

Curriculum | MA Intercultural Anglophone Studies [2026]

Module areas Modules	ECTS	SWS	Credit Work	Grading
A Intercultural Anglophone Studies in Literature and Language – Foundations	25	8		
A 1 Seminar (HS) Cultural and Literary Theory / Theoretical Approaches to Language, Variation, and Culture	5	2	Academic essay (ca. 3.500 words)	Pass / Fail
A 2/ Seminar (HS) Core Issues A2 eco	10	2	Academic essay (ca. 3.500 words) + oral defense	Pass / Fail
A 3 Style and Register (Ü)	5	2	Written exam	Graded
A 4/ Elective Seminar I (PS or HS) A4 eco	5	2	Written assignment	Pass / Fail
B Second Foreign Language	10	10		
Option B 1 (2 x Grundkurs, 1 x Aufbaukurs)	10	10	Grundkurse: Final exam	Graded
Option B 2 (1 x Grundkurs, 3 x Aufbaukurs/Spezialisierungskurs)	10	10	Grundkurs/Aufbaukurse/ Spezialisierungskurse: Final exam	Graded
Option B 3 (5 x Aufbaukurs/ Spezialisierungskurs)	10	10	Aufbaukurse/Spezialisierungskurse: Final exam	Graded
C Intercultural Anglophone Studies in Literature and Language – Intermediate Level	30	6		
C 1/ Intensive Seminar I (HS) / (V) C1 eco	5	2	Academic Essay (ca. 3.500 words)	Pass / Fail
C 2 Intensive Seminar II (HS)	10	2	Term paper (ca. 9.000 words)	Graded (part of final grade)
C 3/ Elective Seminar II (PS or HS) C3 eco	5	2	Written assignment	Pass / Fail
C 4 Independent Studies I	10		Written exam (3 h)	Graded (part of final grade)

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D	Intercultural Anglophone Studies in Literature and Language – Advanced Level	20	4		
D 1/	Advanced Seminar I (HS) D1 eco	5	2	Academic Essay (ca. 3.500 words)	Pass / Fail
D 2	Advanced Seminar II (OS)	5	2	Academic Essay (ca. 3.500 words)	Pass / Fail
D 3	Independent Studies II	10		Oral exam (1 h)	Graded (part of final grade)
E	Intercultural Anglophone Studies in Literature and Language – MA Thesis Module	35	2		
E 1	Master Seminar (OS)	5	2	Thesis proposal (ca. 4.000 words)	Pass / Fail
E 2	MA Thesis	30		Master's thesis (ca. 25.000 - 33.000 words) + Thesis defense (15 + 30 min.)	Graded (part of final grade)

Further Information (see study regulations / "Prüfungsordnung")

- In both special areas, Module C 1 can be replaced by a module from another course of study at the University of Bayreuth, preferably another master's program.
- In the special area "linguistics," modules A 4 and C 3 can be substituted with linguistic modules from other master's programs at the University of Bayreuth.
- Upon request, students can replace some (or all) of the modules in area B with graded credit work in classes offered for the major areas "literature" or "linguistics".

Types of Classes

Hauptseminar (HS) = Advanced Seminar, type 1

This type of seminar engages with its topics at an advanced level. It is characterized by a considerable reading load. The general class format consists of weekly discussions; discussion topics have to be prepared in advance.

Oberseminar (OS) = Advanced Seminar, type 2

This type of seminar engages with its topics at an advanced level. It usually has a specific theoretical focus and is characterized by a considerable reading load. The general class format consists of weekly discussions; discussion topics have to be prepared in advance. Advanced seminars, type 2 are offered only in module areas D (module D 2) and E (module E 1).

Proseminar (PS)

This type of seminar engages with its topics at the undergraduate level. Its topics have an introductory character. The class format consists of weekly discussions; discussion topics have to be prepared in advance. A proseminar can replace an advanced seminar (type 1) only for filling one of the elective modules (modules A 4 and C 3).

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Übung

This is the type of class offered by the Language Center (for MAIAS, module A 3 “Style & Register” and the language classes in module area B). “Übung” literally means “exercise.”

Vorlesung (V)

This type of class consists of a series of lectures. A Vorlesung can only be chosen for module A 5. It is, however, often possible to audit this type of class (> no credit points).

Independent Studies

Please note: The modules “Independent Studies 1” and “Independent Studies 2” are not filled by taking a class. “Independent” means that both the written exam (C 4) and the oral exam (D 3) must be prepared independently, without an accompanying course.