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> Master's Programme

British, American and Postcolonial Studies

> Info Session:

27 May, 6 pm [CEST/GMT+2]

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Foci of the Programme

Study the MEd programme alongside the BAPS and, wherever possible, get your courses credited for both programmes!

British, American and Postcolonial Studies

Literary & Cultural Studies

Linguistics

Book Studies

Book Studies in a nutshell

- Goal: to look “beyond the text” to understand book, reading and print cultures in past and present
- Areas of study: **book and reading history, publishing studies, cultural sociology**
- Strong interdisciplinary orientation

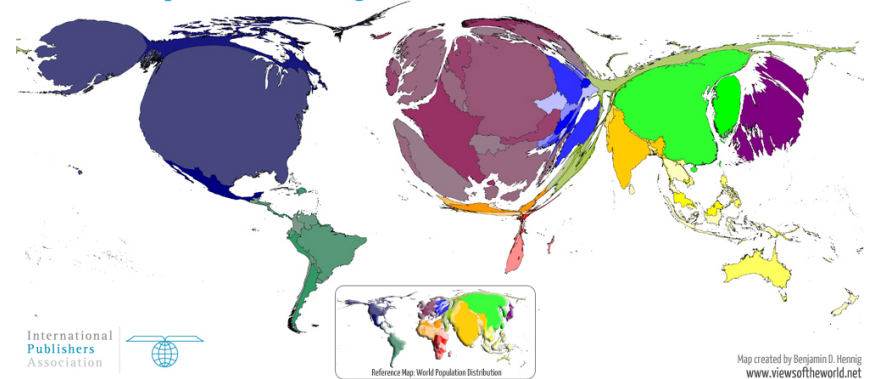


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Book Studies: some key questions

- How does **publishing** work (past, present, future)?
- Which actors/institutions contribute to the status of **the book as a commodity**?
- Which structures shape **curation and consecration** in the global anglophone book industry?
- Which actors and structures impede/promote **bibliodiversity** (broadly understood)?

Global Map of Publishing Markets 2012



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Book Studies: some course examples

- Books and reading: “from scrolls to scrolling”
 - The Medieval Book in Britain: An Introduction to Manuscript Studies
 - Women in Print Culture, 1960s-1990
 - More than #shelfies. Book Collecting in the USA, 1900-2020
 - ...
- [Visit us here for more information](#)



Module Structure

Master of Arts: British, American and Postcolonial Studies (2015)

Semester 1 30 LP	I.1 Survey, Tools and Methods (CM) 19 LP				I.2 Advanced Studies in Literature, Culture, Linguistics, and Book Studies (EM) 6 LP	I.3 Work Experience (EM) 10 LP		
	Orientation Week 1 LP	Lecture <i>Text, Book and Culture</i> & colloquium 6 LP	Seminar in literary and cultural studies & research workshop 6 LP	Lecture in linguistics & research workshop 6 LP		Professional Skills Course 2 LP	German Language Course 2 LP	
						Event Organisation	Event Organisation & Tutorial	Internship
Major assignments	Written Exam				Oral Exam			
Semester 2 30 LP	II.1.1 Historical and Social Perspectives: Texts and Categories (OM) 15 LP	II.1.2 Historical and Social Perspectives: Language and Linguistics (OM) 15 LP	II.1.3 Historical and Social Perspectives: The Book (OM) 15 LP		II.2 Systematic Perspectives (CM) 10 LP	Project management 8 LP (240h)	Co-organisation 4 LP (120h) Teaching 4 LP (120h)	Professional experience 8 LP (240h)
	Seminar 6 LP Seminar 6 LP Lecture 3 LP	Seminar 6 LP Seminar 6 LP Lecture 3 LP	Seminar 6 LP Research workshop 6 LP Lecture 3 LP	Seminar 7 LP Advanced Academic Skills I 3 LP				
Major assignments	Research Paper				Critical Evaluation		Portfolio	
Semester 3 30 LP	III.1 Interdisciplinary Perspectives: Exchange & Transformation (CM) 10 LP		III.2 External Module (CM) 10 LP		III.3.1 Research Module: Literary Studies and Book Studies (OM) 15 LP	III.3.2 Research Module: Linguistics (OM) 15 LP		
	Seminar 7 LP Advanced Academic Skills II 3 LP		type(s) and number of courses depend on subject chosen according to prior agreement			3rd semester: Postgraduate Class 5 LP & reading list 5 LP		3rd semester: Postgraduate Class 4 LP & research project 6 LP
Major assignments	Research Paper							
Semester 4 30 LP	Master Thesis 25 LP				4th semester: Postgraduate Class 5 LP		4th semester: Postgraduate Class 3 LP & research project 2 LP	
					Portfolio		Presentation	

CM = compulsory module; OM = optional compulsory module; EM = compulsory module with elective options; LP = Leistungspunkte (credits)

Possible Careers

- Academic and non-academic careers
- Internationalisation (study abroad)
- PhD programmes
- Journalism, media, publishing, culture management, etc.
- Module “Work Experience”

Work Experience (Semester 1-2)

I.3 Work Experience (10 LP)

Professional Skills Course (2 LP)

German Language Course (2 LP)

Event Organization

Event Organization
& Tutorial

Internship

Project management
8 LP (240h)

Co-organization 4 LP
(120h)

Teaching 4 LP
(120h)

Professional
Experience 8 LP
(240h)

Portfolio

External Module (Semester 3)

- 10 LP
- broaden interdisciplinary knowledge and skills
- studies in related fields (communication studies, sociology, politics, history, anthropology, art history, etc.)
- type(s) and number of courses depend on subject chosen
- at least one graded assignment
- For those studying the MEd programme alongside the BAPS, their Praxissemester will be eligible for the external module

Academic Requirements

Prospective students must have completed a three-year undergraduate degree in English Studies (Bachelor or equivalent). Degrees in selected related fields are also accepted if applicants can provide proof that their studies included a focus on Anglophone languages, literatures and/or cultures. These related fields are:

- philology
- cultural studies
- media studies
- communication studies

Application

Language Skills

As all courses will be held in English, **excellent English skills** are a prerequisite for participation in this programme.

Because we receive applications from all over the world, for Equal Opportunities reasons, it is necessary that you prove your language skills by taking a **language test**, for example:

- Cambridge Proficiency Exam (CPE: A, B or C)
- Cambridge Advanced Examination (CAE: A or B)
- equivalent language certificate, i.e. TOEFL iBT 109+, TOEFL pBT 620+, or IELTS 8+

The application committee may also decide to accept other test formats if they are deemed equivalent (e.g. the DAAD language certificate). **If you have a certificate which is not listed here, and are not sure whether it will be acceptable, please contact the English Department's student advisory service (AdvisoryService@wwu.de) for advice.** It is best to do this well before the application deadline, because if your present language certificate is not acceptable and you need to acquire a different one (e.g. CPE, CAE, TOEFL, IELTS Academic), this usually takes some time.

Please note: *Native speakers of English* do **not** need to provide proof of their English language skills. Please note that we consider you a native speaker if English is an official language in your country.

Application

Application Materials

- A-levels or international equivalent (certified copy)
- undergraduate diploma (certified copy)
- proof of language skills
- curriculum vitae (in tabular form)
- transcript of records listing credits, examinations and courses attended (certified copy)
- if applicable: documentation of time spent abroad, work experience, extracurricular activities, foreign language skills, etc.
- Letter of intent (800-1200 words, in English), describing why the applicant seeks an MA degree in British, American and Postcolonial Studies; the letter should mention and explain the applicants' previous interests or specialised areas of study, as well as their plans for their future studies and career

Application

How we weigh different aspects of your application:

- Overall score
- Score in the relevant subject
- Additional qualifications/activities relevant to the programme
- Letter of Intent

All these factors contribute equally to your overall application score!

Corona Pandemic

At

https://www.uni-muenster.de/Anglistik/BAPS/admissions_regulations/admissions.html

you can find information regarding different, corona-related application issues, such as regards language certificates, the certification of documents and postal service disruptions.

Admissions for winter term only:

The application period **begins in May and ends on 15 July** each year.

In 2020, due to ** Covid-19******

the Application deadline will be extended until August 20!

Applications outside the designated application period cannot be accepted.

One application per candidate is possible during this period.