

2nd special call: Teaching in English

Internationality is defined as a fundamental element of science and teaching in the University of Münster's [internationalisation strategy](#). It contributes to excellence and competitiveness as well as to the attractiveness of the university as a place to do science, study and work. Internationalisation also promotes intercultural dialogue and global understanding.

With the involvement of the university public, the Rectorate Commission for Internationalisation (RKI) has drawn up a catalogue of measures for implementing the internationalisation strategy. These measures aim to strategically and structurally promote the internationalisation of the university.

This second special call for proposals is part of the catalogue of measures and serves to expand the university's range of courses taught in English. Interested departments can apply for lump sums for the expansion of English-language courses in predominantly German-language degree programmes.

Funding is provided from the Rectorate's strategic internationalisation budget.

Aim

The aim of this funding is to increase the number of courses offered in English (minimum language level C1). This offer can also be realised in cooperation with international partners. In particular, this funding is intended to strengthen students' specialised language skills, expand the range of courses on offer for international students and increase the international appeal of the University of Münster.

The pilot funding programme supports the development of courses taught in English at the University of Münster. In the second special call for proposals for the coming winter semester 2025/26, interested departments can apply for lump sums for the expansion of English-taught courses in German-taught degree programmes.

Rationale

Overall, international courses not only increase the attractiveness of the University of Münster for international students, but also promote the diversification of learning groups and contribute to the creation of an international classroom. They are also an important instrument for strengthening international teaching cooperation and ensuring the long-term international mobility of students at the University of Münster.

Courses taught in English overall enrich the teaching portfolio at the University of Münster. Through a wide range of such courses, students can expand their subject-specific language skills and international experience and broaden their understanding of the international context of their study field.

These courses offer valuable opportunities, particularly for students who are not able to go abroad. They are also an attractive teaching programme, especially for international exchange students.

Application

Professors and lecturers at the University of Münster are eligible to apply, but require the support of the current dean or the dean of studies of the department.

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Applications from departments that currently have no or only very limited offer in teaching in English will be given preference; departments that are already implementing SIB measures can apply for funding to expand them.

Applications with cooperation partners of the strategic university network [Ulysseus](#) are welcome.

Project proposals that are interdisciplinary or are to be offered in General Studies are welcome.

Departments have the option of submitting their applications collectively and prioritised.

If a department submits several individual applications, the committee reserves the right to request prioritisation from the department/institution head.

If the number of eligible project applications is high, the project funding amount may be reduced in order to ensure funding for a broad variety of offers.

Scope of funding / duration

- 1. anchoring English-language teaching in German-language degree programmes/year
 - o 05 to 10 LP/ECTS = €5,000
 - o 10 to 20 LP/ECTS = €10,000
 - o 20 to 30 LP/ECTS = €20,000
 - o up to 30 LP/ECTS - only with long-term curricular anchor (English Track) = €30,000

Duration: winter semester 2025/26

Funding benefits

Lump sums for flexible availability.

Funding conditions

The department/the implementing institute/the applicant undertakes to

- clarify academic questions (subject of the course, type of course, rooms, laboratories, examination results, allocation of LP/ECTS etc.),
- appoint an academic contact person for the realisation of the course
- to fully integrate the course as a regular course into the range of courses creditable per ECTS.

Prerequisites

- The planned courses are specialised courses and not pure language courses.
- The courses take place in the compulsory or compulsory elective area.
- The courses will be publicised (LSF/website).
- This is an additional course; a new specialised extension of the range of courses on offer
- The courses are also open to international exchange students, either virtually, hybrid or physically.

Application documents

- Completed and signed application form incl. financial plan, incl. approval of the dean or the dean of studies
- Description of the planned course and its curricular anchoring, including consideration of the international partners, if applicable

Assessment criteria

- Sustainable integration into the curriculum of the department
- Innovative potential of the courses
- Significance of the courses for the internationalisation of discipline's teaching portfolio
- Professional suitability of the lecturer
- Strategic importance of the partners - potential for future collaboration

A selection committee will review the applications.

Final report: 01.03.2026

Application deadline 10.09.2025

The signed applications are to be sent as a pdf to sib.englische.lehre@uni-muenster.de

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