

matics. In-depth familiarity with these subfields of linguistics provides the starting point for venturing into one of the many specialised branches or sub-disciplines of linguistics, like corpus linguistics, computational linguistics, sociolinguistics, language acquisition, language variation and change, dialectology, language contact, lexicography, and the historical development of the English language over the centuries (Old English, Middle English, etc.). The team of English Linguistics at the University of Regensburg consists of a dynamic group of scholars whose research focuses on language variation and varieties of English and whose contacts and publications are international in orientation and global in outreach.



Requirements

- Very good English language skills
- High interest in other cultures
- Good communication skills
- Willingness to read a lot
- Willingness to deal with abstract problems
- Ability to work independently



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Bachelor of Arts American Studies British Studies English Linguistics



English¹ /ˈɪŋɡlɪʃ/ noun **1** [U] the main language that people speak in the UK, the US, Canada, Australia, and some other countries. There are different varieties of English, for example American English, British English, and South African English. **1a.** this language and its literature as a subject that you study: *I studied English at university.*



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Course Structure

British Studies, American Studies, and English Linguistics can be chosen as either B. A. major (first major), second major, or minor. It is not possible to combine British Studies, American Studies, and English Linguistics. In all three programs, students get an overview of linguistics, literary and cultural studies as well as language practice in their core modules. While the mandatory modules towards the beginning of the study program aim to convey fundamental skills and methodology, specialization in British Studies, American Studies, or English Linguistics takes place in the intermediate and advanced modules.

American Studies (Amerikanistik)

American Studies at the University of Regensburg explores the multi-ethnic and multi-lingual diversity of North American literatures and cultures in their regional, national, and global manifestations from colonial times to the present. As an interdisciplinary project, American Studies examines textual, performative, visual, material, and virtual representations and interpretations of 'America'. American Studies employs methodologies from literary and cultural studies, history, political science, cultural geography, visual culture studies and linguistics. In the context of the internationalization of American Studies, transnational, intercultural and

comparative approaches have gained particular significance in recent years. The Regensburg American Studies program aims at a comprehensive understanding of North America, including both European and American perspectives. Research and teaching in American Studies at Regensburg emphasize the following areas: American cultural memory, early American studies, American drama and theater, German-American relations, American visual culture studies, American material culture studies, and performance studies. The program in American Studies at the University of Regensburg is interdisciplinary in scope, transnational in approach and international in outreach. Courses explore the multi-ethnic and multi-lingual diversity of North American histories, politics, cultures, and literatures from early times to the immediate present.

British Studies (Anglistik)

British Studies at the University of Regensburg covers British literatures and cultures from the Middle Ages to the present, as well as English-language literatures and cultures historically affected by British colonialism (except for the United States). Our section of the department focuses both on the regional diversities within the British Isles as well as the global dimensions of Britishness, including immigrant cultures and 'New English Literatures'. Embracing an interdisciplinary approach, British Studies in Regensburg is interested in cultural artefacts and representations and performances in their respective historical frameworks, as well as employing theories and methods from the fields of history, media, theatre studies, history of science, sociology, and gender studies. Additionally, in the age of intense processes of globalisation and postcolonial renewal, intercultural studies have increasingly



gained importance. The aim of British Studies, both in research and teaching, is to arrive at an understanding of Britain and Anglophone cultures around the globe that is profoundly tied to historical and theoretical frameworks, enabling students to analyse cultural phenomena and developments with a firm grounding in academic standards and methodologies. Our research and teaching staff currently focuses on the following areas of specialisation: Literatures and cultures of British colonialism, Early Modern Studies, (Post-) Victorian Literatures and Cultures, Contemporary British Fiction, Science and Literature Studies, Gender Studies, Children's and Young Adult Literature, Law and Literature Studies, Irish and Welsh Studies, Scottish Studies, South African Literature.

English Linguistics

(Englische Sprachwissenschaft)

Linguistics is widely defined as the scientific study of language. But what does it mean to study a language? Human languages are complex, consisting of a multitude of inter-related layers basically matching those areas of knowledge any speaker or learner of a language must acquire: pronouncing speech sounds, building words, adding grammatical endings, combining words into larger units, understanding both the literal meaning of words and larger units and how a given situation may influence the meaning and the use of language. Hence, English Linguistics attempts to understand and explain the characteristics, manifestations, and conditions of usage of the English language in its cultural contexts based on scientific methodologies and theories. These areas of knowledge are the focus of the core disciplines of linguistics: phonetics and phonology; word formation and morphology; syntax; semantics and prag-