

## How to Survive and Thrive in Your First Semester(s)

This workshop is aimed at first and second semester students who want to know how to survive and thrive during their first semester(s). We'll discuss the following questions (among others): why is it important to attend class? What does participation in a university class look like? How is it different from school? How do I manage my workload? How to stop procrastinating? What do I do if I fall behind? How do I communicate with my teachers? You are also encouraged to bring your own questions about life and work at university, the English study programmes, self-organization, communication and general conduct at university.

## Career Options for Anglist\*innen (non-teaching degrees)

Ms Karolina Furmanczyk of the ZLL Career Service at the university: career options for students doing "fachwissenschaftliche" degrees.

Information on the wide range of careers available, plus how to get support in finding internships and placements while still at uni. The workshop will take place in German.

## How to LPT

The Language Proficiency Test is the module exam at the end of the BM1/Basis1 modules. In this workshop, we'll look at an exam together, talk about preparation and exam strategies, and you can ask all your burning LPT questions!

## Surviving the Ref 101

This workshop wants to discuss your issues concerning the dreaded Referendariat, which I have come across time and again during my time here as an abgeordnete Lehrkraft. Hopefully, we can shed some light on its myths, clear up some rumours and talk about your worries concerning this demanding time of your life, looming in the not-so-distant future. Please bring your questions and concerns. I hope I can soothe some of your worries or at least give you valuable insights and information.

## Peer Support: Navigating Study Anxieties and Solutions Together

Join us for a discussion about the challenges we face in our university lives. This is a space for students to share their experiences, seek solutions, or simply express their concerns.

As fellow students, we provide insights and share our strategies for managing the stress and anxiety associated with studying. We'll also highlight resources available within the university and beyond to help address these issues.

## How to BA

Come join Brian to look at the individual programs of the BA in British and American Studies. Here you will have the opportunity to get information and ask questions about which courses, modules and exams you need to finish your bachelor program. Students with questions about the old 2017 FSB program are also welcome!

## How to Basis 2 Portfolio

In this workshop, we will explain the basics of how the Basis2 portfolio works. What tasks does it entail? How to access the e-Prüfungsraum? How do the points 'translate' into grades? We are happy to answer your questions.

## How to PM4/ Profil 2

Most BA and M.Ed. students have to complete PM4 (old FSB)/PM2 (new FSB), the Histories module, with a 30-minute oral exam. We'll explain how this module and the oral exam work, and how you can most efficiently manage them.

## How - and if - to Academic Career

In this Q&A session we will talk about academic career opportunities for students of British and American Studies: What is a PhD and should you do one? What does it mean to work in academia and how can you get in? Bring all your questions and we will shed some light on the possibilities of an academic career.

## Of Citations, Conduct, and Collaboration: How to Navigate Ethics in Academia

Not only since the advent of AI have ethics been a central issue in academia, with "good academic practice" being one of the key criteria to distinguish good from not-so-good research beyond the quality of theory, data, and analysis. However, what does "good academic practice mean"? In our workshop, we'll try to turn what may look like a minefield into a roadmap that can help you to navigate the intricacies of academic ethics. Besides discussing your ideas and experiences, we will provide some guidelines and discuss some dilemmas that may arise. This workshop is open to any students interested in the topic but we would like to specifically invite students in the beginning phases of their studies as this topic is relevant for early academic professionalization and study success.

## Studying English as a Recipient of BAföG

Advice, guidance and answers to questions you might have as a recipient of BAföG.

## How to Write Theses and Papers in Linguistics

We'll consider how to approach term papers and theses in linguistics, and what sorts of topics to choose.

## How to Praxissemester (Sec. Schools / Primary Schools)

This Q&A workshop deals with the Praxissemester (for M.Ed. students). There will be an input phase in which we talk about important organizational aspects of the Praxissemester. After that, you will have time to pose any questions you may have concerning the English part of the Praxissemester (including VPS, BPS, RPS and the VRPS module as such).

## AMA with the Professors and Fachschaft

Meet the professors - the people in charge of each subsection in British & American Studies. This is an opportunity to get an overview of the very wide range of topics that are taught in British and American Studies, and to learn more about the research focuses of each subsection. And apart from the academic insights you'll gain, this is your chance to ask the professors anything, from their favourite book to their worst day at uni.

## How to Face Speaking Anxiety

Feeling put on the spot, being afraid to say something that does not make any sense, not being confident in your speaking skills in English...Speaking anxiety is a challenge many students face in academic settings, particularly in seminars in which active participation and lively discussions are key elements of progressing and developing competences. The fact that English is an additionally learned language for most of us can contribute to feeling uncomfortable speaking as well. In this workshop we aim to create a safe space to reflect on your thoughts about speaking anxiety, explore potential reasons and discuss some first solutions. These solutions do not only involve you as a student taking action, but also organizational and methodological aspects we can consider on the teaching level. The workshop, too, is organized in a way that allows you to participate without speaking in front of the whole group - unless you feel like it.

## How to Do Interkulturelle Kompetenzen, Internationalisation, Internationalisation@Home and Praxisstudien

General information on how to fulfil the Internationalisation or Internationalisation at Home requirements for teaching degrees and Praxisstudien requirements for non-teaching degrees.

## How To Get Help with the Writing Process on Campus with Ellipsis

The Ellipsis English Writing Centre is a free service offered by the Bielefeld University Fachsprachenzentrum (Language Centre) that offers supplemental help with all aspects of academic writing in English. This short workshop will touch on some of the differences between English and German academic writing, as well as present some of the ways that Ellipsis can help.

## Mix and Mingle for Master Students

Are you a Masters student at Bielefeld University keen to meet fellow students in your programme? Drop by!

# How to English Week Summer '25

## Mix and Mingle

On all the *HowtoEnglish* days, the Fachschaft and staff will provide drinks and freshly baked goods: you're invited to U3-211 in between workshops to have a snack and to chat with students and staff!

## Career Opportunities for Teachers

In this workshop we will explore how to progress after finishing with your studies at university in order to become a teacher. We will talk about career opportunities inside as well as outside of your daily life at school. You are most welcome to bring all your questions and worries! Please do not hesitate to ask anything and everything you want to know.

## How to Write a BA Thesis in Literary & Cultural Studies and ETE (Fachdidaktik)

How to plan and approach your BA Thesis (Literary and Cultural Studies and English Teacher Education [Fachdidaktik]).

## How to Fachschaft

Join the Fachschaft for an open Fachschafts Meeting. What is the Fachschaft and what does it do? And why should I care about their work? If you've asked yourself this, come join the Fachschaft for an open Fachschafts Meeting on Thursday afternoon, get to know them and maybe join the Fachschaft.

## SAYE - (Self-)Assess Your English

How proficient are you in English? This is an opportunity to find out, using a digital self-assessment tool. Teachers will be present to offer support and help you with language queries. Please note that you will need to add "How to English Week" to your eKV schedule and be able to access the Moodle. Please bring your own device.

## How to English Drama Group

The English Drama Group provides an exciting opportunity for students to use their English outside of the classroom and at the same time introduces participants to the theory and practice of theatre. No prior stage experience required!

## How to Basis 3

The basic module 3 (Basis 3) introduces you to the core areas of linguistics and sociolinguistics as well as the basics of empirical (socio-)linguistic research, which will enable you to conduct and present a small-scale linguistic research project at the end of the module. In this workshop, we will break down the structure of the module, provide study tips for the two written exams, and shed some light on the module's student projects and poster presentations. For this, we will be joined by students who recently finished the module and are happy to share their posters and firsthand experiences with you. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to get to know the module's lecturers and receive answers to any Basis3 questions you might still have.

## Emergency Office Hour (on Friday!)

For those of you with issues with joining classes in your first semester (or beyond), have a pleasant chat with Brian and find out how he can assist you. Spoiler alert: it's all going to be fine. Zoom link: <https://uni-bielefeld.zoom-x.de/j/8610158801?omn=64226355520>

## HtE Week in the ekVV:



	Tuesday, 8th April	Wednesday, 9th April	Thursday, 10th April
10 12	<p><b>How to Survive and Thrive in Your First Semester(s)</b> (Cowan &amp; Koch, S1-126)</p> <p><b>Career Options for Anglist*innen (non-teaching degrees)</b> (Furmanczyk, S1-105)</p>	<p><b>How to Navigate Ethics in Academia</b> (Schildhauer &amp; Koch, U2-217)</p> <p><b>Studying English as a Recipient of BAföG</b> (Gramley, S1-209)</p>	<p><b>How to Do Interkulturelle Kompetenzen Internationalisation, Int@Home and Praxisstudien</b> (Koch, Steinitz, Skorge, Zehne, X-E0-205)</p> <p><b>How to Get Help with the Writing Process on Campus with Ellipsis</b> (Willms, S1-105)</p> <p><b>Career Opportunities for Teachers</b> (Perlik, U2-200)</p>
12 14	<p><b>How to LPT</b> (Cowan, Li, Miede, Skorge, S1-503)</p> <p><b>Surviving the Ref 101</b> (Winkelmann, S1-209)</p> <p><b>Peer Support: Navigating Study Anxieties and Solutions Together</b> (Fachschaft, B2-278)</p>	<p><b>How to Write Theses and Papers in Linguistics</b> (Wentker, S1-105)</p> <p><b>How to Praxissemester</b> (Schildhauer &amp; Zehne, Y-1-201)</p>	<p><b>Mix and Mingle for Master Students</b> (Fachschaft, D3-139)</p> <p><b>How to Write a BA Thesis in Literary &amp; Cultural Studies and ETE (Fachdidaktik)</b> (Koch, Skorge, Zehne, B2-278)</p>
14 16	<p><b>How to BA</b> (Rozema, H8)</p> <p><b>How to Basis 2 Portfolio</b> (Grünkemeier &amp; Andres, X-E0-001)</p> <p><b>How to PM4/ Profil 2</b> (Stock, Y-0-111)</p>	<p><b>AMA with the Professors and Fachschaft</b> (all professors, U2-223)</p>	<p><b>How to Fachschaft</b> (Fachschaft, D3-139)</p> <p><b>How to Basis 3</b> (Zähres &amp; Schröder, H4)</p>
16 18	<p><b>How - and if - to Academic Career</b> (Grünkemeier &amp; Harms, S1-126)</p>	<p><b>How to Face Speaking Anxiety</b> (König, Reeßing, Zehne, S1-217)</p>	<p>...and on <b>Friday: Emergency Office Hour</b> (from 4 to 5) (Rozema, via Zoom)</p>
18 20+x			<p><b>English Drama Group Open Rehearsal (6 to 8 p.m., s.t.)</b> (English Drama Group, X-E1-203)</p>

Find out about your **English skills** with **SAYE - (Self-) Assess Your English** on **Wed (X-E0-224), Thur (U2-223), OR Fri (S1-129)** from 12-2 respectively



Join the **Mix & Mingle** by the **Fachschaft** on **all three days** (starting from 10 a.m. in U3-211)

