English Linguistics, M.A.

General Description
The English Linguistics study programme focuses on the characteristics and manifestations of the English language on the basis of scientific methods and theory.
Central elements of the programme are the structure of the language (syntax, morphology, lexicology and lexicography, phonetics and phonology, semantics) and the historical development of the language.

Special focus on:
- Varieties of English world-wide
- language contact (including Pidgin and Creole languages)
- language variation and language change
- sociolinguistics and dialect geography
- History of English
- Varieties of American English, esp. African American English
- lexicology and lexicography
- register and language for special purposes
- language and the media
- political use of language

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
100% English (although German-language proficiency is not required, it is advisable to have basic or advanced German language skills. An advanced command of German will allow students to also choose from classes that are taught in German).

Start of the Program
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
- 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
- ELG-M31 (Core Module: Issues in Advanced Linguistics) should be completed within the first two semesters

Overall mark
ELG-M32 (Linguistics I), ELG-M33 (Linguistics II), and the M.A. thesis (c. 80 pages) count 1/3 each.