

Master Intercultural Anglophone Studies (MAIAS)

Introduction to the Program (WS 2026)

Date: October 12, 2026

Time: 12:00-13:00 (K 5, GW 1)

Prof. Dr. Sylvia Mayer
Academic Coordinator



Structure of Meeting(s)

■ Part one:

- general issues concerning the program – based on information provided on MAIAS first semester info page “First Semester in MAIAS”

■ Part two:

- Focus on major areas (“literature” or “linguistics”)

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Department of English and American Studies - English Linguistics

In their research and teaching, the disciplines of English and American Studies in Bayreuth focus on the language varieties, literatures and cultures of the Anglophone world from the 16th century up to the present, to our globalized world of the 21st century.

Our study programmes offer classes in the fields of Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies, and Language Practice as well as "Didactics" for students studying for a teacher's degree. The scope of courses covers various realms of Anglophone cultures, from the British Isles, North America and the Caribbean to Anglophone Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Courses address both the dynamics of their (closely entangled) histories and the cultures that mark the present cultural moment, as it becomes manifest in various media. Course topics also reflect the impact of central research fields pursued at the department: Inter- and Transcultural Studies, Intermedia Studies as well as Postcolonial Studies, Diaspora Studies, Language Contact Research,



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Kommentiertes Vorlesungsverzeichnis WiSe 2026/27

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02.03.2026

Workshop „Resilience in Times of Multiple Crises“, June 2026

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MAIAS Introductory Meeting Summer Semester 2026

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15.01.2026

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MAIAS is an innovative postgraduate MA program for research in English, American, and Anglophone Studies, offered at the precise geographical center of Europe.

You are interested in the language, literatures, and cultures of the English-speaking world? Join our M.A. program Intercultural Anglophone Studies and become part of our international community at the University of Bayreuth.

Our degree program aims for advanced scholarly competence in one of two

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MAIAS Introductory Meeting Winter 2026/2027
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MAIAS launches new specialization:

<https://www.maias.uni-bayreuth.de/en/program-information/First-Semester-in-MAIAS/index.html>



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First Semester in MAIAS

Dear new MAIAS students,

welcome to your first semester at the University of Bayreuth! This website provides answers to the most important questions you may have about MAIAS.

<https://www.maias.uni-bayreuth.de/en/program-information/First-Semester-in-MAIAS/index.html>



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	10	10	Grundkurse: Final exam	Graded

MAIAS Curriculum I

- structure of module areas
- fill according to course plans (recommendations!)
- areas A and C: prerequisite for areas D and E

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Course Plans: Recommendations (full-time)

[1st Semester = Winter Semester]

Semester 1 (winter)	Semester 2 (summer)	Semester 3 (winter)	Semester 4 (summer)
Modules: A 1* A 2 / A 2eco A 3* A 4 / A 4eco B 1 (4 SWS)	Modules: B 2 (4 SWS) C 1 / C 1eco C 2 C 3 / C 3eco C 4 (written exam)	Modules: B 3 (2 SWS) D 1 / D 1eco D 2 D 3 (oral exam)	Modules: E 1 E 2 (Master Thesis + Thesis Defense)
12 SWS; 29 ECTS	10 SWS; 34 ECTS	6 SWS; 22 ECTS	2 SWS; 35 ECTS

* obligatory module

[1st Semester = Summer Semester]

MAIAS Curriculum II

- modules: either graded or pass/fail

- calculation of final grade:

 - C 2 (grade x 1)

 - C 4 (grade x 1)

 - D 3 (grade x1)

 - E 2 (grade x 3)

Language Center

- independent institution, not part of the English Department
- look at their website! (<https://www.sz.uni-bayreuth.de/en/>)
- contact / advice on language courses: Ms. Mary Redmond (mary.redmond@uni-bayreuth.de)
- course "Style & Register" (**obligatory** in the first semester, course number for registration: **SE057**)



Study Support for International Students

Faculty4International



Dr. Antje Friedrich-Gemkow

- Coordinator, Study Support for International Students of Faculty IV ("faculty4international")
- instructor, English Literature
 - > email: faculty4international@uni-bayreuth.de
- assists you with questions concerning your studies.
- provides a step-by-step guide to help you get started with your studies.