

Module I.3 Work Experience (10 LP)

During the two-semester long Work Experience module, students gain professional skills and qualifications in academic and non-academic fields as part of the MA BAPS program. The module consists of two elements, which are 1) professional skills training or attendance of a German language course (for international students) and 2) 240 hours of first-hand work experience. The content of the entire module is geared towards individual practical experience.

The timing of this module is up to each student's own discretion, but should ideally be completed by the end of semester 2.

Professional Skills Training/German Language Course (2 LP)

As part of the Work Experience module, students attend a **professional skills course** held by the university's Career Service center. Students can choose a topic from the course offerings themselves. These courses are usually conducted in German.

International students without sufficient knowledge of German may fulfill this component of the module by taking a **German language course** offered by the university's Language Center.

Students are required to show proof of participation at the conclusion of the module.

Work Experience (8 LP)

During the Work Experience module, students gain professional skills and qualifications in academic and non-academic fields.

Students choose from one of three options. These options include:

Internship (240 hours): serving as an intern in firms or organizations either at home or abroad (e.g., in museums, publishing houses, the media, theaters, cultural festivals, advertising agencies, consultancies, etc.), working as a student assistant within the English Department (subject to availability), or on the editorial staff of *Satura*, the department's [student-run journal](#)

Event Organization (240 hours): planning and organizing an academic event like a student conference, lecture series, film festival, or art exhibition

Event organization + tutoring (240 hours): co-organizing an academic event and gaining teaching experience by offering tutorials for BA students at the English Department

Students are expected to seek out their own internship and work opportunities. These can be in Germany or abroad, as well as online. Internships do not need to be in English.

Opportunities for tutoring at the English Department are not guaranteed. When such opportunities arise, students will be notified through the usual university channels.

In order to obtain credit for their work experience, students must provide **proof of employment** (e.g., a letter from their employer) that details the responsibilities, dates, and overall hours of their employment., as well as a **written portfolio of 2,500 words**. The portfolio is worth **1 LP** of the overall course credits.

The [BAPS Work Experience Handout](#) covers these topics in more detail and offers guidance on the portfolio.

* *Dual Master's Degree*: Dual MA BAPS/MEd Gym/Ges students can use their MEd Praxissemester towards the Work Experience module. Additionally, the MEd study project can, in some instances, replace the BAPS Work Experience portfolio. The MEd study project can be used towards the BAPS Work Experience portfolio if the project report was written in the field of English Studies or if the report was written in the English language. (A student project in the field of Biology and written in German, for example, would not be accepted.)

The QISPOS exam numbers for this module are:

13001 Course Offered at the Career Service

13002 German Language Course at the Language Center

13003 Organization of an academic event (organizer)

13004 Co-organization of an academic event & teaching of a tutorial

13005 Internship

13010 Final Module Examination (portfolio)