

Info session:

MA Anglophone Literatures and Cultures

A 066 844

Finishing in the old or changing
to the new curriculum?

Finish or change? - The basics

- New curriculum for MA Anglophone Literatures and Cultures since **1 Oct 2020**
- Old curriculum expires on **31 March 2023**
- If you cannot complete your MA in the old curriculum in time, you need to **change to the new programme**
- If you change curriculum, you need to **get courses you passed in the old curriculum recognised** for the new one



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Part I:

Old vs. new curriculum

Differences between the two programmes

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Old vs. new curriculum: Overview

MA in Anglophone Literatures and Cultures (120 ECTS) – UA 066 844

MODULE 1: LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE (15 ECTS)

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

We strongly recommend students to complete module 1 at the end of the first semester (i.e. take exams at first sitting), as it is the pre-requisite for modules 4, 5 or 6.

MODULE 2: ADVANCED ACADEMIC LANGUAGE SKILLS (10 ECTS)

- M02.1: English in a Professional Context Advanced (UE, 5 ECTS)
- M02.2: English for Academic Purposes (EAP) (UE, 5 ECTS)*

* NOTE: EAP has to be taken either jointly with a Seminar course (module 4, 5, 6 SE) or after you have started work on your MA thesis.

Pre-requisites from the BA programme should be completed as quickly as possible.

MODULE 3: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY and THEORY (10 ECTS)

- M03.1 Research Methodology (AR, 5 ECTS)
- M03.2 Theory (AR, 5 ECTS)

ALTERNATIVE MODULES (20 ECTS) one module to be completed

(Course registration for the ALTERNATIVE MODULES only upon completion of Module 1.)

MODULE 4: British/Irish/New English Literatures (20 ECTS)

- M04.1 Literature Course 1 (AR, 5 ECTS)
- M04.2 Literature Course 2 (AR, 5 ECTS)
- M04.3 Literature Seminar (SE, 10 ECTS)

MODULE 5: American/North American Lit. Studies (20 ECTS)

- M05.1 Literature Course 1 (AR, 5 ECTS)
- M05.2 Literature Course 2 (AR, 5 ECTS)
- M05.3 Literature Seminar (SE, 10 ECTS)

MODULE 6: Cultural Studies / Media Studies (20 ECTS)

- M06.1 Culture/Media Studies 1 (AR, 5 ECTS)
- M06.2 Culture/Media Studies 2 (AR, 5 ECTS)
- M06.3 Culture/Media Studies Seminar (SE, 10 ECTS)

MODULE 7: Transdisciplinary Courses (15 ECTS)

- Courses from the remaining unselected Alternative Modules 4 to 6 and/or
- Courses (usually at MA level) taken during studies abroad (exchange programmes) and/or
- Courses from other MA Degree Programmes (suitable courses are published every semester under Module 7 in the course catalogue / u:find)

MODULE 8: FINAL MODULE (10 ECTS)

MA Seminar [DiplomandInnenseminar] (SE, 10 ECTS)

Pre-requisites: completed Module 2, completed Alternative Module (= 4, 5 OR 6)

MASTER THESIS (30 ECTS)

MA DEFENSIO (final oral exam) (10 ECTS)

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Old curriculum: MA ALC 066 844

valid for everyone who enrolled before Oct 2020

New curriculum: MA ALC 066 844

valid for everyone who enrolled since Oct 2020

MA in Anglophone Literature and Cultures

120 ECTS • 4 Semesters • Study Code: UA 066 844 [2] • Offered from October 2020 onwards

Module 1 – 15 ECTS Literature, Cultural Studies & Theory

- Literatures in English (VO, 5 ECTS)
- Popular and Media Cultures (VO, 5 ECTS)
- Literary and Cultural Theories and Concepts (VO, 5 ECTS)

Pre-requisites, i.e. additional BA courses listed in your admission letter, should be completed as quickly as possible, ideally during your first semester.

Module 5 – 15 ECTS Internship and/or Electives

- One or two internships (in total 6 ECTS) + UE Internship (1 ECTS), to be completed in connection with internship
- Courses from other MA programmes of the University of Vienna or other Austrian universities
- Equivalent courses completed during international study visits /exchanges

A selection of approved courses will be published in the course directory every semester. All other courses and the internship(s) need to be approved by the Directorate of Studies (SPL Anglistik) in advance.

Module 2 – 15 ECTS Advanced Academic Skills

- Toolkit for Research and Writing (KU, 5 ECTS)
- English for Academic Purposes (UE, 5 ECTS)
- English in a Professional Context: Advanced OR (if on offer)
- Creative Writing (both: UE, 5 ECTS)

Module 3 – 10 ECTS Advanced Literary & Cultural Studies

- Literature Course (AR, 5 ECTS)
- Cultural Studies Course (AR, 5 ECTS)

Modules 4 and 6 can be taken only upon completion of Modules 1 and 2.

Start planning your MA thesis before starting Module 6.

Module 4 – 20 ECTS Specialisation

- Literature or Cultural Studies Seminar (SE, 10 ECTS)
 - Literature or Cultural Studies Seminar (SE, 10 ECTS)
- (i.e. either two literature SE, two Cultural Studies SE or one each)*

Module 6 – 5 ECTS Final Module

- MA Seminar (SE, 5 ECTS)

MA THESIS – 30 ECTS

MA FINALS – 10 ECTS
Defence and Examination

For detailed information (curriculum, admission requirements, etc.) see <https://spl-anglistik.univie.ac.at/our-programmes/ma-066-844/>

Old vs. new curriculum: **Changes**

- **New in M05 : Internship(s) (6 ECTS) + UE Internship (1 ECTS)**
→ 2 options: a) internship (7) + electives (8) = (15)
b) electives only: (15)
- **Module 2:** either EPCO Advanced OR Creative Writing (if on offer)
- **No longer** alternative modules
Instead: M03 ARs Advanced Literary & Cultural Studies
M04 Specialisation: Literature or Cultural Studies Seminars
- **No “Communication, Code and Culture” required**
But possible to choose this for Electives Module (M05)



Old vs. new curriculum: **Changes**

- **MA seminar** reduced to 5 ECTS
- Different **course prerequisites**
 - M01 and M02 required before you can start with M04 (Specialisation) and M06 (MA Seminar)
- For **more information**, see <https://spl-anglistik.univie.ac.at/our-programmes/ma-066-844/>
New curriculum (German version), New curriculum (English version)
Module overview



Consequences of changing

- Changing curriculum entails **administrative work**
- **Course offer** remains largely the same

Every course from the old curriculum can be recognised for the new one but you might need to take one or two additional classes.

- **Different course prerequisites**

Part 2:

Finishing in the old curriculum

Deadlines

Steps to take

Finishing in the old curriculum

- Old programme **expires on 31 March 2023**
 - Latest possible date for MA defence: **31 March 2023**
- **3 things** you need to take care of before then:
 - Completing all courses (**late registration for summer term: 14, 16, 18 March 2022**)
 - Submitting your transcript
 - Finishing your MA thesis
- If you cannot complete everything in time, you will need to **change to the new curriculum**

Finishing in the old curriculum: **Deadlines**

- **Registration of thesis topic:** as soon as possible
- **Courses completed by:** 15.10.2022
- **Application for course recognition to be handed in by:** 15.12.2022
- **Submission of transcript by:** 15.01.2023
- **Thesis completed and ready to be handed in by:** 15.01.2023
 - Make sure you talk to your supervisor!
- **Latest possible date for defence:** 31.03.2023

Registration: at least 2 weeks before the defence

Please do not schedule the defence too late



Finishing in the old curriculum: **5 steps**

1. Hand in your transcript of records

- You need to have completed all your courses (which have to show up in your transcript for the correct module)
- Please send your transcript and (if applicable) your admission letter and relevant official notices of course recognition to Monica Dirnberger as soon as you receive your last grade (on 15.01.2023 at the latest)

2. Hand in your thesis at the SSC

- For more information see:

<https://spl-anglistik.univie.ac.at/study/finishing-your-studies/>

<https://ssc-philkultur.univie.ac.at/en/degree-programmes/masters-programmes/masters-thesis/>



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. (Organise your defence/exam in the meantime.)

4. Register for the MA defence at the SSC

- Before you can register, your **thesis has to have been graded** and you have to agree on a date with your supervisor and co-examiner.
- Inform Monica Dirnberger about this date at least 4 weeks before your defence (even if your thesis has not yet been graded) so that she can organise a chair.
- Send this form to the SSC:

<https://ssc-philkultur.univie.ac.at/en/degree-programmes/masters-programmes/final-examination/>

5. Defend your thesis

- At least **2 weeks** have to pass between registering for the MA defence and the defence itself.
- Talk to your supervisor and co-examiner about what you need to prepare

Don't hand in your thesis too early!

- If you have already written your thesis, but won't be able to finish everything else within the deadlines (courses, defence, ...), **do not hand in your thesis 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, change to 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

Changing to the new programme

Recognition of courses

Changing to the new curriculum

- If you cannot finish your studies by 31 March 2023, you will **automatically be transferred** to the new system.
- You can change to the new curriculum **any time** before then
 - Send the form for transfer to the new curriculum to the SSS: <https://spl-anglistik.univie.ac.at/our-programmes/ma-066-844/>
 - The SSS will forward everything to the Admission Office.
 - It may take a couple of days before you are formally enrolled in the new curriculum.
- **Recommendation:** If you know you need to change, do so after you have received all of your grades for S22
 - As soon as you are admitted to the new programme, send your application for recognition to the SSS.
 - That way, you won't have any problems with course registration for W22/23.



Changing to the new curriculum: **Recognition**

- **IMPORTANT:** Your courses will not be transferred automatically!
- You will need to get all the courses you passed in the old programme **recognised for the new one.**
 - As soon as your new study programme is active, send the application for course recognition to the SSS: <https://spl-anglistik.univie.ac.at/study/recognition/>
 - It may take up to 8 weeks before the recognition is completed.
- **Good news:** Every course from the old programme can be recognised for the new one.
 - When applying for course recognition, you need to follow this list (slide 18), also available on the departmental website: <https://spl-anglistik.univie.ac.at/our-programmes/ma-066-844/> (transfer)
 - Ideally, before changing to the new curriculum, ask the SSS for a recognition recommendation.

Changing to the new curriculum: Recognition

MA old	ECTS	MA new	ECTS
M01.3. Literatures in English	5	M01.1. Literatures in English	5
M01.2. Cultural Studies	5	M01.2. Popular and Media Cultures	5
M03.2. Theory	5	M01.3. Literary and Cultural Theories and Concepts	5
M03.1 Research Methodology	5	M02.1. Toolkit for Research and Writing	5
M02.1. English for Academic Purposes	5	M02.2. English for Academic Purposes	5
M02.2. English in a Professional Context Advanced	5	M02.3.a. English in a Professional Context Advanced	5
M04.1., M04.2., M05.1., M05.2. Literature Course 1 / 2	5	M03.1. Literature Course	5
M06.1., M06.2. Cultural/Media Studies Course 1 / 2	5	M03.2. Cultural Studies Course	5
M04.3, M05.3, M07 Literary Seminar	10	M04.1. Literature / Cultural Studies Seminar	10
M06.3., M07 Cultural/Media Studies Seminar	10	M04.2. Literature / Cultural Studies Seminar	10
M01.1. Communication, Code & Culture	5	M05 Internship and Electives	5
M07 Transdisciplinary Module	1-15	M05 Internship and Electives	1-15
M08 MA-Seminar	10	M06 MA Seminar	5

Please note that you may need to take an additional course to complete M04 in the new version, especially if you haven't taken a second seminar worth 10 ECTS points.

Any questions?

Thank you for your attention!