

Welcome and information event for first-year students in the MA programme “English Studies”

7 Oct 2025

Programme

- Brief introduction of the teaching staff on the programme
- Information for students / advisory and counselling services
- General information on the programme and structure of the MA “English Studies”
- The Philological Library and other FU libraries
- The Caledonian Café
- Q&A

Your lecturers

Academic Skills Modules

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Professor Jennifer Wawrzinek (j.wawrzinek@fu-berlin.de)

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about your courses or the MA programme.

Information for students and advisory services

- Academic counselling
- Psychological counselling and support.point
- Diversity and anti-discrimination
- Women's and Equal Opportunities Officer

Academic Counselling

for general questions on studying at FU Berlin

Studierenden-Service-Center

Ilststr. 1, 14195 Berlin, <https://www.fu-berlin.de/studium/beratung/ssc/index.html>

tel.: +49 30 838 70000; e-mail: info-service@fu-berlin.de

Mon-Thu: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fri: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

for questions about the MA programme “English Studies”

please contact the teaching staff on the programme. Please see the department's website for office hours and the location of the offices:

<https://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/en/we06/institut/sprechstunden/index.html>

Questions and problems?

Please don't hesitate to contact us via email or during our office hours.

Information on our office hours, the location of our offices and our email addresses can be found on the **website** of our institute:

<https://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/en/we06/index.html>

For **general questions** about your student status, matriculation, re-registration etc. please see this website

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studieren/studienorganisation/index.html>

or contact FU's Student Service Center:

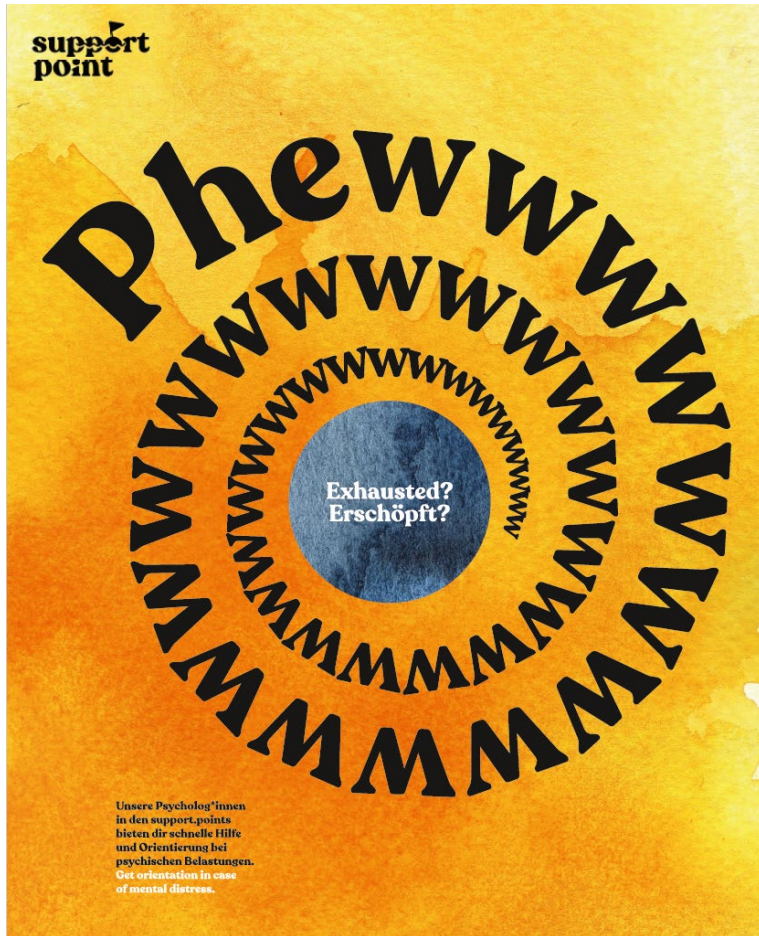
<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/beratung/ssc/index.html>

For issues with your **email account**, Campus Management, access to the university network etc., please contact the Zedat, our computing centre. <https://www.zedat.fu-berlin.de/Home>

support point

Psychological counseling for students, doctoral candidates,
and staff

support.points an der FU Berlin



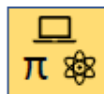
- support.points are the first point of contact for all concerns regarding mental health during studies
- concerns do not have to be study-related
- all support.points are open to all students and employees of the FU
- consultations are confidential and free of charge
- all information about the support.points (locations, consultation hours) + infos, e.g. on how to access psychotherapy



fu-berlin.de/mentalwellbeing



FB Veterinärmedizin (2x)
Johanna Lubig
Dahlem: Koserstr. 20, Raum 052
Düppel: Oertzenweg 19B, Bibliothek (1. OG)



FB Mathematik, Informatik, Physik
Judith Apell
Animallee 14, Raum 0.2.22



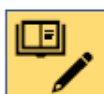
FB Geschichts- und Kulturwissenschaften
Johanna Lubig
Raum 1.0104/1.0103 (Holzlaube)



FB Biologie, Chemie, Pharmazie
Judith Apell
Königin-Luise-Str. 2-4, Gartenhaus, Raum 106



FB Erziehungswissenschaft, Psychologie, DSE
Elisabeth Wentker
Raum JK 24/112 (Rost-/Silberlaube)



FB Philosophie und Geisteswissenschaften
Jonathan Bär
Raum JK 28/115 (Rost-/Silberlaube)



**FB Rechtswissenschaft
FB Wirtschaftswissenschaft**
Julian Rau
Boltzmannstr. 3, Raum 1109



FB Politik- und Sozialwissenschaften + Zentralinstitute
Julian Rau und Judith Apell
Ihnestr. 21, Raum 002

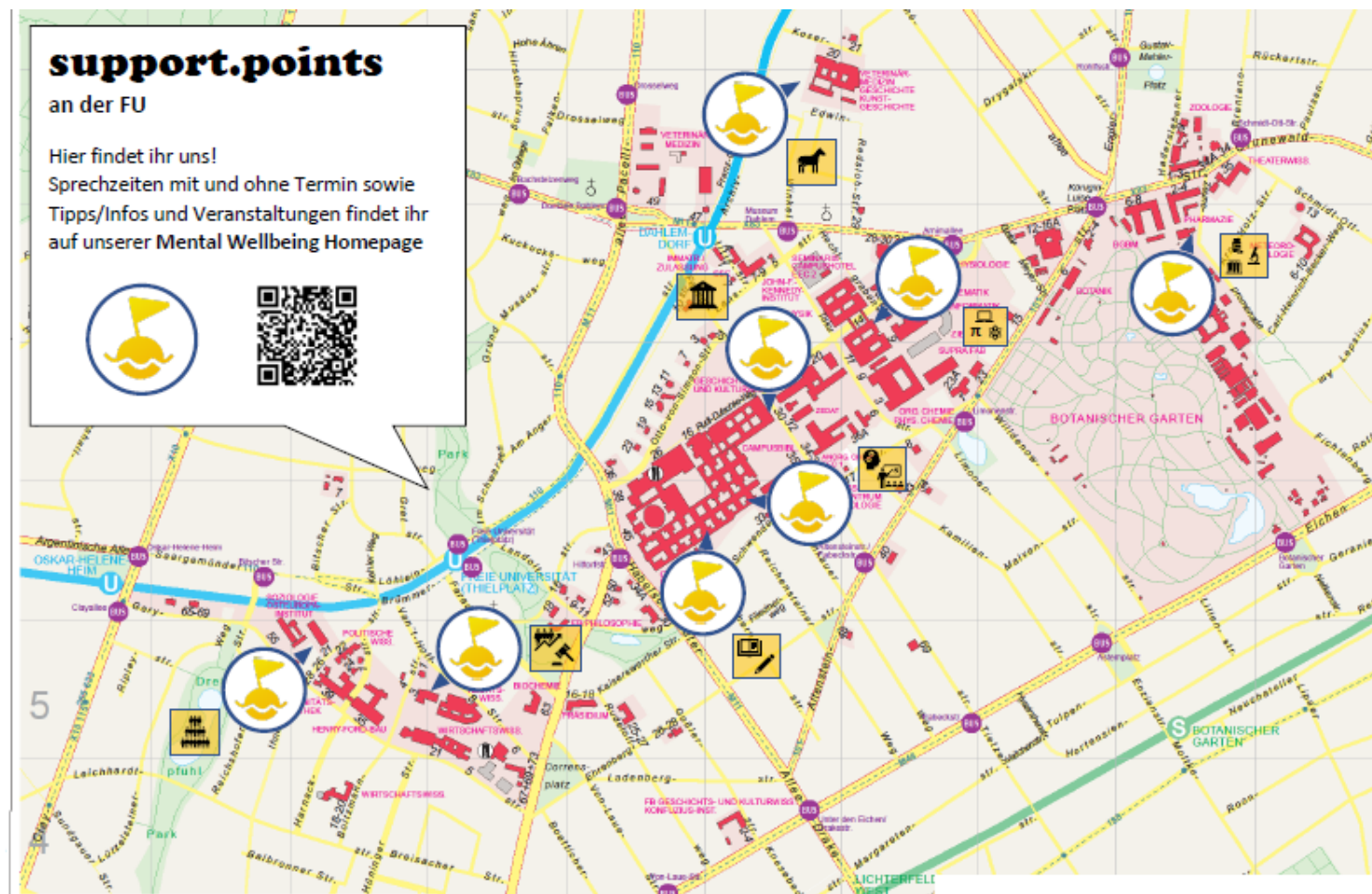


FB Geowissenschaften
Julian Rau
Malteserstr. 74-100
Gebäude G, Raum 115

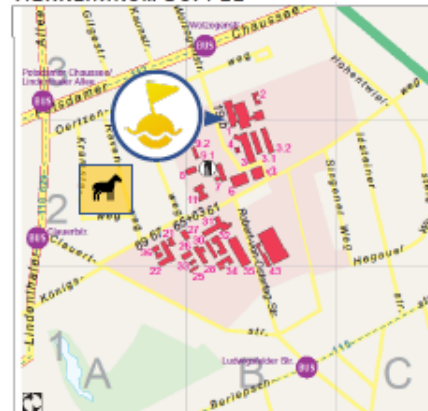
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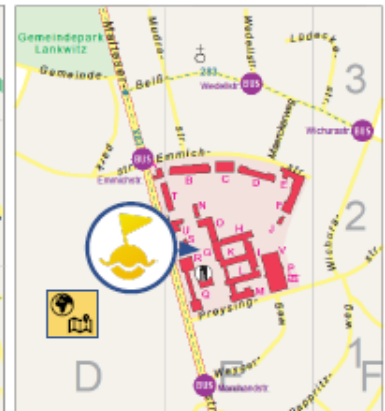
Hier findet ihr uns!
Sprechzeiten mit und ohne Termin sowie
Tipps/Infos und Veranstaltungen findet ihr
auf unserer Mental Wellbeing Homepage



TIERKLINIKUM DÜPPEL



GEOCAMPUS LANKWITZ



**support
point**



support.point at the Department of Philosophy and Humanities

- Location: Rost- und Silberlaube, JK28/115 (ground floor, entrance to JK28 between lecture hall 1a and ZEDAT computer pools)

**Consultation hours during the lecture period
(may deviate during the semester break):**

**Drop by without an
appointment:**

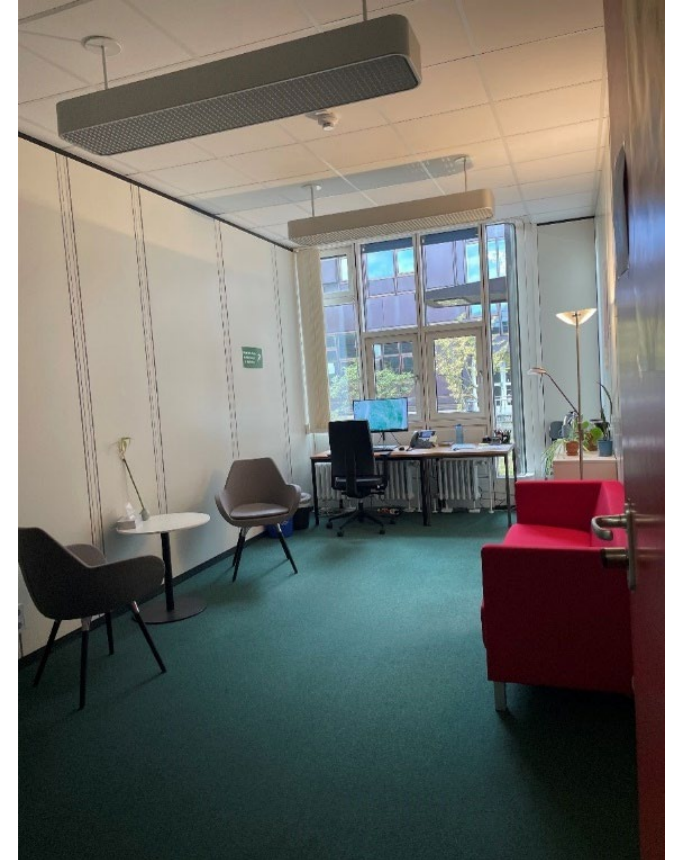
Tue. 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Thu. 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Or book an appointment on
short notice:**

Mon. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (online)

Tue. 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.



Jonathan Bär

M.Sc. Psychology, M.Sc. Psychotherapy

Psychodynamic therapist in training

Contact/Inquiries:

support.point@studienberatung.fu-berlin.de

Psychological Counselling at FU Berlin

The Psychological Counseling Service of Freie Universität Berlin offers individual counseling, training seminars and workshops. We support you in your personal development and with the improvement of your study competences. Students can turn to us with different personal problems, e.g.:

- Motivation, orientation and decision problems
- Exam anxiety and fear of public speaking
- Writer's block
- Learning problems and procrastination
- Stress, overextension, depression
- Wish and search for therapy

The colleagues are licensed psychological psychotherapists or certified psychologists and psychologists in the training for psychological psychotherapy. All of them underlie confidentiality and treat your concerns as confidential

Contact and information:

email: psychologische-beratung@fu-berlin.de

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/beratung/ssc/bereiche/psychologische-beratung/index.html>

Women's and Equal Opportunities Officers

Petra Salomon and Izabella Goikhman



Counselling

on balancing
studies and family
life

in cases of
gender-based
discrimination

in the event of
sexual
harassment

Contact

email: Frauenbeauftragte@geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de

office: JK 26/221e

Tel. 030 838 54542

<https://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/administration/Beratung/frauenbeauftragte/index.html>





Contact Person for Diversity and Antidiscrimination

Fachbereich Philosophie und Geisteswissenschaften

Prof. Dr. Marina Allal



Diversity and Antidiscrimination at Freie Universität Berlin

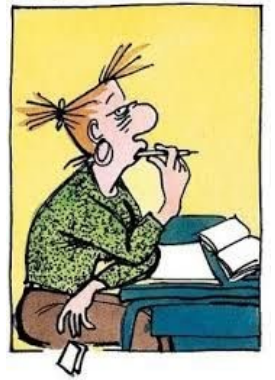


My words will be there

As a young woman, I looked around, but there was no one who said what I wanted to hear and needed to hear. I felt completely alienated, disoriented, crazy. I thought to myself, there must be someone else who feels the same way I do.

Audre Lorde, *Ein strahlendes Licht. Schriften, Reden und Gespräche*. 2021.

What do we mean by Diversity?



Diversity is an approach that aims to **highlight the diversity in our society**. **All people**, regardless of gender, age, religion, or origin, should be **recognized and valued**. Diversity questions how we deal with diversity in our society. One goal, for example, is to **avoid discrimination** in the workplace and in public life. The opposite of diversity is discrimination (LPB BW)

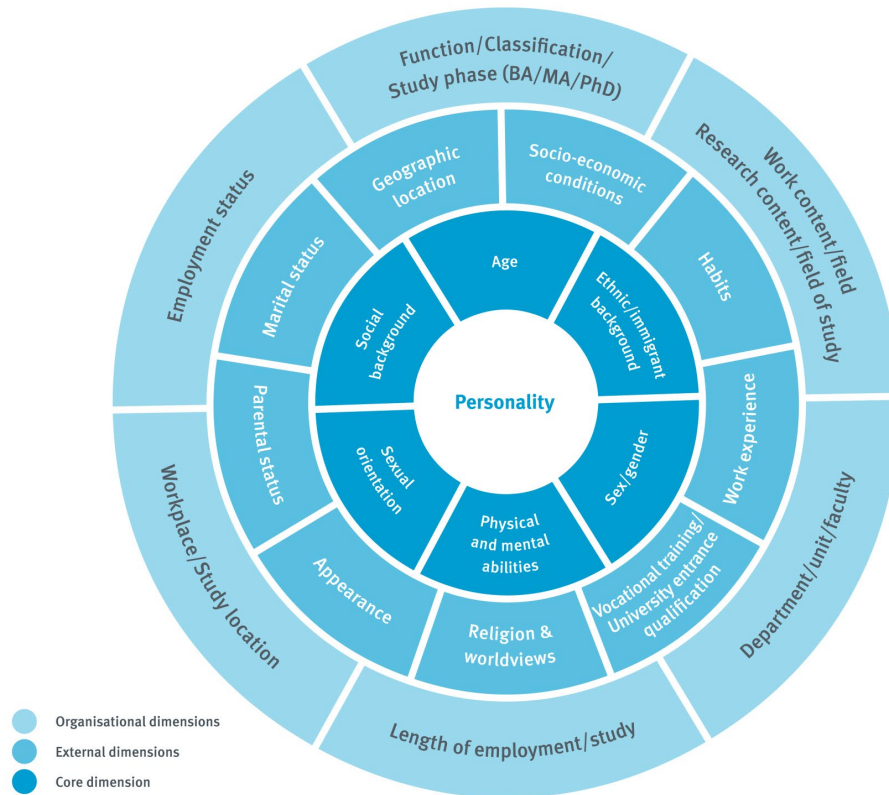
<https://www.lpb-bw.de/diversity#c47786>

Certainly, there are very real differences between us of race, age, and sex. But it is not those differences between us that are separating us. It is rather our refusal to recognize those differences (....)

Audre Lorde in "Age, Race, Class, and Sex"



Diversity and Antidiscrimination



Overview Dimensions

• Ethnic Origin, Racist and Antisemitic Assumptions

• Gender and Gender Identity

• Sexual Orientation

• Age

• Nationality

• Language

• Religion and Beliefs

• Social Status

• Disability, Chronic Illness, Health

Issues

• Social and Familial Situation



Diversity und
Antidiskriminierung@FU

Diversity at Freien Universität Berlin



Diversity und
Antidiskriminierung@FU



Diversity & Antidiskriminierung

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/diversity/index.html>

Contact Points for Advice and Complaints

Staff Networks

Code of Conduct

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/universitaet/code-of-conduct/index.html>

Antidiscrimination Policy

Regelung zur Verwendung von geschlechtergerechter und -inklusive Sprache in der offiziellen Kommunikation

(Recommendations on the use of gender-neutral and inclusive language)

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/diversity/antidiskriminierung/sprache/gender/index.html>

Contact Person for Diversity and Antidiscrimination Department of Philosophy and Humanities

➤ Recognizing and promoting diversity



➤ Interact with each other in a diversity-sensitive manner, respond to others, listen to their voices, and allow them to be heard

➤ Eliminate discrimination, stand up for each other, fight for your rights



Contact Person for Diversity and Antidiscrimination

Department of Philosophy and Humanities



Marina Allal
Lecturer Researcher



In accordance with the objectives of Freie Universität Berlin, the Department of Philosophy and Humanities is committed to promoting diversity. This includes treating each other with respect and taking decisive action against discrimination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need advice or support. Your request will be treated confidentially.

Office hours:

Thursday, 3-4 p.m. and by appointment, JK 26/222f

Marina.Allal@fu-berlin.de



<https://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/administration/Diversitybeauftragte/index.html>

The MA programme in English Studies

The programme focuses on **Anglophone literatures and cultures (outside North America)**, but rather than studying national literatures, the focus is on inter- and transcultural phenomena in a global perspective.

The course programme seeks to **interface Language, Literary and Cultural Studies** and offer a non-compartmentalised approach to the subjects studied.

It aims to raise students' awareness of the **linguistic characteristics of literary and non-literary texts, their historical contexts and intertextual and intermedial relations**. Particular emphasis is placed on improving students' **written and oral language skills**.

The **study programme** includes

- a) modules in Literary and Cultural Studies, Postcolonial Studies, Gender Studies, Medieval Studies, Literary and Cultural History, Contemporary Literature and Culture, and Intermediality.
- b) academic skills modules: academic writing, literary translation, communication skills and contemporary Britain

The MA programme in English Studies

Students will have to complete 4 core modules in literary and cultural studies and 2 academic skills modules. Core modules consist of one seminar and one tutorial; academic skills modules consist of two tutorials; all modules have 15 credits. At the end of the study programme, students will write a final thesis (30 credits, c. 22,000 words).

The coursework includes

- 2 mandatory core modules
- 2 elective core modules (out of 6)
- 2 academic skills modules (out of 6)

Please note that attendance is mandatory in all courses/modules and will be checked.

The MA programme in English Studies

Mandatory Core Modules

- How to Read: Methods of Analysis and Interpretation in Literary and Cultural Studies
- Literary and Cultural Theories

Elective Core Modules (2 modules)

- Literary and Cultural Histories
- Literature and Media
- Negotiating Gender
- Medieval English Literatures
- Postcolonial and Global Literatures
- Studying the Present Moment

(Please note that some of the modules are only offered in the winter term and some only in the summer.)

The MA programme in English Studies

Academic Skills Modules (2 modules)

Academic Writing: Research Reading, Argumentation and Style

Literary Translation: A Practical Introduction to Methods and Strategies

Literary Translation: Transcreation: Re-thinking Translation in Terms of Creative Writing

Communication Skills: Speaking your Mind: Public Speaking and Presentation Skills

Communication Skills: Writing beyond the Boundaries: Creative Non-Fiction and
Alternative Forms of Academic Writing

Contemporary Britain: Language and Identity

(Please note that part 1 of the respective module is always offered in the winter semester, and part 2 in the summer semester.)

The MA programme in English Studies – recommended study schedule

Semester	Core Modules			Academic Skills Modules	
1	How to Read			Module 1	Module 2
2	Literary & Cul- tural Theories		Module 1		
3		Module 2			
4	MA Thesis (22,000 words, 24 weeks)				

Please note that this is one suggestion for a study plan, which is not mandatory. We do, however, strongly recommend that you start with the “How to read”-module.

You don't have to complete modules in the same semester or in consecutive semesters. But some modules may not be offered every semester, and your module will only show as completed with your grade and your credits once you have completed both parts and passed the exam.

Selecting your courses

The complete **course catalogue** of Freie Universität Berlin is available here:

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/vv/en/fb?>

Select “Philosophy and the Humanities” (in “Departments”), scroll down to “Institute of English Literature and Linguistics”, and select “MA in English Studies”. The courses from which you can choose are listed under the second bullet point (“English Studies”)

NB: a two-hour course (e.g. 10 a.m. – 12) will start at 10:15 and end at 11:45.

Please enrol for your courses on **Campus Management** (asap but not later than the end of week 3)

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/campusmanagement/index.html>

Campus Management lists all your courses, and this is where your credits and grades will be entered.

Selecting your courses

Many lecturers use **Blackboard**, FU's e-learning platform, to upload the syllabus, readings, study questions etc. In most cases you will automatically be connected to the Blackboard site of the course you are enrolled in. Access to Blackboard is here:

<https://fu-berlin.blackboard.com/>

(Please note that you will have to register once; click on 'Selbstregistrierung' = self-registration, enter your FU user name and your password, and click on 'Anmelden' = register)

All of these links are accessible via the Quicklinks/ Direktzugang of the FU website (www.fu-berlin.de)

The Academic Calendar

Winter Semester 2025/26

Duration: 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026

Lecture period: 13 October 2025 to 14 February 2026

Winter break: 22 December 2025 to 3 January 2026

Summer Semester 2026

Duration: 1 April to 30 September 2026

Lecture Period: 13 April to 18 July 2026

Recognition of courses from other institutions

Courses that you attend at other universities (e.g. during a semester abroad) or at other departments of FU Berlin may be recognized for the MA English Studies. Please contact one of the professors on the programme before you select this course in order to check whether the course is equivalent and can be recognized. Once you have completed the course, please contact the professor again and give them your certificate/transcript in order to start the official recognition process.

Studying Abroad

The English Department encourages all students to spend time studying abroad as part of their programme of study.

Unfortunately as a result of Brexit, we have lost our Erasmus exchange partnerships with UK. We hope, however, that they may be renewed in the future. If you have any enquiries about Erasmus, please contact Ruth Wishart (erasmus@anglistik.fu-berlin.de).

The university has a wide range of direct exchange programmes (Direktaustausche) with the UK, Ireland, the USA, Canada, and Australia. More information and links to our partner universities are available from the International Office (https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_ausland/direkt/index.html).

Libraries

FU Berlin has a central university library as well as separate libraries at the various faculties (<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/ub/standorte/index.html>)

For us, the following libraries are the most important:

- the Central Library in Garystr. 39
- the Philological Library in Habelschwerdter Allee 45 (the futurist building with the glass dome)
- the library of the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies in Lansstr. 7-9
- the Campus Library in Fabeckstr. 23/25

You can search these libraries as well as the digital holdings of FU Berlin through the library catalogue PRIMO: <https://fu-berlin.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/>

Other libraries in Berlin (of Humboldt University, Staatsbibliothek) may also be useful. Their holdings can be searched via <https://portal.kobv.de/> (For Staatsbibliothek you will need a separate reader's pass, which is free of charge.)

Philological Library Freie Universität Berlin

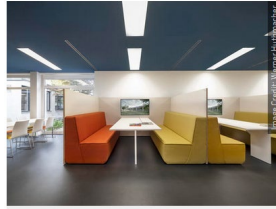


The University Library



Law Library

Van't-Hoff-Str. 8, 14195 Berlin



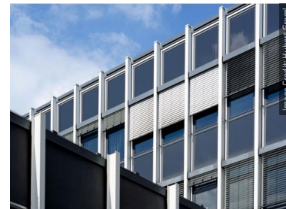
Library of Economics

Garystr. 21, 14195 Berlin



Central Library

Garystr. 39, 14195 Berlin



History and Art History Library

Koserstr. 20, 14195 Berlin



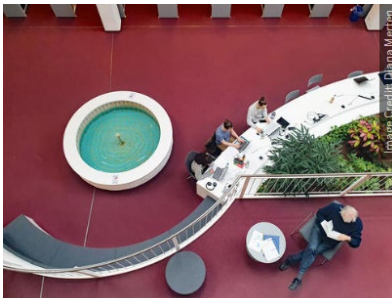
Library of Social Sciences and East European Studies

Garystr. 55 / Ihnestr. 21, 14195 Berlin



Library at the Botanic Garden

Königin-Luise-Str. 6-8, 14195 Berlin



Campus Library

Fabeckstr. 23/25, 14195 Berlin



Philological Library

Habelschwerdter Allee 45, 14195 Berlin



Theater Studies Library

Grunewaldstr. 35, 12165 Berlin



Library for North American Studies

Lansstr. 7-9, 14195 Berlin



Meteorology Library

Carl-Heinrich-Becker Weg 6-10, 12165 Berlin



University Archives

Malteserstr. 74-100, Building House L, 12249 Berlin



Earth Sciences Library

Malteserstr. 74-100, 12249 Berlin



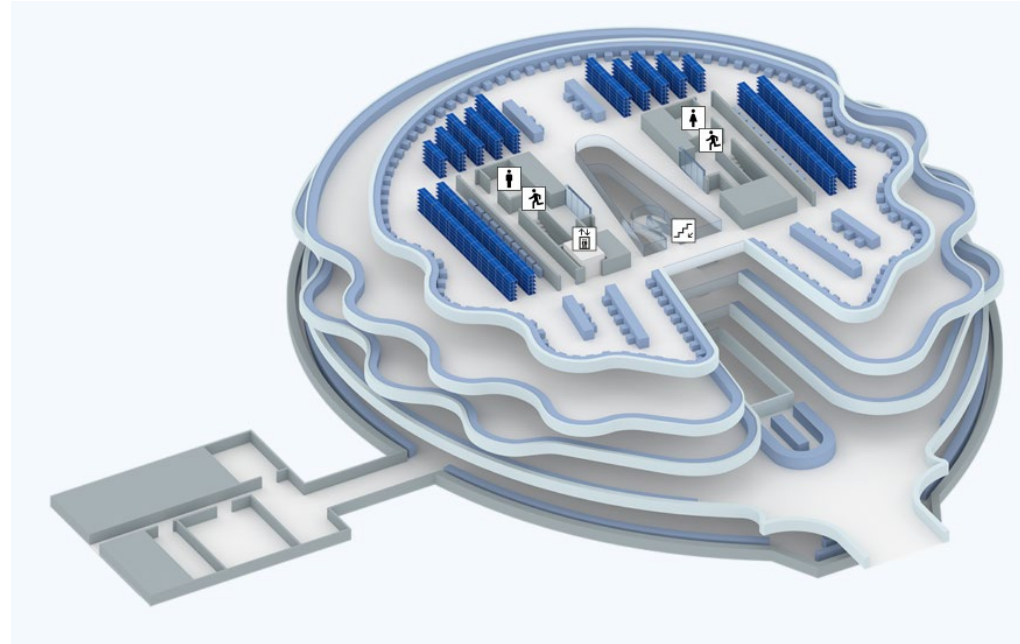
Veterinary Library

Oertzenweg 19b, 14163 Berlin



The Brain

- Literary Theory and Comparative Literature
- **English Studies (Floor 1)**
- Byzantine Studies
- German Studies
- Classical Philology
- Latin America Institute
- Medieval Latin Philology
- Modern Greek Studies
- Dutch Philology
- Romance Studies
- Slavic studies (literature studies)
- Comparative and Indo-Germanic Linguistics
- Indian Philology / South Asia Studies
- Philosophy



Primo of Things



AI in our library catalogue



Ask your questions and Discover new topics.



Ask your question!



Example questions

[? About Primo AI](#)

Find recent research about how vitamin D deficiency impact overall health



Did Picasso's time in Paris influence his artistic style?



Find books about the reception of Machiavelli's The Prince in modern times



How can we improve diversity in Clinical Trials?



Why use the library?



Trainings, workshops, consultations



Grundschulung Literaturrecherche

- › Literaturrecherche Grundschulung
- › General Library Introduction
- › Biblioteca e ricerca (Lingua: Italiano)



Angebote für Seminare

- › Recherceschulungen für Seminare



Angebot für Tutor*innen, Mentor*innen

- › Kurs für Mentor*innen, Tutor*innen und stud. Hilfskräfte



Angebote für Promovierende

- › Workshops für Doktorand*innen
- › Bibliothekarische Sprechstunde für Forschung und Lehre
- › Das Dissertationsexposé
- › Publikationsstrategien für Geisteswissenschaftler*innen



IT-Ersthilfe

- › IT-Ersthilfe



Datenbankschulungen

- › Datenbankschulung: Bibliographie der deutschen Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaft Online (BDSL Online) und MLA International Bibliography



Tutorials

- › Tutorials
- › Tutorial für Schüler*innen und Studienanfänger*innen

Connecting to the university network

Please note that in order to access the digital holdings of FU's libraries, you have to be connected to the university network through Eduroam (on campus) or via a VPN connection

via **EDUROAM**:

Please follow the instructions on this site:

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/ub/service/abisz/wlan.html>

via a **VPN** connection:

Please follow the instructions on this site (unfortunately only in German, but hopefully manageable)

<https://www.it.fu-berlin.de/unsere-services/services-a-z/vpn-zugang/index.html>

Further information

If you haven't done so yet, please get your **FU campus card**, which you will need for the libraries, for the cafeteria, etc.

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studieren/studienalltag/campuscard/faq-campuscard/index.html>

Please note that you will have to renew it every semester after **re-registering**. This is mandatory and you will be notified a few weeks before the deadline).

Please see the following website for information on re-registration and further relevant topics on the organization of your studies.

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studieren/studienorganisation/index.html>

For the **Mensa/cafeteria**, you will need to load credit on your Campus Card. You cannot pay cash or with a credit card.

Student Life

In addition to the main cafeteria, there are a number of cafés run by students, such as

- the **Caledonian Café** at the English Institute (in JK 29/231, 1st floor; www.instagram.com/caledoniancafe)
- the **Café Kauderwelsch** (in the L-street, ground floor, close to the entrance to the Campus Library)
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The **FSI**, the student representatives of the English Institute, can be contacted in the Caledonian Café.

The **AStA** is the general student committee of Freie Universität. It is located in Otto-von-Simson Str. 23. <https://astafu.de/en/node/5>

FSI
Anglistik

&



FSI Anglistik & Caledonian Café

Who are we?

- ☐ Students
- ☐ Any program, mainly English Philology

How to join the FSI & Café?

- ☐ Talk to us at the Café
- ☐ Text us on Instagram

What do we do?

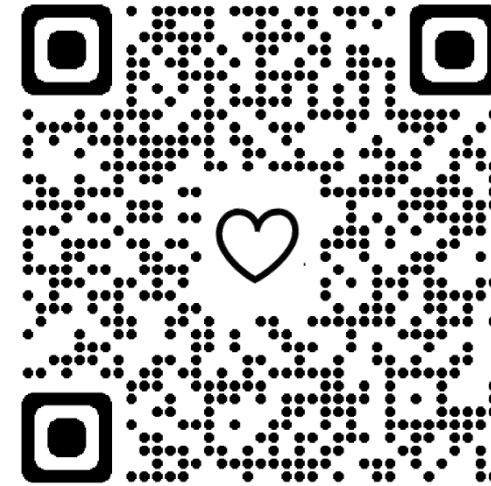
- ☐ Run the Caledonian Café
- ☐ Organise events for Students to Socialise & Connect
- ☐ Mediate between students and lecturers
- ☐ Answer questions regarding your studies & university



FSI Anglistik

FACHSCHAFTSINITIATIVE

STUDENT INITIATIVE



📍 Rost-/Silberlaube, JK 29/231

[Instagram.com/caledoniancafe](https://www.instagram.com/caledoniancafe)