British Studies, M.A.

General Description
Interdisciplinary degree course that covers British literatures and cultures from the Middle Ages to the present, as well as the English-language literatures and cultures historically affected by British colonialism (except for the United States), ranging from the Middle Ages to the present time. British Studies examines texts as well as visual, material, performative and virtual representations and interpretations of culture. The programme conveys a historically informed, culturally differentiated and academically founded understanding of Great Britain, from an inside as well as an outside perspective.

Special focus on:
- Literatures and cultures of British colonialism
- Early Modern Studies
- (Post-) Victorian Literatures and Cultures
- Contemporary British Fiction
- Science and Literature Studies
- Gender Studies
- Law and Literature Studies
- Irish and Welsh Studies
- Children’s and Young Adult Literature
- South African Literature.

Internships/Projects/Practical Work
This graduate programme includes an internship/project work module totalling 20 ECTS-points.

Standard Period of Study
The duration of the study programme depends on the individual course of studying. The standard period of study, i.e. the duration in which the programme can normally be completed, is 4 semesters (120 Credit Points). While the actual duration of the study programme may differ from the standard period, it must not exceed the designated time frame stated in the study regulations (6 semesters).

Language of instruction
English

Start of the Programme
Winter semester (October of each year)

Admission
No admission restriction. Applicants must demonstrate their aptitude for the graduate programme (see application documents and procedures).

Structure of the programme
- 9 taught courses + internship/project + M.A. thesis
- these 5 modules (in total 120 CP) should be completed within 4 semesters, so each semester courses worth around 30 CP should be selected
- BLK-M31 (Core Module: Issues in Advanced British Studies) should be completed within the first two semesters

Overall mark
BLK-M32 (British Studies I), BLK-M33 (British Studies II) and the M.A. thesis (c. 80 pages) count 1/3 each to your final grade.