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Double Degree Program: UBT – SISU, MA Intercultural Anglophone Studies (MAIAS) Application and Admission Information | January 2020

Application Process

The documents that the department selection committee at Bayreuth needs in order to start the application process are

- a letter of application from you describing two research topics you would like to pursue
- a letter of endorsement from your major supervisor testifying to your adequate preparation in terms of academic achievement and English proficiency, and
- a curriculum vitae.

The letter of application must indicate which “major area” you intend to focus on – “literature” or “linguistics” – and how you intend to pursue your chosen research area in terms of method and current research contexts (for more detailed information see: “Info Sheet_Letter Research Topics_MAIAS Application”).

Please, send all the documents to the program coordinator at SISU who will then send them collectively to the MAIAS moderator at the University of Bayreuth (UBT).

The application deadline for the academic year 2020/21 is March 31, 2020.

After Admission: Formal Application via CampusOnline

Students successfully admitted to the program in a next step have to do the **UBT online application, via the “CampusOnline” portal: <https://campusonline.uni-bayreuth.de/ubto/webnav.ini>**. You start the application process by clicking on: “Create basic account”. Fill in all the information asked for; as to the documents that need to be uploaded, you only have to upload the following ones:

- APS certificate
- curriculum vitae
- the letter describing your two research topics
- BA certificate (i.e. section: “(provisional) Degree certificate. . .”)

Your Campusonline application will be further processed by UBT once the results of the APS interviews are in. You will be sent a formal “letter of admission” via e-mail. Please note: **The general deadline for application (May 1) is not relevant for you.** Try to submit the documents as soon as possible, however, so that the visa application process can start as early as possible.

Preparing your Studies: Curriculum, Module Handbooks, Early Choice of Classes

The following documents will help you to understand the MAIAS program as a whole:

1. Curriculum: http://www.anglistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/download/Curriculum_English-21_07_2017.pdf
2. Module Handbook major area "Literature":
http://www.anglistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/download/MAIAS_MHB-Literature_2017.pdf
3. Module Handbook major area "Linguistics":
http://www.anglistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/download/MAIAS_MHB-Linguistics_2017.pdf

The modules you will have to cover are the following:

- Module A 1** "Cultural and Literary Theory / Theoretical Approaches to Language, Variation and Culture"
- Module A 4** "Elective Seminar"
- Module C 1** "Intensive Seminar"
- Module E 1** "Master Seminar"
- Module C 4** "Written Exam"
- Module E 2** "Master Thesis"

Modules A 1, A 4, and C 1 are seminars that should be completed in your first semester. Module E 1 is a seminar you should take in the second semester, parallel to developing and writing your MA thesis. The written exam (module C 4) should be taken at the end of the first semester (in February 2021). The Master thesis (module E 2) should be started (and if possible: finished) in the second semester.

Before transferring to Bayreuth, you can already plan your schedule for the first semester. **Classes for the winter semester 2020/21 are announced towards the end of July 2020 on the homepage of the English Department.** The pdf-file is called "Courses with comments" and can be found under "news" at: <http://www.anglistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/index.html>

There is only one class that can be taken for module A 1; it will be announced in the course commentary. For module A 4 you can choose from a variety of Proseminare (PS; seminar), Hauptseminare (HS; advanced seminar) and Übungen (Ü). For module C 1 you have to choose a Hauptseminar (HS, advanced seminar).

Recommendation: If you would like to improve your theoretical knowledge and capabilities, you may consider making use of information you find in the texts on the short list of Preparatory Reading (either for major area "literature" or for major area "linguistics") before you transfer to Bayreuth: http://www.anglistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/Studium/MAIAS/Program_Information/index.html

German Language Classes

Please note that for any language courses you will need to register at the beginning of each lecture period in our Language Center (in German: "Sprachenzentrum"). Its website includes a chapter explaining the registration procedure: <http://www.sz.uni-bayreuth.de/index.php?id=138>

Transcript of Records: First Year at SISU

You will need to provide official evidence of successful completion of your first MA year at SISU for the UBT examination office, i.e. a transcript of records of your first academic year. **You should hand in the transcript of records to the MAIAS moderator in December the latest.** If you are not sure how to obtain the transcript, please consult the program coordinator at SISU.

MA Thesis

You should start developing and writing your MA thesis in your second semester, the summer semester, at Bayreuth. For the purpose of finding a suitable topic, you can begin thinking about it before you actually transfer to Bayreuth. You can always get in touch with a possible supervisor (see names below) at Bayreuth about a possible topic via e-mail. You may wish to take a look at the professors' websites in order to find out the fields they specialize in. More generally, these are the fields covered by us:

Intercultural Anglophone Studies + ...

... American literature and culture

- Prof. Dr. Jeanne Cortiel (jeanne.cortiel@uni-bayreuth.de)
- Prof. Dr. Sylvia Mayer (sylvia.mayer@uni-bayreuth.de)

... Postcolonial literatures and cultures, British literature

- Prof. Dr. Susan Arndt (susan.arndt@uni-bayreuth.de)
- Prof. Dr. Florian Kläger (florian.klaeger@uni-bayreuth.de)

... English linguistics

- PD. Dr. Eric Anchimbe (eric.anchimbe@uni-bayreuth.de)
- Prof. Markus Bieswanger (bieswanger@uni-bayreuth.de)
- Prof. Susanne Mühleisen (susanne.muehleisen@uni-bayreuth.de)

Please note: Thesis advising by UBT professors does only take place "in person" during the two semesters you will be here. Do not hesitate to approach professors, for instance, when you bring a thesis topic idea with you to Bayreuth. Advising via e-mail, once you have returned to SISU after the academic year, is not possible.