

Info session:

MA *English Language and Linguistics*
A 066 812 [1]

*Finishing in the old or changing
to the new curriculum?*

Finish or change? - The basics

- New curriculum for MA *English Language and Linguistics* since **1 Oct 2015**
- Old curriculum expires at the end of this semester ⇒ **30 Nov 2017**
- There are **fixed deadlines** for finishing your courses and writing your thesis
- If you cannot complete the MA in time, you need to **change to the new programme**
- If you change curriculum, you need to **get any courses you passed in the old curriculum recognised** for the new one
- There is a **prescribed pattern** for how this recognition process works

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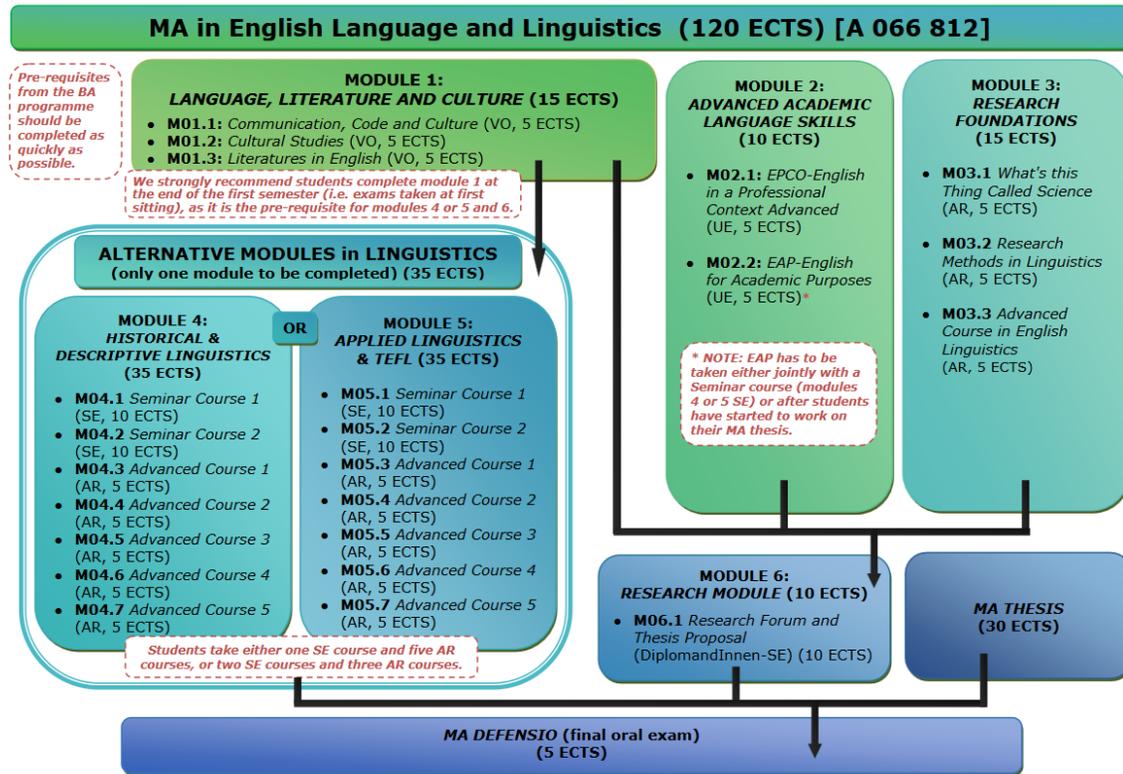
- **Part 1: Old vs. new curriculum**
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Part 1: Old vs. new curriculum

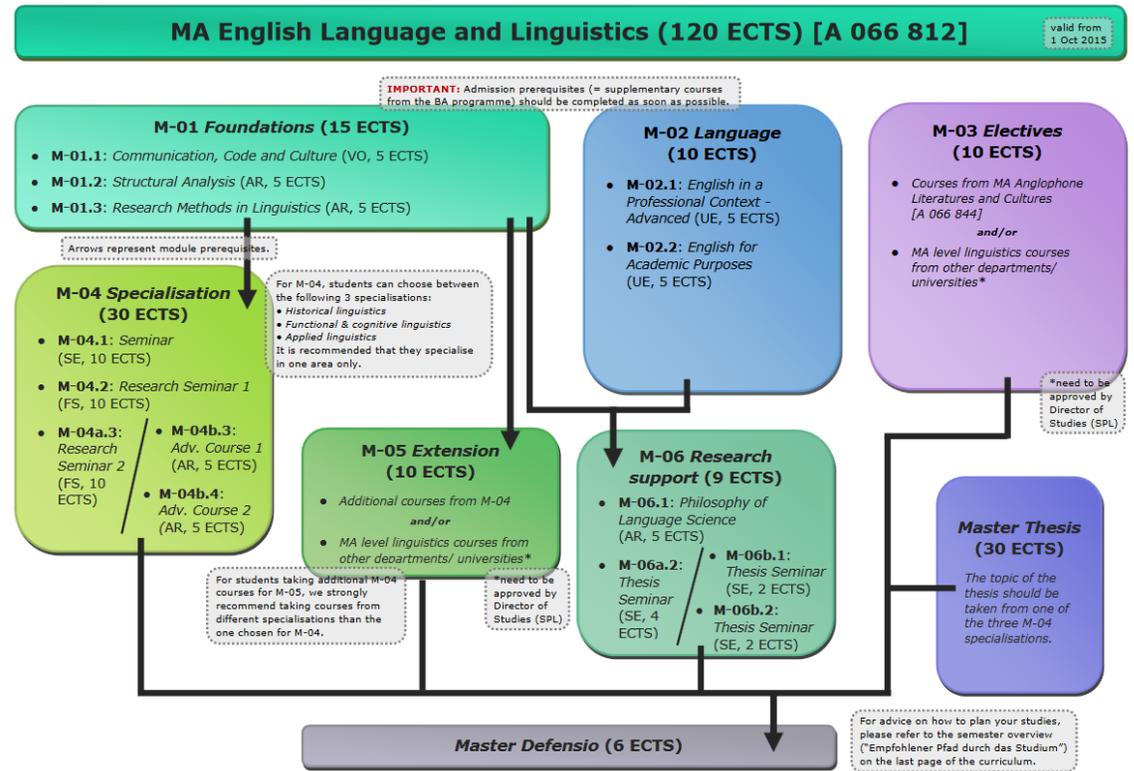
- What does the new curriculum look like?
- What are the differences between the two programmes?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of each one?

Old vs. new curriculum: Overview



Old curriculum: **MA ELL 066 812 [1]**
 valid for everyone who enrolled before Oct 2015

New curriculum: **MA ELL 066 812 [2]**
 valid for everyone who enrolled since Oct 2015



Old vs. new curriculum: Changes

- New **Electives module** (M03, 10 ECTS) introduced
- **Central module shortened** (M04 *Specialisation*, now 30 ECTS, 3-4 courses)
- **No longer necessary to choose** between historical/descriptive and applied linguistics
 - But recommended to specialise in one of 3 areas (*Historical, Functional & cognitive, Applied*)
- No longer required to take **lectures on literature or cultural studies**
 - But possible to choose them for *Electives* module (M03)
- **Extension** module introduced (M05, 10 ECTS)
 - Choice between additional courses from M04 or other MA level linguistics courses

Old vs. new curriculum: Changes

- **Thesis seminar** reduced to 4 ECTS (or 2x 2 ECTS)
- Different **module structure** ...
 - *STAN* and *Research Methods* now part of M01 (scheduled for 1st semester)
 - *Philosophy of Language Science* moved to later module (M06)
- ... ⇒ different **course prerequisites**
 - *STAN* and *Research Methods* required before you can start with *Specialisation*
- For **more information**, see
 - [Module overview \(new curriculum\)](#)
 - [New curriculum \(English version\)](#), [New curriculum \(German version\)](#)

Advantages & disadvantages

- Changing curriculum entails **administrative work**
- ± **Course offer** stays largely the same
 - Every course from the old curriculum can be recognised for the new one
- + New curriculum offers **more flexibility**
 - No need to decide on Applied vs. Historical/Descriptive linguistics
 - Addition of *Electives* and *Extension* module
- Different course prerequisites ⇒ **STAN** and **Research methods** become more important
 - Cannot continue with more advanced courses as long as they are not complete

Part 2: Finishing in the old curriculum

- Do I still stand a chance of finishing my MA in time?
- Which steps do I need to take?
- Which deadlines do I need to watch out for?

Finishing in the old curriculum

- Programme **expires on 30 Nov 2017** (= end of summer term 2017)
 - Latest possible date for **MA defensio**
 - All courses need to be complete by then, MA thesis must be finished and graded
- **3 things** you need to take care of before then:
 - Completing all **courses**
 - Getting your **transcript / record of examinations** in order
 - Finishing your **MA thesis** & defensio
- If you cannot complete everything in time, you will need to **change to the new curriculum**

Finishing in the old curriculum: Deadlines

- **Thesis topic registered** by: 15 June 2017
- **Applications for course recognition handed in** by: 15 July 2017
 - In case you took courses elsewhere that you can use for your MA here
- **All courses completed and graded** by: 31 Aug. 2017
 - Last chance to take lecture exams this June (1st/4th sitting)
 - Hand in seminar papers early enough (lecturers have 4 weeks for grading!)
- **Go see Monica Dirnberger about your Prüfungspass** by: 15 Sept. 2017
 - You can do this as soon as you have received your final course grade(s)
 - The earlier, the better!

Finishing in the old curriculum: Deadlines

- **Thesis completed and ready to be handed in** by: 15 Sept. 2017
 - Depending on your supervisor, a later date may be possible, but this is not guaranteed!
 - ⇒ Make sure to talk to your supervisor about when you need to hand in your thesis!
 - **Latest possible date for defensio:** 30 Nov. 2017
 - Registration: at least 2 weeks before the defense
 - If you schedule the defensio too late and don't pass, you might need to change after all!
- ⇒ If you cannot finish all your courses at the end of this term, you will need to **change to the new curriculum.**
- ⇒ Finishing in the old curriculum is **only recommended if you are well into writing your thesis!**

Finishing in the old curriculum: 5 steps

1. Go see Monica Dirnberger about your record of examinations (*Prüfungspass*)

- You need to have **completed all your courses**.
- They have to show up in your transcript for the correct module (check M04/M05!)
- You will need to bring a **copy of your transcript**, your **admission letter** (if you received one) as well as any official notices of course recognition (*Anerkennungsbescheide*)
- Please do this as soon as possible, but on **15 September** at the latest.
- Check Ms Dirnberger's office hours / holidays during the summer!

2. Hand in your thesis at the SSC

- Make sure to read up on how to do this: [Instructions for handing in MA theses \(in German\)](#)
- Check their opening hours at <https://ssc-philkultur.univie.ac.at/>
- Hand in by **15 September** at the latest, or talk to your supervisor about later deadlines.

Finishing in the old curriculum: 5 steps

3. Wait (= Assessment and approbation of your thesis)

- Your supervisor has up to 8 weeks to grade your thesis.

4. Register for the MA defensio at the SSC

- Before you can register, your **thesis has to have been assessed** and you have to agree on a date with your supervisor and co-examiner.
- **Let Monica Dirnberger know** about this date, so that she can organise a chair.
- Fill and hand in this form: [Registration for MA defensio](#)

5. Defend your thesis

- At least **2 weeks** have to pass between registering for the MA defensio and the defense itself.
- Talk to your supervisor and co-examiner about what you need to prepare (presentation, reading list, ...).

Watch out: Don't hand your thesis in too early!

- If you have **already written your thesis**, but won't be able to finish everything else within the deadlines (courses, defensio, ...), **do not hand your thesis in yet!**
- Once the thesis has been **handed in and graded**, it may be that you **cannot get it recognised** if you have to switch to the new curriculum after all.
 - In that case, you would have to find a new topic and write a new thesis.
- Instead: **Change to the new curriculum first!**
 - To be on the safe side, enroll for the new MA first, get your courses recognised, register your thesis topic again, and hand in your thesis then.

Part 3: Changing to the new curriculum

- How do I change to the new programme?
- When should I take these steps, and in what order?
- What can I get recognised and how do I go about it?

Changing to the new curriculum

- If you **cannot finish your studies by 30 Nov 2017**, you will **automatically be switched** to the new system.
- You can change to the new curriculum **any time** before then
 - [Form for changing to the new curriculum \(in German\)](#)
 - Hand in this form at the SSS
 - SSS will forward everything to the Admission Office.
 - It may **take up to two weeks** before you are formally enrolled for the new curriculum
- **Recommendation**: If you know you need to change, do so **during the summer!**
 - Do so as soon as you have received all your grades for this term (ideally July/early August)
 - That way, you won't have any problems with course registrations in September

Changing to the new curriculum: Recognition

- **IMPORTANT:** Even if you wait and the change happens automatically, **your courses will not be transferred!**
- You will need to get all the courses you passed in the old programme **recognised for the new one.**
 - Hand in this form at the SSS: [Application for course recognition](#)
 - It may take **up to 8 weeks** before the grades show up in your transcript.
 - You can hand in the form together with the form for changing curriculum, but the SSS can only start working on it once the change has been completed.
- Again, get this done **as early as possible!**
 - Otherwise you may have problems during registration because of missing course prerequisites.

Changing to the new curriculum: Recognition

- **Good news:** Every course from the old programme can be recognised for the new one.
- If you **completed all the courses in the old curriculum**, you will get the **entire new curriculum** recognised.
- There are **clear instructions** for which courses/modules from the old curriculum correspond to which courses/modules in the new programme.
 - When applying for course recognition, you need to **follow this list**.
 - The list will be **available on the department website**.
 - If you still have questions after checking the list, you can **ask the SSS for help**.

Changing to the new curriculum: Recognition

Courses from expiring MA programme

M01.1 Communication, Code and Culture (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M01.2 Cultural Studies (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M01.3 Literatures in English (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

M02.1 English in a Professional Context Advanced (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M02.2 English for Academic Purposes (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

M03.1 What's This Thing Called Science (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M03.2 Research Methods in Linguistics (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M03.3 Advanced Course in English Linguistics: Structural Analysis (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

M04/M05 Seminar Course 1 (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)
M04/M05 Seminar Course 2 (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)*
M04/M05 Advanced Course 1 (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M04/M05 Advanced Course 2 (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M04/M06 Advanced Course 3 (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M04/M05 Advanced Course 4 (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)*
M04/M05 Advanced Course 5 (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)*

M06 MA Seminar / Research Forum and Thesis Proposal (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)
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Courses from new MA programme

M01.1 Communication, Code and Culture (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M03 Electives (10 ECTS)

M02.1 English in a Professional Context Advanced (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M02.2 English for Academic Purposes (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

M06.1 Philosophy of Language Science (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M01.2 Structural Analysis (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M01.3 Research Methods in Linguistics (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

M04.1 Seminar (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)
M04.2 Research Seminar 1 (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)
M04b.3 Advanced Course 1 (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M04b.4 Advanced Course 2 (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M05 Extension (5 ECTS)
M04.2 Research Seminar 1 (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)

M06a.2 Thesis Seminar (2 SSt, 4 ECTS)
M05 Extension (5 ECTS)

*depending on whether you chose to complete 2 SE + 3 AR or 1 SE + 5 AR courses

Courses from new MA programme

M01.1 Communication, Code and Culture (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M01.2 Structural Analysis (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M01.3 Research Methods in Linguistics (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

M02.1 English in a Professional Context Advanced (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M02.2 English for Academic Purposes (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

M03 Electives (10 ECTS)

M04.1 Seminar (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)
M04.2 Research Seminar 1 (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)
M04a.3 Research Seminar 2 (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)
M04b.3 Advanced Course 1 (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M04b.4 Advanced Course 2 (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

M05 Extension (10 ECTS)

M06.1 Philosophy of Language Science (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
M06a.2 Thesis Seminar (2 SSt, 4 ECTS) <i>or</i>
M06b.1 Thesis Seminar (1 SSt, 2 ECTS)
M06b.2 Thesis Seminar (1 SSt, 2 ECTS)

Courses from expiring MA programme

↔ M01.1 Communication, Code and Culture (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
↔ M03.3 Advanced Course in English Linguistics: Structural Analysis (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
↔ M03.2 Research Methods in Linguistics (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

↔ M02.1 English in a Professional Context Advanced (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
↔ M02.2 English for Academic Purposes (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

↔ M01.2 Cultural Studies (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
↔ M01.3 Literatures in English (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)

↔ M04/M05 Seminar Course (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)*
↔ M04/M05 Seminar Course 2 (2 SSt, 10 ECTS)* <i>or</i> 2x M04/M05 Advanced Course (2 SSt, 5 ECTS + 2 SSt, 5 ECTS)*
↔ M04/M05 Advanced Course (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)*
↔ M04/M05 Advanced Course (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)*

↔ M04/M05 Advanced Course (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)*
↔ no equivalent in the expiring programme, but M06.1 MA Seminar / Research Forum and Thesis Proposal (1 of 2 SSt, 5 of 10 ECTS) accepted

↔ M03.1 What's This Thing Called Science (2 SSt, 5 ECTS)
↔ M06.1 MA Seminar / Research Forum and Thesis Proposal (1 of 2 SSt, 5 of 10 ECTS)

***Please note: Each SE or AR from M04/M05 can only be recognised once!**

Are there any questions?



Thank you for your attention!