

Programme Title: English and German



Programme Specification

Awarding Body/Institution	Queen Mary, University of London
Teaching Institution	Queen Mary, University of London
Name of Final Award and Programme Title	Bachelor of Arts BA English and German
Name of Interim Award(s)	
Duration of Study / Period of Registration	Four years (RQ23) / three years (RQCZ)
QM Programme Code / UCAS Code(s)	RQ23 / RQCZ
QAA Benchmark Group	n/a
FHEQ Level of Award	Level 6
Programme Accredited by	n/a
Date Programme Specification Approved	22 Apr 2013
Responsible School / Institute	School of Languages, Linguistics & Film

Schools which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme

School of English & Drama

Institution(s) other than Queen Mary that will provide some teaching for the programme

n/a

Programme Outline

Studying English and German gives you the opportunity to explore connections and interactions between cultural traditions. You will divide your time equally between the two subjects, following modules designed to help you develop your linguistic skills, and introducing you to a range of theoretical and critical approaches to English studies. In your third year, you normally spend a year abroad in a country where German is spoken, either studying or working, depending on your placement.

German may be studied from beginners' level, post-GCSE, post-A-level, and by native speakers of the language. Alternative pathways are offered, according to your ability at entry.

Aims of the Programme

1. To provide a coherent, innovative and intellectually challenging programme that promotes the study of language, linguistics, literature and culture.
2. To develop advanced skills of literary and cultural analysis, with attention to genre, period, form and style.

3. To impart a high level of linguistic knowledge and skills, both productive and receptive, in the German language, fostering an understanding of the language itself as a rewarding object of study, from the perspectives of linguistics and philology.
4. To enable students to develop independent critical thinking and judgment and to undertake both practical group projects and independent research tasks.
5. To develop a range of skills necessary to the effective communication of ideas and argument

What Will You Be Expected to Achieve?

The programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, skills and other attributes in the areas below. The programme outcomes are referenced to the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (2008), and relate to the typical student. Additionally, the SEEC Credit Level Descriptors for Further and Higher Education 2003 and Queen Mary Statement of Graduate Attributes have been used as a guiding framework for curriculum design.

Academic Content:	
A 1	Ability to demonstrate a knowledge of the core linguistic, literary and cultural concepts in the study of English and German. In addition, to evaluate different theoretical perspectives on these concepts.
A 2	Ability to illustrate the core analytical ideas relevant to these concepts, specify and apply these core analytical ideas.
A 3	Ability to demonstrate an understanding of evaluations of different analyses and develop informed evaluations of different analyses.
A 4	To identify the character of texts in English and in German (influence of genre, history and function). In addition, to critically evaluate the character of such texts.

Disciplinary Skills - able to:	
B 1	develop advanced oral, written and comprehension skills in the German language, becoming fluent and accurate users of the language in a wide range of domains and registers.
B 2	understand the socio-historical contexts of literary and linguistic aspects of German and of English. In addition, to engage with theoretical models of such contexts.
B 3	construct cogent and sophisticated critical essays with evidence of independent study and initiative.
B 4	formulate theoretically informed arguments and express these clearly and effectively in the form of oral presentations.
B 5	demonstrate an understanding of the issues involved in data analysis, and an ability to use analytical techniques under supervision. In addition, to evaluate and choose appropriate analytical techniques, and use them with minimal guidance.
B 6	bring critical skills to bear on the analysis of texts. In addition, to compare the effectiveness of different critical techniques.
B 7	demonstrate and deploy a range of key transferable skills appropriate to analytical investigation and independent critical thinking.

Attributes:

C 1	Demonstrate effective spoken and written communication skills in more than one language, using IT competently, and adapting communication appropriately according to the social, professional or cultural setting.
C 2	Critically evaluate information from a variety of sources to extend understanding of a subject or situation, and apply this knowledge confidently and constructively.
C 3	Demonstrate the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

How Will You Learn?

The programme is taught in accordance with the Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategy of the Schools of English and Drama and of Languages, Linguistics and Film. Teaching will be led by research-oriented staff. These strategies aim to:

Foster a sense of community amongst students and staff in the pursuit of teaching and learning;
Promote the relationship between staff research, teaching and student learning;
Provide a flexible curriculum which maximizes student choice;
Expose students to a diverse set of approaches to the study of their subject area;
Encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning and progress and to develop qualities of self-discipline and self-direction;
Inspire intellectual independence in students;
Employ a variety of assessment methods;
Prepare graduates for training and/or employment, or further academic study through the acquisition of transferable skills.

Teaching takes a number of forms:

Lectures: used to convey information, to introduce students to the basic concepts of a discipline or area studied, and to develop sustained interpretation and argument.

Seminars: students work on a specific assignment, putting into practice the concepts and approaches presented in the lectures and encountered in their viewing and reading for the course.

Independent work by students: preparing material for seminars (sometimes in pairs or groups), assimilating course material, and undertaking independent research into ideas and concepts relevant to the subject area.

Individual and group feedback on written work.

How Will You Be Assessed?

Assessment is typically by a combination of examination and coursework, or of different kinds of coursework. The kind of examination or coursework will vary with the content of each module. Examinations may take the form of essay questions, analysis or exercises. Coursework may consist of essays, longer research projects, textual commentaries, critical reviews, practical exercises, diaries of your own research, poster presentations. Oral presentations, suitably monitored, or in-class quizzes may also be used.

How is the Programme Structured?

Requirements

Students must take a minimum of 135 credits in German modules and 150 credits in English modules in addition to the Year Abroad module in German over the period of their studies. The Year Abroad is worth 120 credits and is a compulsory and integral part of the degree programme. Exceptionally the School can exempt students from the Year Abroad. These students will submit a

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change of programme form to change their degree to a 3-year degree. The programme requirements for the 3 year variant are exactly the same as for the 4 year programme but without the Year Abroad requirements.

Structure

Students are separated into 4 language streams according to ability in the German language, and follow the degree pathways as follows

Year 1 – Level 4

Ab-Initio German

30 Credits Introductory German (Core Module)

30 Credits European Culture and Society (Compulsory Module)

30 Credits compulsory module Reading, Theory And Interpretation: Approaches To The Study Of English Literature

30 Credits compulsory English module: EITHER Shakespeare (30 credits) OR Literatures In Time: Texts And Contexts From The 8th To The 16th Century (30 credits) OR Poetry (15 credits) AND Narrative (15 credits)

Post-GCSE German

30 Credits German I Intensive (Core Module)

30 Credits European Culture and Society (Compulsory Module)

30 Credits compulsory module Reading, Theory And Interpretation: Approaches To The Study Of English Literature

30 Credits compulsory English module: EITHER Shakespeare (30 credits) OR Literatures In Time: Texts And Contexts From The 8th To The 16th Century (30 credits) OR Poetry (15 credits) AND Narrative (15 credits)

Post A-Level German

30 Credits German I (Core Module)

30 Credits Foundations of German Studies (Compulsory Module)

30 Credits compulsory module Reading, Theory And Interpretation: Approaches To The Study Of English Literature

30 Credits compulsory English module: EITHER Shakespeare (30 credits) OR Literatures In Time: Texts And Contexts From The 8th To The 16th Century (30 credits) OR Poetry (15 credits) AND Narrative (15 credits)

Native Speakers of German

15 Credits German I N (Core Module)

30 Credits Foundations of German Studies (Compulsory Module)

30 Credits compulsory module Reading, Theory And Interpretation: Approaches To The Study Of English Literature

30 Credits compulsory English module: EITHER Shakespeare (30 credits) OR Literatures In Time: Texts And Contexts From The 8th To The 16th Century (30 credits) OR Poetry (15 credits) AND Narrative (15 credits)

15 Credits optional module to be chosen from GER-coded level 4 modules

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 students must pass a minimum of 90 credits including the core language module. Students who have passed 90 credits without the core language module are not eligible for progression.

Year 2 – Level 5

Ab-Initio German

30 Credits German II Intensive (Core Module)

EITHER

15 Credits Contemporary German Studies I

OR

15 Credits Contemporary German Studies II

Minimum 45 Credits/Maximum 75 Credits to be chosen from ESH-coded modules at level 5

Minimum 0 Credits/ Maximum 30 Credits optional modules to be chosen from all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. Up to 30 credits modules may be at level 4 (in SLLF modules only) or level 6 with the advisers' agreement.

Post-GCSE German

30 Credits German II (Core Module)

EITHER

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15 Credits Contemporary German Studies I

OR

15 Credits Contemporary German Studies II

Minimum 45 Credits/Maximum 75 Credits to be chosen from ESH-coded modules

Minimum 0 Credits/ Maximum 45 Credits optional modules to be chosen from all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. Up to 30 credits modules may be at level 4 (in SLLF modules only) or level 6 with the advisers' agreement.

Post A-Level German

30 Credits German II (Core Module)

EITHER

15 Credits Contemporary German Studies I

OR

15 Credits Contemporary German Studies II

Minimum 45 Credits/Maximum 75 Credits to be chosen from ESH-coded modules

Minimum 0 Credits/ Maximum 30 Credits optional modules to be chosen from all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. Up to 30 credits modules may be at level 4 (in SLLF modules only) or level 6 with the advisers' agreement.

Native Speakers of German

30 Credits German II N (Core Module)

EITHER

15 Credits Contemporary German Studies I

OR

15 Credits Contemporary German Studies II

Minimum 45 Credits/Maximum 75 Credits to be chosen from ESH-coded modules

Minimum 0 Credits/ Maximum 30 Credits optional modules to be chosen from all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. Up to 30 credits modules may be at level 4 (in SLLF modules only) or level 6 with the advisers' agreement.

Progression Requirements to Year Abroad/Final Year

To successfully progress to the Year Abroad (or Final Year for exempted students) students must pass a minimum of 180 credits from their first and second years including the core language modules. Exceptionally the School may progress a student to the Year Abroad if the student has passed 180 credits from their first and second year but not the core level 5 language module. The student must re-sit the failed core language module during the following academic year and may not progress to final year from the Year Abroad until this hurdle has been passed.

Year Abroad

120 Credits compulsory German Year Abroad assessment.

Progression Requirements to Final Year from Year Abroad

Presentation of the Year Abroad assessment in an acceptable form.

Final Year – Level 6

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30 Credits German III (Core Module)

Minimum 15 Credits/Maximum 30 Credits optional modules to be chosen from GER-coded modules at level 6

Minimum 45 Credits/Maximum 75 Credits to be chosen from ESH-coded modules at level 6

Minimum 0 Credits/Maximum 30 Credits optional modules to be chosen from all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film or the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or from the English department subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. These modules may be at level 5 or 6. Students are not allowed to take level 4 modules in their final year.

Native Speakers of German

30 Credits German III N (Core Module)

Minimum 15 Credits/Maximum 30 Credits optional modules to be chosen from GER-coded modules at level 6.

Minimum 45 Credits/Maximum 75 Credits to be chosen from ESH-coded modules at level 6

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Minimum 0 Credits/Maximum 30 Credits optional modules to be chosen from all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film or the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or from the English department subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. These modules may be at level 5 or 6. Students are not allowed to take level 4 modules in their final year.

Requirements for Award

Students must pass a minimum of 270 credits in addition to the Year Abroad assessment (if applicable) including the final year core language module.

Academic Year of Study

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester

What Are the Entry Requirements?

Typical tariff or grades required: 320-340 UCAS tariff points from 3 A-levels (equivalent to ABB-AAB at A-level) with an A in English Literature/Language or English Literature and a B in German (if offered) or in a language which is not your native language. Excluded subjects: General Studies and Critical Thinking.

Additional information

Applicants whose first language is not English must obtain a grade B in GCSE English Language or equivalent, or will be required to take IELTS and achieve grade 7 overall with grade 7 in writing.

Equivalent overseas qualifications are welcomed.

How Do We Listen and Act on Your Feedback?

The Staff-Student Liaison Committee provides a formal means of communication and discussion between schools/institutes and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year in the school/institute together with appropriate representation from staff within the school/institute. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. Staff-Student Liaison Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

Each school/institute operates a Learning and Teaching Committee, or equivalent, which advises the School/Institute Director of Taught Programmes on all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at school level including monitoring the application of relevant QM policies and reviewing all proposals for module and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board. Student views are incorporated in the committee's work in a number of ways, such as through student membership, or consideration of student surveys.

All schools/institutes operate an Annual Programme Review of their taught undergraduate and postgraduate provision. APR is a continuous process of reflection and action planning which is owned by those responsible for programme delivery; the main document of reference for this process is the Taught Programmes Action Plan (TPAP) which is the summary of the school/institute's work throughout the year to monitor academic standards and to improve the student experience. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of the NSS and module evaluations.

Academic Support

All students beginning study on the programme participate in a series of Welcome Week activities, which involve introductions to the programme and specific inductions in the use of the online learning environment. These events also include opportunities for social interaction, and scheduled small group and individual meetings with personal advisers.

Each student's academic progress and personal welfare is monitored by an adviser in each Department, with whom regular meetings are scheduled. Advisers are the designated members of staff with whom students can raise issues and problems, and from whom they can seek advice and guidance.

All teaching staff hold regular office hours in which students are actively encouraged to discuss their work and their progress.

There is a dedicated Teaching and Student Support Manager in the School of English and Drama, and Student Experience Manager in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film, both of whom work with academic staff to assist students in need of support.

Both the Student Support staff and all advisers are able to refer students, where appropriate to relevant professional service departments in the College, including Disability and Dyslexia, Welfare, and Counselling.

A dedicated post of E-Strategy Manager supports students in their use of the online learning environments used on all modules.

The School of English and Drama and the School of Language, Linguistics and Film collaborate with the College's Thinking Writing team and Language learning unit to support students in the development of their writing skills. The School of Languages, Linguistics and Film also runs a Writing Support Centre which offers weekly workshops to any students who would like to develop their academic writing further. Additional support is regularly provided by professional writers working in the College as Royal Literary Fund Fellows.

Programme-specific Rules and Facts

Specific Support for Disabled Students

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate, postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.

Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:

- Finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia
- Applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Arranging DSA assessments of need
- Special arrangements in examinations
- Accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders)
- Specialist one-to-one "study skills" tuition
- Ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille)
- Providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants)
- Mentoring support for students with mental health issues and conditions on the autistic spectrum.

Links With Employers, Placement Opportunities and Transferable Skills

As a graduate in English and a foreign language you have been highly trained to value both linguistic precision and cultural contexts. In addition to your excellent communication skills (written and spoken) you have the cultural flexibility that comes from having lived, and perhaps worked, abroad. Your training in the analysis and interpretation of material as well as in report-writing, group-working and presentation skills is highly valued by future employers. Our graduates are attracted to sectors as diverse as banking, multinational corporations, marketing, PR, sales, management consultancies, the diplomatic service, publishing, the media, teaching, law, computing, library management. Each year some of our students go on to study at postgraduate level.

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification

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