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# > Master's Program

British, American and Postcolonial Studies



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# Foci of the Program

## British, American and Postcolonial Studies

Literary & Cultural  
Studies

Linguistics

Book Studies

Study the MEd  
program alongside  
the BAPS and,  
wherever  
possible, get your  
courses credited  
for both  
programs!

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# Book Studies in a nutshell

- Goal: to look “beyond the text” to understand book, reading and print cultures in past and present
- Areas of study: **book and reading history, publishing studies, cultural sociology**
- Strong interdisciplinary orientation

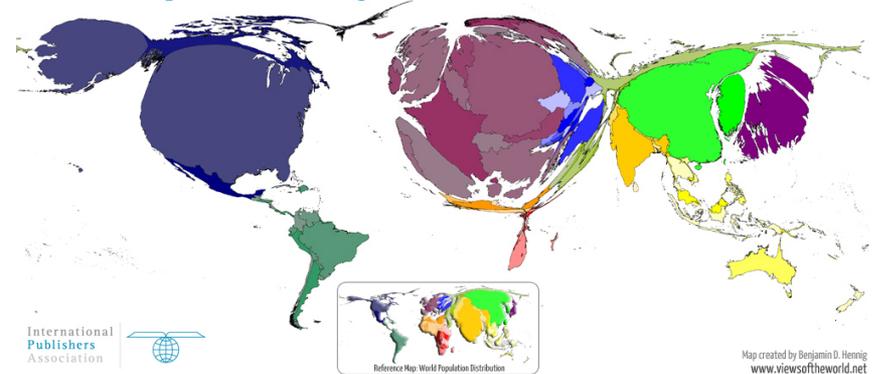


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# Book Studies: some key questions

- How does **publishing** work (past, present, future)?
- Which actors/institutions contribute to the status of **the book as a commodity**?
- Which structures shape **curation and consecration** in the global anglophone book industry?
- Which actors and structures impede/promote **bibliodiversity** (broadly understood)?

Global Map of Publishing Markets 2012



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# Book Studies: some course examples

- Books and reading: “from scrolls to scrolling”
  - The Medieval Book in Britain: An Introduction to Manuscript Studies
  - Women in Print Culture, 1960s-1990
  - More than #shelfies. Book Collecting in the USA, 1900-2020
  - ...
- [Visit us here for more information](#)



# Module Structure

## Idealtypischer Studienverlaufsplan

Semester 1 30 LP	I.1 Survey, Tools and Methods (CM) 19 LP				I.2 Advanced Studies in Literature, Culture, Linguistics, and Book Studies (EM) 6 LP		I.3 Work Experience (EM) 10 LP		
	Orientation Week	Lecture <i>Text, Book and Culture</i> & colloquium	Seminar in literary and cultural studies & research workshop	Seminar in linguistics & research workshop	Lecture <i>Hotspots in Literary/ Cultural Studies and Linguistics</i> Lecture or seminar		Professional Skills Course 2 LP	German Language Course 2 LP	
MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS	TWO WRITTEN EXAMS (60 MINS.), RESEARCH PAPER				ORAL EXAM		Event Organisation	Event Organisation & Tutorial	Internship
Semester 2 30 LP	II.1.1 Historical and Social Perspectives: Texts and Categories (OM) 15 LP	II.1.2 Historical and Social Perspectives: Language and Linguistics (OM) 15 LP	II.1.3 Historical and Social Perspectives: The Book (OM) 15 LP		II.2 Systematic Perspectives: Literary and Cultural Studies, Book Studies (OM) 10 LP	II.3 Systematic Perspectives: Linguistics (OM) 10 LP	Project management (240h)	Co-organisation (120h) Teaching (120h)	Professional experience (240h)
	Seminar Seminar Lecture	Seminar Seminar Lecture	Seminar Research workshop Lecture		Seminar Advanced Academic Skills I	Seminar Advanced Academic Skills I			
MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS	RESEARCH PAPER	RESEARCH PAPER	RESEARCH PAPER		REVIEW	RESEARCH PAPER	PORTFOLIO		
Semester 3 28 LP	III.1 Interdisciplinary Perspectives: Exchange & Transformation (CM) 10 LP		III.2 External Module (CM) 10 LP		III.3.1 Research Module (Literary Studies and Book Studies) (OM) 15 LP		III.3.2 Research Module (Linguistics) (OM) 15 LP		
	Seminar Advanced Academic Skills II		type(s) and number of courses depend on subject chosen according to prior agreement		3rd semester: Postgraduate Class & reading list  4th semester: Postgraduate Class		3rd semester: Postgraduate Class & research project  4th semester: Postgraduate Class		
MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS	RESEARCH PAPER								
Semester 4 32 LP	Master Thesis (CM) 25 LP								
MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS					PORTFOLIO		PRESENTATION		

CM = compulsory module; OM = optional compulsory module; EM = compulsory module with elective options; LP = Leistungspunkte (credits)

# Possible Careers

- Academic and non-academic careers
- Internationalization (study abroad)
- PhD programs
- Journalism, media, publishing, culture management, etc.

Gain first-hand experience in the module “Work Experience”

# Work Experience (Semester 1-2)



## I.3 Work Experience (10 LP)

Professional Skills Course (2 LP)

German Language Course (2 LP)

Event Organization

Event Organization &  
Tutorial

Internship

Project management 8  
LP (240h)

Co-organization 4 LP  
(120h)

Teaching 4 LP (120h)

Professional  
Experience 8 LP (240h)

Portfolio



# Work Experience (Semester 1-2)

## I.3 Work Experience (10 LP)

Professional Skills Course (2 LP)

German Language Course (2 LP)

Event Organization

Event Organization & Tutorial

Internship

Project management 8 LP (240h)

Co-organization 4 LP (120h)

Teaching 4 LP (120h)

Professional Experience 8 LP (240h)

Portfolio

For students doing the MEd program alongside the BAPS, their Praxissemester will be eligible for the Work Experience module.

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# External Module (Semester 3)

- 10 LP overall
- broaden interdisciplinary knowledge and skills
- studies in related fields (communication studies, sociology, politics, history, anthropology, art history, etc.) at the WWU
- type(s) and number of courses depend on subject chosen
- at least one graded assignment
- Study abroad (e.g. Erasmus) courses can count towards the External Module
- Students doing the MEd program alongside the BAPS may be able to have some of their MEd courses credited towards the External Module—in particular, courses in Pädagogik and Erziehungswissenschaft

## Academic Requirements

Prospective students must have completed a three-year undergraduate degree in English Studies (Bachelor or equivalent). Degrees in selected related fields are also accepted if applicants can provide proof that their studies included a focus on Anglophone languages, literatures and/or cultures. These related fields are:

- philology
- cultural studies
- media studies
- communication studies

# Application



## Language Skills

As all courses will be held in English, **excellent English skills** are a prerequisite for participation in this program.

Because we receive applications from all over the world, for equal opportunity reasons, it is necessary that you prove your language skills by taking a **language test**, for example:

- Cambridge Proficiency Exam (CPE: A, B or C)
- Cambridge Advanced Examination (CAE: A or B)
- equivalent language certificate, i.e. TOEFL iBT 109+, TOEFL pBT 620+, or IELTS 8+

The application committee may also decide to accept other test formats if they are deemed equivalent. **If you have a certificate which is not listed here, and are not sure whether it will be acceptable, please contact the BAPS Team ([BAPS@wwu.de](mailto:BAPS@wwu.de)) for advice.** It is best to do this well before the application deadline, because if your present language certificate is not acceptable and you need to acquire a different one (e.g. CPE, CAE, TOEFL, IELTS Academic), this usually takes some time.

**Please note:** *Native speakers of English* do **not** need to provide proof of their English language skills. Please note that we consider you a native speaker if English is an official language in your country.

## Application Materials

- A-levels or international equivalent (certified copy)
- undergraduate diploma (certified copy)
- proof of language skills
- curriculum vitae (in tabular form)
- transcript of records listing credits, examinations and courses attended (certified copy)
- if applicable: documentation of time spent abroad, work experience, extracurricular activities, foreign language skills, etc.

## **How we weigh different aspects of your application:**

- Overall undergraduate grade
- Grades from undergraduate courses relevant to the program
- Additional qualifications/activities relevant to the program

All these factors contribute to your overall application score!

The [Admission Regulations](#) [de] details the scoring procedure.

## **Admissions is for the winter term only.**

The application period normally **begins in May and ends on 15 July** each year. Please check the BAPS website for current deadlines.

Applications outside the designated application period cannot be accepted.

**One application per candidate** is possible during this period.

All candidates will be notified at the end of July at the latest.