

Introductory meeting for new M.A. students

M.A. English Linguistics



Department of English & American Studies

Universität Regensburg

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1. Program Structure

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Number	Type	Topic / Subject Area	Tasks / Notes	CP
ELG-M1	Methods and Skills in English Linguistics (I)			12
ELG-M1.1	Seminar	Academic Writing for Linguists	Portfolio	4
ELG-M1.2	Seminar	Research Methods of Investigating Variation in English	Portfolio	8
	Module Exam	Research proposal on a topic in English linguistics (~3000 words, 6 weeks)	Directly after ELG-M1.2	-
ELG-M2	Methods and Skills in English Linguistics (II)			8
ELG-M2.1	Seminar	Readings in Linguistics	In-class presentation and essay discussing linguistic text (~2000 words)	4
ELG-M2.2	Colloquium	Research colloquium: Recent Research in English Linguistics	Book review (~1500 words) of linguistics book	4
ELG-M3	English Linguistics: A Survey of Structure and Use			8
ELG-M3.1	Lecture	Lecture from the subject areas <i>The Structure of English</i> OR <i>English in Use</i>	Written exam (90 minutes)	4
ELG-M3.2	Seminar	Proseminar from the subject areas <i>The Structure of English</i> OR <i>English in Use</i>	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	4

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- GM0** Recommended: 1st semester, offered: each winter semester
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- GM1** 2nd semester, offered each summer semester
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- GM2** Recommended: 1st semester, offered each semester
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ELG-M4		English Linguistics: Studying Structure and Use		8
ELG-M4.1	GM0 Seminar	Proseminar from the subject areas <i>The Structure of English</i> OR <i>English in Use</i>	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	8
	Module Exam	Term paper on a topic from the subject areas <i>The Structure of English</i> OR <i>English in Use</i> (~6000 words, 6 weeks)	Directly after ELG-M4.1	-
ELG-M5		Evolution and Variation in English (I)		14
ELG-M5.1	Seminar	Historical Evolution of the English Language	Written exam (90 minutes)	4
ELG-M5.2	Lecture / Seminar	Lecture / Proseminar from the subject area <i>Evolution and Variation in English</i>	Lecture: Written exam (90 minutes) Seminar: In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	4
ELG-M5.3	GM1 Advanced Seminar	Advanced seminar (Hauptseminar) from the subject area <i>Evolution and Variation in English</i>	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	6

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GM0

Recommended: 2nd semester, offered each semester

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GM1

Recommended: winter semester (first semester)

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ELG-M5.2 and ELG-M5.3 offered each semester, recommended: 1st-3rd semester

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ELG-M6	Evolution and Variation in English (II)			10
ELG-M6.1 GM0	Advanced Seminar	Advanced seminar (Hauptseminar) from the subject area <i>Evolution and variation in English</i>	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	10
	Module Exam	Term paper on a topic from the subject area <i>Evolution and variation in English</i> (~6000 words, 6 weeks)	Directly after ELG-M6.1	-
ELG-M7	English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism (I)			10
ELG-M7.1 GM1	Lecture / Seminar	Lecture / Proseminar from the subject area <i>English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism</i>	Lecture: Written exam (90 minutes) Seminar: In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	4
ELG-M7.2	Advanced Seminar	Advanced seminar (Hauptseminar) subject area <i>English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism</i>	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	6
ELG-M8	English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism (II)			10
ELG-M8.1 GM2	Advanced Seminar	Advanced seminar from the subject area <i>English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism</i>	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	10
	Module Exam	Term paper on a topic from the subject area <i>English: Variation, Contact and Multilingualism</i> (~6000 words, 6 weeks)	Directly after ELG-M8.1	-

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- GM0** Recommended: 2nd or 3rd semester
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- GM1** Recommended: 2nd to 4th semester
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- GM2** Recommended: 2nd to 4th semester
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ELG-M9	Praxismodul (Practical Module)			13
ELG-M9.1	Internship	Independently organised internship	240 hours (~ 6 weeks)	11
ELG-M9.2	Colloquium	In-class presentation and documentation of the internship	In-class presentation and internship report (~4000 words)	2
ELG-M10	Masterarbeit (Master's Thesis)			27
ELG-M10.1	Colloquium / Seminar	Research Colloquium: Recent Research in English Linguistics or pertinent Seminar	In-class presentation of Master's project	5
	Module Exam	Master's thesis on a topic from the subject area <i>English Linguistics</i>	60-80 pages (22.500-30.000 words), 4 months	22

To register for your **Master's thesis**, you must have completed modules ELG-M1-4 and gained at least 24 credit points (CP) from modules ELG M 5-8. There are no specific dates for registration but note that, after registration, you must hand it in within four months (and be enrolled at least until you submit your thesis).

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber, Dr. Thorsten Brato, Dr. Kerstin Richter

NB: You must submit your thesis before the end of your sixth M.A. semester. Otherwise, you fail the first attempt by default (2nd attempt within six months).

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- GM0** 2nd to 4th semester (lecture period or semester break)
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- GM1** Offered each summer semester
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- GM2** 4th semester. Colloquium: each summer semester.
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Timeline: Semester 1 (winter semester)

Module	Course title / Module exam	Tasks/exam	Frequency/Notes
ELG-M1.1	Academic Writing for Linguists	Portfolio	Each winter semester
ELG-M1.2	Research Methods of Investigating Variation in English	Portfolio	Each winter semester
<i>ELG-M1.MP</i>	<i>Module Exam</i>	<i>Research Propocal on a Topic in English Linguistics (~3000 words)</i>	<i>Directly after ELG-M1.2</i>
ELG-M3.1	Lecture in English Linguistics	Written Exam (90 minutes)	Each semester
ELG-M3.2	Proseminar in English Linguistics	In-class presentation + handout; alternatively: portfolio	Each semester
ELG-M5.1	Historical Evolution of the English Language	Written exam (90 minutes)	Each winter semester

Timeline: Semester 2 (summer semester)

Module	Course title / Module exam	Tasks/exam	Frequency
ELG-M2.1	Readings in Linguistics	In-class presentation and essay discussing linguistic text (~ 2000 words)	Each summer semester
ELG-M2.2	Research colloquium: Recent Research in English Linguistics	Book review (~ 1500 words) of linguistics book	Each summer semester
ELG-M4.1	Proseminar in English Linguistics	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	Each semester
<i>ELG-M4.MP</i>	<i>Module Exam</i>	<i>Term paper (~ 6000 words)</i>	<i>Directly after ELG-M4.1</i>
ELG-M5.2	Lecture (or Proseminar) in English Linguistics	Lecture: Written exam(90 minutes); PS: In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	Each semester
ELG-M5.3	Advanced Seminar (Hauptseminar)	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	Each semester

Timeline: Semester 3 (winter semester)

Module	Course title / Module exam	Tasks/exam	Frequency
ELG-M6.1	Advanced Seminar (Hauptseminar)	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	Each semester
<i>ELG-M6.MP</i>	<i>Module Exam</i>	<i>Term paper (~ 6000 words)</i>	<i>Directly after ELG-M6.1</i>
ELG-M7.1	Lecture/Proseminar	Lecture: Written exam (90 minutes); PS: In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	Each semester
ELG-M7.2	Advanced Seminar (Hauptseminar)	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	Each semester
ELG-M8.1	Advanced Seminar (Hauptseminar)	In-class presentation and handout; alternatively: portfolio	Each semester
<i>ELG-M8.MP</i>	<i>Module Exam</i>	<i>Term paper (~ 6000 words)</i>	<i>Directly after ELG-M8.1</i>
ELG-M9.1	Organization of Internship + Internship (lecture period + semester break)		Anytime

Timeline: Semester 4 (summer semester)

Module	Course title	Tasks/exam	Frequency
ELG-M9.2	Research colloquium: Recent Research	In-class presentation and internship report (~ 8000 words)	each summer semester
ELG-M10.1	Research colloquium: Recent Research		each summer semester
ELG-M10.MP	Module Exam	MA thesis	Each semester

The standard period of study is four semesters.

The maximum period of study is six semesters.

Internship in module ELG-M9

- Duration and timing: approximately six weeks (must cover 240 hours of work), either in the semester break between your 2nd and 3rd or your 3rd and 4th semester or, if it is longer than 3 months, during the semester.
- It is up to you to find a suitable position or project; of course, the advisors will support you in doing so if needed.
- Position that allows you to make observations about the use of oral and/or written English
- Leave of absence (Urlaubssemester): not obligatory; the semester used for studying abroad or doing an internship will not be counted towards their total time of study. Registrar's office: form for leave of absence + some sort of proof such as a copy of the employment contract (in case of internship). FlexNow registration not possible during leave of absence.
- Presentation in research colloquium + internship report (ca. 4000 words)
- Some examples of institutions and companies: AIESEC, Continental, Kronos AG, Audi, Internations, language schools, institutions promoting intercultural exchange... (some have led to part-time student jobs afterwards).

Final Grade

You need to complete and pass all of the modules listed above. However, only the following components count towards your final M.A. grade:

ELG-M 1	Research Proposal: 10% of the final grade
ELG-M 4	Term Paper: 10% of the final grade
ELG-M 6	Term Paper: 15% of the final grade
ELG-M 8	Term Paper: 15% of the final grade
ELG-M 10	M.A. Thesis: 50% of the final grade

2. Platforms

SPUR (**S**tudent **P**ortal at the **U**niversity of **R**egensburg)

SPUR is used for: enrollment, re-enrollment (certificate of matriculation for each semester), change of study program, course catalog and
→ course registration.

There are two independent (course) registration platforms:

1. Electronic **course registration** on **SPUR** (also the course catalog)
→ before the start of the lecture period
2. Electronic **exam registration** on **FlexNow** (examination management system)
→ during the lecture period



Course Registration on **SPUR**

- **Access to SPUR**

www.ur.de → Quicklinks → [SPUR](#)

Alternatively: go.ur.de/deas → [Information for Students](#) → [Course Registration](#) → [Course Registration on SPUR](#)

(Here you will find the dates for the current course registration periods at the DEAS)

- **Course registration period:**

Online registration for winter semester is over by now, for next summer semester: approximately end of January – March (exact dates tba)

- To register for or withdraw from a course, log into SPUR using your NDS account (abc12345).
- Individual study planner: courses you are registered for will automatically appear in your timetable. You can also add courses for which no course registration is required to your timetable (for example lectures).

Exam registration on **FlexNow**

- **Examination management system**

FlexNow registration is required for **ALL** courses (seminars and lectures) in which you want to obtain ECTS credit points, i.e. all mandatory courses

- Important: Without having registered on FlexNow, you will not be awarded credit points or a grade (as if you had never taken that class), even if you initially registered on SPUR (SPUR and FlexNow are not connected).

- **Access to FlexNow**

go.ur.de/deas → [Information for Students](#) → [Course Registration](#) → [FlexNow](#)



- **Registration period for winter semester 2025/26:**

Monday, October 27, 2025 - Sunday, January 25, 2026.

During this period, you can register for and withdraw from exams.

- **Please note:**

- It is not possible to get registered after the deadline!
- Registration periods vary between different departments (if applicable).
- Do not postpone your registration until the last week of registration, so that we can still help you if any problems or difficulties arise!

→ *It is best to register during the first few weeks of registration.*

GRIPS (elearning platform)

Access to GRIPS: www.ur.de → Quicklinks → [GRIPS](#)



The screenshot shows the GRIPS – Uni Regensburg website. The top navigation bar includes the UR logo, 'GRIPS', 'Home', a search bar, and language options ('English (en)' and 'Log in'). The main content area is titled 'GRIPS – Uni Regensburg' and features a 'Fakultäten' (Faculties) section with a list of faculties, each preceded by a colored circle. A red arrow points to the 'Sprach-, Literatur- und Kulturwissenschaften' (Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies) faculty. On the right side, there is a 'Login' panel with a dropdown menu for 'Universität Regensburg', input fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a blue 'Log in' button, and a link for 'Lost password?'. Below the login panel is a 'SUPPORT' section with a lightbulb icon and the text 'Gemeinsame Regensburger Internet-Plattform für'.

GRIPS – Uni Regensburg

Fakultäten

- Katholische Theologie
- Rechtswissenschaft
- Wirtschaftswissenschaften
- Medizin
- Philosophie, Kunst-, Geschichts- und Gesellschaftswissenschaften
- Humanwissenschaften
- Sprach-, Literatur- und Kulturwissenschaften
- Mathematik
- Physik

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GRIPS is used for:

- Course material: Faculty of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures → “Anglistik und Amerikanistik” → name of course instructor → name of course etc.
- sharing MA relevant information on conferences, internship ads etc. in course “MA English Linguistics” (course instructor: Dr. Florian Schleburg)

Also:

- Online courses (Computer Center, Center of Language and Communication)
- Testimonials (International Office)
- Tutorials (Computer Center)
- [Sharing information and documents (library, administration)]

3. Support

Support at the Chair of English Linguistics

- **Academic Counseling (Fachstudienberatung):**

Especially content-related questions regarding your study programs, your courses, exam preparation, term papers, presentations:

- All course instructors!
- Dr. Florian Schlegel as academic counselor for M.A. students
- Prof. Dr. Jakob Leimgruber

→ during their regular office hours (feel free to come to our office hours!)

Support at the Dpt. of English and American Studies

- **Degree Program Coordination (Studiengangkoordination)**

- Organization of your studies
- course registration on SPUR
- exam registration on FlexNow
- How do I register my thesis/get my M.A. certificate?
- etc. (all things relevant to your degree that are not about linguistics!)

→ Gabriele Mödl & Dr. Madeline Sporer

Contact by email: studienorg.iaa@ur.de

Office hours in PT 3.2.62 (during the lecture period):

Mondays-Thursdays 10-12



- **Contact details and office hours:**

go.ur.de/deas → [Information for Students](#) → [Student Advisory Service](#)

Support university-wide

- **International Office:**
 - working as an international student/funding possibilities
 - how to register as a resident of the city of Regensburg
 - events, coffee hour, field trips for international students
 - International Student Employment and Progress Support (iSTEPS)
- **Central Department for Course Counseling (Zentrale Studienberatung):**
 - Organization of your studies and life at UR
 - Mental health
 - Studying with mental or physical handicaps
 - Workshops for exam preparation/studying techniques
 - Transition to professional life
- **Student Union (Studierendenwerk) Niederbayern/Oberpfalz:**
 - Mental health counseling
 - Housing, gastronomy, recreational activities, culture
 - General support for international students, also funding possibilities
- **Computer Center (Rechenzentrum):**
 - IT courses (Office, statistics, design, CMS)
 - NDS Account (password)

Support university-wide continued...

- **Examination Office:**
 - **Thesis registration:** talk to your chosen supervisor, fill in the „form for admission to M.A. thesis in English Linguistics“ and hand it in at the examination office. Prerequisites: completion of modules ELG-M1, ELG-M2, ELG-M3, ELG-M4 + at least 24 credit points from modules ELG-M5, ELG-M6, ELG-M7 and ELG-M8. The thesis can be registered any time during the semester (or semester break); there are no specific registration dates. You have 4 months to complete your final thesis (60-80 pages)
 - **M.A. certificate:** all modules, including the thesis module, are complete: you can ask for your certificate, which will be issued in both English and German.
- **Registrar's Office:**
 - Re-enrollment (online, SPUR)
 - Taking a semester off (Urlaubssemester)
- **Center of Language and Communication**
 - German language courses (required: at least 120 hours of instruction by the end of 2nd semester, according to the examination regulations)
 - Foreign language courses
 - Written Communication and Writing Support: tutorials for academic writing

Guide to help
and advice at UR
(links):



A guide to help and advice at the University of Regensburg:

- *International protection seekers*
- *Equality & Diversity*
- *Harassment, violence, bullying*
- *Learning and study counselling*
- *Misconduct in academics and administration*
- *Illness and impairment*
- *Accidents, theft, occupational safety*
- ...

4. Further information

University Library

Getting to know the library (library tours)

Several in-person tours and one online event throughout October and November.

Library tutorials:



Detailed information for students of the Department of English and American Studies:



GRIPS tutorial for DEAS students (in German):



Activities & Resources

RUPs, too

Any students who are interested in joining the group, whether as backstage crew or on stage, are welcome to join us.

Contact: Jamie Kohen (jamiekohen@hotmail.com)



Shakespeare & Company

English-language student drama company at the University of Regensburg. They perform regularly at the "Theater an der Uni Regensburg".



Excursion to Wales (Peter Waller): usually in summer semester

[Maps, directions and UR-Walking](#) at UR:



Further information meetings:

[Studying with children](#): Friday, October 24, 10:00-11:30 (Zoom)

[Studying with handicaps](#): Tuesday, October 28, 18:15 in room R001 (in-person)
or online (Zoom)

Last, not least:

- please use your **student email address** or set up automatic forwarding of your emails to your preferred address!
- attend **tutorials**, such as: Essential Toolkit for Papers and Presentations in Linguistics (Sol Tovar), Tutorial Linguistics Paper Writing (Ilshat Sharafutdinov)
- make use of **office hours** (don't be shy!)
- subscribe to our **newsletter**
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