Welcome (back) to British and American Studies BA/MA!
The department of Anglistik/British and American Studies celebrates itself and invites you to take part in HowToEnglish week: it offers study guidance, hands-on workshops, and opportunities to get to know each other. Students at any stage of their studies are welcome!

Yes, also first-semesters, MA students, and everyone in between.

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The HowToEnglish week is brought to you by staff and Fachschaft Anglistik.

**Fachschaft? I don't really know what that is...**

The Fachschaft consists of fellow English students who like to help other students. We organize social events like the summer and winter parties, we offer help with your studies (e.g. by setting up study groups, exam prep sessions, or the useful module check lists), we mediate in case of conflict, and we participate in departmental politics to represent your interests.

Are you interested in joining the Fachschaft or do you have further questions? Meet us in the mix-and-mingle room in C4-241 or write to us: fachschaft-anglistik@uni-bielefeld.de

We have open meetings during the semester – look for dates and times at C4-125 (the LLI-Fachschaft’s room) or check the Facebook group Anglistik Bielefeld!
Workshops on Thursday, 04 Apr

Career Advice for Non-Teachers (10–12, U2-113)

Furmanczyk » So you are studying British and American Studies but you do not want to be a teacher? You are not alone! This workshop will introduce you to job options for non-teachers and give expert advice on how to plan your studies successfully in order to secure a good job later. The session will be held in German.

How to Find Secondary Literature Like a Pro (10–12, T1-224, access via library entrance U1)

Ambsbeck » This workshop is for you if you want to find appropriate and up-to-date theoretical and research literature for a literary/cultural studies or linguistics paper. The workshop specifically introduces first-year students to the most important sources and catalogues in the area of Anglo-American literary/cultural studies and linguistics. It is offered by library staff and will be held in German.

Emergency Office Hour M.Ed. (10–12, C3-205)

Zehne, Sommer » If you are starting the M.Ed. and are not sure whether you have too few, too many, or the wrong seminars in your schedule, the emergency office hour is for you.

How to Keep Calm (12–14, C5-141)

LiLi Goes Mental » Being at university can certainly be frightening. So many new faces, so much workload and the infamous Flurfunk, haunting you with rumours about exams, grades, credit points and Regelstudienzeit. In this workshop, we want to listen to your worries, help you calm down a little bit and share our very own experiences with studying and (mental) wellbeing. Additionally, we want to introduce you to ‘LiLi Goes Mental’ and make sure you feel mentally (better) prepared for your start into the semester.

How to Write Academic Texts (14–16, U2-107)

Roth » This introductory meeting will make new students aware of basic ideas to remember and rules to follow when writing scholarly papers in the fields of British and American Studies.

How to PM4 (14–16, T2-149)

Stack » Most BA and M.Ed. students have to complete PM4, the Histories module, with a 20-minute oral exam. In this workshop we will explain in detail how this module and the oral exam work, and how you can most efficiently study and prepare to complete it. Students who have taken the exam will give advice on preparation, and the PM4 tutors will introduce themselves to you.

How to Read (16–18, T2-227)

Mayar » In most, if not all our classes, students are supposed to read and prepare to discuss texts. No big deal, eh? Yet, how often have you sat in class feeling unprepared despite having read the required texts? In this workshop we will talk about what ‘reading’ theoretical texts entails in our department and discuss strategies to make your reading more effective. We will also look at strategies for reading novels that you have to prepare for a class.

Workshops on Friday, 05 Apr

How to BA (10–12, H1)

Rozema » How does the BA work and what is its purpose? When to study which module? How to get organized? Answers to these questions will be of interest to students in all semesters.

How to Write a BA Thesis (10–12, U2-139)

Shorge, Koch » Cracking the BA code – All you need to know about planning research, supervision and topic selection. In this workshop, you’ll get tips and general information on how to approach your BA thesis. You’ll also have the opportunity to ask members of staff your questions and exchange ideas with fellow students.

Internationalization 2: How to Go Abroad, Internationalization, BAföG (12–14, X-fo-236)

Andres, Grayley, Fachschaft Anglistik » All students of English need to live and/or work in an English language environment for a time to complete either the Internationalization or the Int@Home module (for future teachers) or the Praxisstudienmodule (for the “fachwissenschaftlicher” BA).

This session focuses specifically on Internationalization in countries abroad where English is an official language. You’ll get information on organizations, activities and options you can consider to complete the module requirements, and fellow students will tell you more about the amazing new experiences you can have by going abroad as an au pair, working traveler, intern or student. Important! The session will include advice and information on studying with BAföG as well as BAföG-related considerations when going abroad.

How to Become an English Teacher: Careers in the Public School System (14–16, C01-230)

Winkelmann, Götting » This workshop will consider ways in which schools differ, and the impacts of various factors on the job a teacher does. We also want to think about the parts of the job that are not concerned with teaching (administration, extra-curricular activities and so on). Another aspect is career structure within teaching. There will be lots of opportunities for questions and reflection.

Important Contacts and Links for Students

Academic advisor BA Anglistik: Brian Rozema (C4-219)
Academic advisors MA Anglistik: Julia Andres (C4-229), Marion Schulte (C4-234)
Module checklists for all courses of study: tinyurl.com/modulechecklists
Studentische Studienberatung LiLi: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/lli/studium/beratung_studentisch.html
LiLi Goes Mental (support for students facing stress and crisis situations): http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/en/lli/liligoesmental/
Zentrale Studienberatung (ZSB): http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Einrichtungen/ZSB/
Uni erklärt: Studentische Vertretung (StuPa, ASTA, Fachschaften): https://youtube.be/Tm8AGxVYDR8
Peer Learning: uni-bielefeld.de/peerlearning