

# Mögliche Wahlgebiete

## Structure of English

- Phonetics and Phonology
- Morphology (Inflection, Word-formation)
- Tense and Aspect
- Syntax of the Verb (valency, voice, classes, etc.)
- auxiliary verbs
- complex sentences (complementation, infinitival clauses, gerunds, etc.)
- adverbials and adverbial clauses
- sentence types (mood)
- the lexicon
- English as a language type
- information structure in English
- the noun phrase
- contrastive analysis: German - English

## Branches of linguistics

- syntactic theory
- lexical semantics
- sociolinguistics / varieties of English
- language change
- pragmatics (speech act theory, implicatures, deixis, politeness, etc.)
- linguistics and literature (irony, point of view, metaphor, etc.)
- second language acquisition
- language typology and universals
- lexicology and lexicography
- grammaticalization
- history of linguistics
- semantic change