

Appendix 3

Subject-specific regulations governing the single-subject Master's programme American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics and dual-subject Master's degrees in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) or subsidiary (minor) subject

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Pursuant to Section 64 of the Saarland Higher Education Institutions Act of 30 November 2016 (Official Gazette of Saarland, p. 1080) and with the consent of the University Senate and the University Board of Saarland University, the Faculty of Humanities hereby issues the following subject-specific regulations governing the single-subject Master's programme American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics and dual-subject Master's degrees in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) or subsidiary (minor) subject as Appendix 3 to the Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes and for certificates at Faculty 3 (Humanities Faculty I – History and Cultural Studies) and Faculty 4 (Humanities Faculty II – Languages, Literature and Cultural Studies) of Saarland University of 5 June 2014 (Official Bulletin No. 80, p. 1056) as amended by the Ordinance to Amend the Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes and certificates at Faculty 3 (Humanities Faculty I – History and Cultural Studies) and Faculty 4 (Humanities Faculty II – Languages, Literature and Cultural Studies) of Saarland University of 29 July 2015 (Official Bulletin No. 62, p. 458):

§ 34 General information

(1) The Faculty of Humanities at Saarland University shall in accordance with the assessment and examination procedures set out in these examination regulations confer a Master of Arts degree (M.A.) on students who have successfully completed the single-subject Master's programme American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics or a dual-subject Master's degree in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics was the main (major) subject.

(2) In the single-subject Master's programme American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics and in a dual-subject Master's degrees in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) subject greater emphasis is placed on research. Students studying for the single-subject Master's degree American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics or for a dual-subject Master's degrees in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) subject select one of the following areas of specialization:

- British Literary and Cultural Studies
- English Linguistics
- North American Literary and Cultural Studies

The chosen area of specialization is included on the Master's degree certificate.

(3) The Joint Examination Board for Master's degree programmes at the Faculty of Humanities is responsible for conducting the academic assessments and examinations in the Master's programme American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics.

§ 35 Admission requirements

Students seeking admission to the single-subject Master's programme American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics or to a dual-subject Master's degrees in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) or subsidiary (minor) subject shall:

(1) provide proof of a Bachelor's degree or equivalent university qualification in which the main subject area studied was Linguistics, English Studies, American Studies, Post-Colonial Studies or another relevant academic discipline and shall demonstrate particular academic aptitude. Applicants for whom American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) subject of a dual-subject Master's degree shall demonstrate that they previously earned academic credit in these areas totalling at least 80 CP¹. Applicants for whom American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the subsidiary (minor) subject of a dual-subject Master's degree are required to demonstrate that they previously earned at least 60 CP in these areas.

If it is not possible to demonstrate the equivalency of the academic credentials presented by an applicant, the applicant may be granted conditional admission status in accordance with Section 25 of the examination regulations. The Examination Board shall inform the applicant in writing about the type and scope of academic credit still to be earned or the academic credentials still to be submitted and the timeframe in which this is to be completed.

(2) Applicants shall be deemed to have demonstrated their aptitude for the single-subject Master's programme American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics or for a dual-subject Master's degrees in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) subject if they achieved a final grade of 'good' (2.0 in the German marking scheme) or better in one of the required Bachelor's or equivalent university degrees and can certify that they have achieved CEFR proficiency level C1 in all skill areas (e.g. reading comprehension, listening comprehension, oral and written expression) in an internationally recognized language testing scheme (e.g. IELTS). If an applicant's native language is English or if he/she has previously demonstrated C1 language proficiency in all areas, no additional language qualification will need to be submitted. If an applicant's final grade does not meet the requirement stated above, he/she may still be able to demonstrate his/her aptitude for the Master's degree programme on the basis of a letter of application in English and/or an admissions interview that will be considered in combination with the grade achieved in their first degree. Applicants are not required to demonstrate German language proficiency.

§ 36 Programme structure and student workload

(1) A total of 120 ECTS credits (120 CP) are required to complete the single-subject Master's degree programme in American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics. Of that total,

- 52 CP are earned in the chosen area of specialization 'British Literary and Cultural Studies', 'English Linguistics' or 'North American Literary or Cultural Studies'
- 34 CP are earned for completing the final module in the chosen area of specialization, which includes 27 CP for the Master's thesis
- 34 CP are earned for language proficiency, the mobility phase and for career orientation

(2) A total of 120 ECTS credits (120 CP) need to be earned to complete the requirements for

¹ Academic credits (ECTS credits) are often referred to in Germany as 'credit points' or 'CPs'

a dual-subject Master's degree programme in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) subject. Of that total,

- 71 CP are earned for the main (major) subject of the dual-subject Master's degree
- 27 CP for the subsidiary (minor) subject of the dual-subject Master's degree
- 22 CP for the Master's thesis in the main (major) subject

§ 37

Type and scope of academic assessments and examinations

(1) Written academic assessments include examinations, written assignments (seminar papers), portfolios, posters and other written work as specified by the teaching staff (e.g. class session summaries, discussion papers, exercise sheets, written presentations). If written group work is submitted, the individual contributions from each student in the group shall be clearly identifiable, thus allowing the contributions to be separately assessed.

(2) Oral assessments include graded presentations, poster presentations and oral examinations. If an oral presentation is done collaboratively by two or more students, the individual contributions from each student shall be clearly identifiable, thus allowing the contributions to be separately assessed.

(3) In certain special cases, other forms of academic assessment may be specified by the Examination Board (e.g. evaluating project work or work performed in a work placement environment or internship).

(4) The requirements of any academic assessment or examination shall be such that they can be completed within the allotted time.

§ 38

Language of examination

The language of examination for programme modules and module elements is English.

§ 39

Registering for the final academic examination phase

(1) Applications to register for the final examination phase of the single-subject Master's degree American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics shall be accompanied by the following:

- Module 'BritLitCult KB Master 3': for the advanced topics seminar: proof of successful completion of one of the seminars within the modules 'BritLitCult KB Master 1' or 'BritLitCult KB Master 2'.
- Module 'English Linguistics KB Master 3': for the advanced topics seminar: proof of successful completion of one of the seminars within the modules 'English Linguistics KB Master 1' or 'English Linguistics KB Master 2'.
- Module 'NamLitCult KB Master 3': for the advanced topics seminar: proof of successful completion of one of the seminars within the modules 'NamLitCult KB Master 1' or 'NamLitCult KB Master 2'.

(2) Applications to register for the final examination phase of a dual-subject Master's degree in which American Studies / British Studies/English Linguistics is the main (major) subject shall be accompanied by the following:

- Module 'BritLitCult HF Master 3': for the advanced topics seminar: proof of successful completion of one of the seminars within the modules 'BritLitCult HF Master 1' or 'BritLitCult HF Master 2'.
- Module 'English Linguistics HF Master 3': for the advanced topics seminar: proof of

successful completion of one of the seminars within the modules 'English Linguistics HF Master 1' or 'English Linguistics HF Master 2'.

- Module 'NamLitCult HF Master 3': for the advanced topics seminar: proof of successful completion of one of the seminars within the modules 'NamLitCult HF Master 1' or 'NamLitCult HF Master 2'.

§ 40

Registering for the Master's thesis phase

(1) To demonstrate that they have properly completed the requirements for the single-subject Master's degree programme American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics, students shall, in addition to fulfilling the conditions set out in Section 26(1) of the examination regulations, also provide:

- for a Master's thesis in the area 'British Literary and Cultural Studies': proof that they have successfully completed the seminars in the modules 'BritLitCult KB Master 1', 'BritLitCult KB Master 2' and 'BritLitCult KB Master 3'.
- for a Master's thesis in the area 'English Linguistics': proof that they have successfully completed the seminars in the modules 'English Linguistics KB Master 1', 'English Linguistics KB Master 2' and 'English Linguistics KB Master 3'.
- for a Master's thesis in the area 'North American Literary and Cultural Studies': proof that they have successfully completed the seminars in the modules 'NamLitCult KB Master 1', 'NamLitCult KB Master 2' and 'NamLitCult KB Master 3'.

(2) To demonstrate that they have properly completed the requirements for a dual-subject Master's degree programme in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) subject, students shall, in addition to fulfilling the conditions set out in Section 26(1) of the examination regulations, also provide:

- for a Master's thesis in the area 'British Literary and Cultural Studies': proof that they have successfully completed the seminars in the modules 'BritLitCult HF Master 1', 'BritLitCult HF Master 2' and 'BritLitCult HF Master 3'.
- for a Master's thesis in the area 'English Linguistics': proof that they have successfully completed the seminars in the modules 'English Linguistics HF Master 1', 'English Linguistics HF Master 2' and 'English Linguistics HF Master 3'.
- for a Master's thesis in the area 'North American Literary and Cultural Studies': proof that they have successfully completed the seminars in the modules 'NamLitCult HF Master 1', 'NamLitCult HF Master 2' and 'NamLitCult HF Master 3'.

§ 41

Master's thesis

(1) The Master's thesis for the single-subject Master's degree programme American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics shall be completed within a period of 20 weeks (27 CP). The thesis topic and the problems to be addressed shall be such that the thesis can be completed within the allotted time. The Master's thesis should not exceed 100 pages in length (excluding appendices).

(2) The Master's thesis in a dual-subject Master's degree programme in which American Studies / British Studies / English Linguistics is the main (major) subject shall be completed within a period of 17 weeks (22 CP). The thesis topic and the problems to be addressed shall be such that the thesis can be completed within the allotted time. The Master's thesis should not exceed 80 pages in length (excluding appendices).

§ 42
Commencement

These regulations shall come into force on the day after they are announced in the Official Bulletin of the Institutions of Higher Education in Saarland (*Dienstblatt der Hochschulen des Saarlandes*).

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