September 13th, 2019
Freshers’ Day

Department of English
University of Bern
KNOW THE CODE
Counsellor’s Welcome

> Dr Susan Fox (BA Study Counsellor)
  - Office hours (drop in): Tuesday 14.00–15.30
  - Extra Office Hours First Week (drop in): Thursday 19th Sept. 14:30 - 16:00
  - Office: D203
  - Contact: susan.fox@ens.unibe.ch
Materials

> HELP booklet

> Course booklet

> Study Plan, Appendix to Study Plan, Timetable

> FAQ

> All of this can be found on the website!
Fields of Study

> Modern English Linguistics
> Prof. Dr. David Britain
Fields of Study

> Language and Communication
> Prof. Dr. Crispin Thurlow
Fields of Study

> Medieval English Studies
> Prof. Dr. Annette Kern-Stähler
Fields of Study

- Modern English Literature
- Prof. Dr. Virginia Richter
Fields of Study

> North American Literature and Culture
> Prof. Dr. Gabriele Rippl
Fields of Study

- Literary Theory
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Claviez
Sekretariat

> Monika Iseli-Felder
> Sannie Germann
> Only Sannie deals with student administration!!
> There are strictly scheduled office hours (printed on the Secretariat door) and students may only come at these times.
> Drop Box
> Times for this semester:
> Sannie’s office hours:
  — Monday 9:00-10:00 and 14:00-15:30
  — Wednesday 9:00-10:00
  — Thursday 9:00-10:00 and 14:00-15:30
BA Structure and Requirements

1. Structure
   a. Foundation Phase
   b. Specialisation Phase
   c. Extensions

2. Requirements
   a. Major (120 ECTS)
   b. Minor (60 ECTS)
   c. Minor (30 ECTS)
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**September**

**TOTAL ECTS/GRADED ECTS**

35/29

51/41

34/15

**120/15**
The Foundation Phase

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Both language foundation courses are two-part courses continuing in the spring term.

Writing Skills

Register today

Only register for one class

Be quick to ensure your first choice

If your number is 21 for the section, deregister and try another time slot

Compulsory Library tutorial. Dates will be communicated to you in class
  — cumulative assessment

Grammar
  — also offered as podcast
  — exam in summer
Core Curriculum

- Core Curriculum Linguistics:
  - lecture “Introduction to Linguistics”
  - seminar “Analysing Language”
  - seminar “Earlier Englishes” (covering OE, ME and EModE)

- Core Curriculum Literature:
  - lecture “Introduction to Literature”
  - seminar “Analysing Literature”
  - lecture “Literary History”

- Courses for the Core Curriculum need to be completed before taking Focus Modules and Seminars!
Advanced Readings in Literature and Linguistics

- reading list of core texts
- core list of 4 texts each from the fields of Linguistics, North American Studies, Medieval and Modern English Literature
- additional 8 texts from one of the above fields (free choice)
- oral exam on pass/fail basis
- exam will always be offered in the penultimate week of term
- 3 ECTS
- recommended time to take the exam: end of fourth semester
- pass before registering for BA Thesis
# The Specialisation Phase

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The Focus Module

- general lecture + thematically connected seminars
- 1-2 different choices per semester (but this can vary!)
- requirements for completion: lecture + 1 seminar + grade requirements
- has to be completed within one semester
- graded (10 ECTS)
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The Flexible Modules

- **Stay Abroad (10/5 ECTS for major/minor students)**
  - stay abroad, 6 months for major students / 3 months for minor students
  - can be divided into 3 parts for majors / 2 parts for minors
  - subject to approval in advance by Stay Abroad Coordinator
  - completed with compulsory report (or presentation at below meeting)
  - ungraded
  - Annual Stay Abroad Meeting: 28 October 2019 at 12.15 in Unitobler, F-113

- **Wahlbereich (15 ECTS)**
  - any courses in other departments open for Wahlbereich
  - graded

- **Wahlleistungen (9 ECTS)**
  - courses within department
  - ungraded
Requirements

- **BA Major (120 ECTS)**
  - Foundation Module
    - Language Module and Core Curriculum (32 ECTS)
    - Advanced Reading List Exam (3 ECTS)
  - Specialisation Module
    - 2 lectures (6 ECTS ungraded)
    - 3 seminars, of which at least 1 must be literature or linguistics (21 ECTS)
    - Focus Module (10 ECTS)
    - Research Module (14 ECTS)
  - Extensions
    - Stay Abroad (6 months) (10 ECTS)
    - Additional Credits (24 ECTS)
Requirements

- **BA Minor 60 ECTS**
  - Full Core Curriculum (32 ECTS)
    (Language Foundation Module, Core Curriculum Literature / Linguistics, Earlier Englishes, and Literary History Lecture)
  - 1 Focus Module and 1 Free Standing Seminar (17 ECTS)
  - Stay Abroad (3-6 months) (5-10 ECTS)
  - Additional credits within the department (1-6 ECTS)

- **BA Minor 30 ECTS**
  - Core Curriculum (26 ECTS)
    (Language Foundation Module, **REDUCED** Core Curriculum with Literature and Linguistics modules)
  - Additional credits within the department (4 ECTS)
Any Questions?
### The Autumn Timetable

#### TIMETABLE AUTUMN SEMESTER 2019

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**Contact:** 
- Ph.D. and Research Colloquia: 
  - Bi-weekly on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Language Modules: 
  - Bi-weekly on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Bachelor Degree: 
  - Bi-weekly on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Additional Information:** 
- For general information on course content and prerequisites, please refer to the course brochure. 
- For updates and changes, please check the university website or contact the relevant department directly. 

**Important:** 
- All lectures and seminars are subject to change. 
- Please check the university website for the most up-to-date information.

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**Notes:** 
- Spring Semester: from January 15, 2020, to the end of the semester. 
- Fall Semester: from September 1, 2019, to the end of the semester.

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**University of Bern:** 
- Located in Bern, Switzerland
- Known for its diverse and research-oriented programs
- Offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate courses

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**References:** 
- University of Bern website: [Website](#) 
- Department of Literature website: [Website](#) 
- Contact information: [Contact](#)
Kernsystem Lehre (KSL): https://www.ksl.unibe.ch
Freshers' Day

KSL Planning View

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Bachelor of Arts in Languages and Literatures in English, Universität Bern. Status: "active"

Languages and Literatures in English Bachelor Major 120 ECTS-Credits, Status: "active"
BA Mailing List, news, updates etc

> Sign up for English Department BA Email List (links can be found in the HELP booklet and on the homepage)

> Please check the homepage regularly, since news and updates are posted there
Tuition fees:

> Students of the Institute of Secondary Education II, who are simultaneously enrolled at the University of Bern or the Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH) and the PHBern, have usually paid tuition fees only at the University of Bern / BFH. This applies to students who study at least one subject at the University of Bern / BFH and whose degree is required for the simultaneous acquisition of upper secondary teaching qualification. **This rule is repealed. Starting in fall semester 2021, all students - irrespective of whether and at which university they study at the same time - pay tuition fees at PHBern.** At the same time, the introduction of a new curriculum is taking place.

>
Important information from PHBern

> Students who start their education at PHBern by the spring semester of 2021 at the latest are not affected by the change in tuition fees throughout the course of study, provided that they are not de-registered after the change has taken effect. In other words, to complete the course of study under the previous regulations, students must register for PHBern at the latest by 31 October 2020 at the latest.

> Contact: studienberatung.is2@phbern.ch
Students’ Committee
Who we are
What we do

• We serve as official representatives of all students in the Department of English

• We help with any kind of question or problem

• We organize various events during the semester
Events to look forward to

- General Assembly (TBA)
- Book Fair (October)
- Advance Reading Group Workshops (October 31 & November 5)
- Christmas Party (December 13)
- Many more…
Join us

• General Assembly

• Committee meetings

• At our events

• Contact via social media or email (fsanglistik@sub.unibe.ch)

Or simply approach any of the current members
Facebook group for students

- Type "Students of the English Department – University of Bern" into the search bar

- Click on "join" (you need to get invited into the group)
Tour around Unitobler