

English Department FAQs – *Übergang zum Master*

General questions about the application process

What do I need to know about the transition between B.A and M.Ed.?

Generally, you must have completed your bachelor's degree before you begin the application process for the master's degree. However, if you have completed at least 144 ECTS, you can be provisionally accepted into the master's even if you have not completed your B.A. This leads to a temporary *Parallelschreibung* in the B.A and M.Ed.

Familiarize yourself with the application requirements early. Please find more information [here](#).

What should I do to get ready for the master's?

In the final semester of your B.A., during which you apply for the master's, you are encouraged to take part in courses and seminars at master's level. Please note, you are not allowed to complete module exams in the master's during this time. However, completing a few courses which do not contain a module exam, will help you to continue making progress towards your final degree.

Please click [here](#) for further information.

Are there courses in the master's program that are only offered once a year?

Generally, the Institute for English offers courses for all the master's *Bausteine* every semester, although the content of these courses may vary. There are some exceptions, however. Please note that *Bilingualer Sachfachunterricht* (3.2 Advanced Bilingual Language Pedagogy - EULA) is only offered in the Winter Semester. Some courses in the GS M.Ed. are only offered once a year.

General questions about the bachelor's thesis and the master's thesis.

Where can I find general information about the bachelor's thesis?

Please click [here](#) for further information about the bachelor thesis.

Where can I find general information about the master's thesis?

Please click [here](#) for further general information about the master's thesis.

I am studying English and would like to complete my bachelor's thesis or master's thesis for the English department. Do I have to write in English?

If you would like to write the bachelor's thesis or the master's thesis for the English department, you should choose a topic related to English. However, you can write up your thesis for the English department in English or German. For further information please click [here](#).

How long does my bachelor thesis for the English department have to be?

Your bachelor's thesis for the English department should be 35-40 pages long. Please click [here](#) to find further information.

How long does my master's thesis for the English department have to be?

Your master's thesis for the English department should be 65-80 pages long. Please click [here](#) to find further information.

I would like to write the bachelor thesis or the master's thesis for the English department. How should my work be presented?

For guidance on content and style, please click [here](#).

Please see below for further detailed information about the master's program in the English department for each course of study.

GS

How many modules are there in the master's for GS?

The master's program is made up of two modules.

Module 1

- 1.1 Advanced Applied Linguistics
- 1.2 Advanced Language Pedagogy (contains the module exam)

Module 2

- 2.1 Advanced Linguistics
- 2.2 Advanced Literary or Cultural Studies

The module exam can be taken in either 2.1 or 2.2.

What do I need to know about the *Professionalisierungspraktikum*?

Please click [here](#) for more about this placement.

I am beginning the GS M.Ed. which is only two semesters long. Can I do my master's thesis in the first semester of the master's course?

Ideally you should complete the master's thesis in the second semester of the master's.

When should I register my master's thesis?

Please register your master's thesis in the first semester of the master's. This means you should begin considering topics as early as possible. For registration deadlines, please click [here](#).

I have just completed my bachelor thesis. Can I start my master's thesis immediately?

Ideally there should be one full semester between finishing your bachelor thesis and starting your master's thesis.

For further information on the master's thesis, please click [here](#).

SEK1/EULA

How many modules are there in the SEK1 and EULA master's in the English department?

The master's programs for Sek1 and EULA in the English department consist of three modules.

Module 1

- 1.1 Secondary-Specific Ways of Teaching
- 1.2 Begleitseminar ISP
- 1.3 Advanced Linguistics (contains the module exam)

Module 2

- 2.1 Advanced Literary Studies
- 2.2 Advanced Cultural Studies

The module exam can be taken in either 2.1 or 2.2.

Module 3 (SEK1)

- 3.1 Advanced Applied Linguistics
- 3.2 Advanced Language Pedagogy (contains the module exam)

Module 3 (EULA)

- 3.1 Advanced Applied Linguistics
- 3.2 Advanced Bilingual Language Pedagogy* (contains the module exam)

*This course is generally only offered in the Winter Semester.

What do I need to know about the master's thesis in Sek1 and EULA?

The M.Ed. in SEK1 and EULA are generally completed in four semesters. The first three semesters are for completing modules 1-3; the fourth and final semester is for your master's thesis. This means that you should register for your master's thesis during your third semester of the master's.

For registration deadlines for the master's thesis, see [here](#).

For further general information about the master's thesis please click [here](#).

For more information about completing your master's thesis for the English department, please click [here](#).

What do I need to know about ISP?

During your master's, you will complete your *Integriertes Semesterpraktikum (ISP)*. During this time, you will have to complete the following tasks at your school:

- Two *Unterrichtsentwürfe*, one in each of your subjects
- One *Schülerbeobachtung* in one of your subjects
- A *Reflexion* and a *Sammlung von Unterrichtsskizzen**

*Please speak to your *Ausbildungsberater:in* about the exact specifications.

For more information about the ISP, please see [here](#).

SOP

How many modules are there in the master's in SOP in the English department?

The master's in the English department for SOP consists of just one module.

Module 1

- 1.1 Advanced Applied Linguistics
- 1.2 *Wahlweise*: Advanced Literary Studies/Advanced Cultural Studies
- 1.3 Advanced Language Pedagogy (contains the module exam)

Is there anything else that I should know about the organization of the master's in SOP?

If you are studying SOP, the master's is generally completed in four semesters. The first three semesters are for completing the module above as well as the other requirements which include a second [sonderpädagogische Fachrichtung](#) (*Förderschwerpunkt*) and new [Handlungsfelder](#).

What do I need to know about the master's thesis in SOP?

The fourth and final semester of the course is for your master's thesis. This means that you should register for your master's thesis during the third semester of the master's.

For registration deadlines please click [here](#).

For further information, please click [here](#).

For more information about completing your master's thesis for the English department, please click [here](#).