master's programme Intercultural Anglophone Studies at the University of Bayreuth dated 20 January 2023 (AB UBT 2023/006), as last amended by the regulations dated 20 February 2024 (AB UBT 2024/009); upon written application to the Examinations Office, they may organise their studies in accordance with these regulations.

- (2) Upon the entry into force of these regulations, the Examination and Study Regulations for the Master's programme Intercultural Anglophone Studies at the University of Bayreuth dated 20 January 2023 (AB UBT 2023/006), as last amended by the regulations dated 20 February 2024 (AB UBT 2024/009), shall cease to apply.

Appendix: Modules, Credit Points and Examinations

The following lists the module areas, the respective modules, credit points (CP), and the associated module examinations.

Abbreviations:

K	Written examination
mP	Oral examination
H	Term paper
E	Essay
sA	Written paper

- | Vertical lines between examination formats indicate possible alternatives.
- + A plus sign indicates that several examination components must be completed.
- x/y Fractions indicate the weighting with which the respective examination component contributes to the module mark.
- () Round brackets group related examination components. They may be used to define alternative examination formats for an examination component or to divide an examination component into several parts.
- * Examination components marked with "*" are not included in the calculation of the module mark or overall mark.

CO code	Module area Module	CP	Examination
	A Intercultural Anglophone Studies in Literature and Language – Foundations	25	
Fak429766	A 1 Seminar Lit: Cultural and Literary Theory	5	E*
Fak429767	A 1 Seminar Ling: Theoretical Approaches to Language, Variation and Culture	5	E*
Fak429768	A 2 Seminar Core Issues	10	Portfolio assessment: E* + mP*
Fak429769	A 2eco Seminar Core Issues	10	Portfolio assessment: E* + mP*
Fak429770	A 3 Style and Register	5	K*
Fak429771	A 4 Elective Seminar I	5	sA*
Fak429772	A 4eco Elective Seminar I	5	sA*

	B Second Foreign Language The 10 CP are earned by freely selecting basic courses (4 CP each) or courses building on them (2 CP each) in any of the languages offered by the University of Bayreuth Language Centre. 1)	10	
SZDEA11M1	DaF (German): Basic Course 1 (A1.1) (UNICert® Basis)	4	Portfolio assessment: K* 3/4 + mP* 1/4
SZDEA12M1	DaF (German): Basic Course 2 (A1.2) (UNICert® Basis)	4	Portfolio assessment: K* 3/4 + mP* 1/4
SZDEA2XM1	DaF (German): Basic Course 3 (A2) (UNICert® Basis)	4	Portfolio assessment: K* 3/4 + mP* 1/4
SZFRA1XM1	French: Basic Course 1 (A1) (UNICert® Basis)	4	Portfolio assessment: K* 3/4 + mP* 1/4
SZFRA2XM1	French: Basic Course 2 (A2) (UNICert® Basis)	4	Portfolio assessment: K* 3/4 + mP* 1/4
SZDEC1XS4	DaF (German): Hotly Contested (C1)	2	Portfolio assessment: P* 3/5 + mP* 2/5
SZDEC1XS1	DaF (German): Academic Writing (C1)	2	K*
SZITA1XM1	Italian: Basic Course 1 (A1) (UNICert® Basis)	4	Portfolio assessment: K* 3/4 + mP* 1/4
SZSPA1XM1	Spanish: Basic Course 1 (A1) (UNICert® Basis)	4	Portfolio assessment: K* 3/4 + mP* 1/4
SZSWA1XM1	Swedish: Basic Course 1 (A1)	4	Portfolio assessment: K* 3/4 + mP* 1/4
SZJAA11M1	Japanese: Basic Course 1 (A1.1)	4	Portfolio assessment: K* 4/5 + mP* 1/5
	C Intercultural Anglophone Studies in Literature and Language – Intermediate Level	30	
Fak429773	C 1 Intensive Course	5	E*
Fak429774	C 1eco Intensive Course	5	E*
Fak429775	C 2 Intensive Seminar	10	H
Fak429776	C 3 Elective Seminar II	5	sA*
Fak429777	C 3eco Elective Seminar II	5	sA*
Fak429778	C 4 Independent Studies I	10	K
	D Intercultural Anglophone Studies in Literature and Language – Advanced Level	20	
Fak429779	D 1 Advanced Seminar I	5	E*
Fak429780	D 1eco Advanced Seminar I	5	E*
Fak429781	D 2 Advanced Seminar II	5	E*
Fak429782	D 3 Independent Studies II	10	mP

	E Intercultural Anglophone Studies in Literature and Language – MA Thesis Module	35	
Fak429783	E 1 Master Seminar	5	E*
Fak429784	E 2 MA Thesis	30	Master's thesis 3/4 + P 1/4
	TOTAL	120	

Upon application, Module C 1 may be replaced in either specialisation area by a module from another degree programme at the University of Bayreuth. In the specialisation area "Linguistics", Modules A 4 and C 3 may additionally, upon application, be replaced by linguistics modules from another Master's programme at the University of Bayreuth.

¹⁾ In place of the modules listed as examples in module area B, further eligible modules may be selected from the module handbook of the Language Centre. The examination formats and weightings specified there shall apply to these modules.

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