

English Majors / Domaine I (BA-LET)

Linguistics/Philology				English/American Literature					
Year One, Modules 1 & 2: 30 ECTS = “First Year Exam”									
ECTS				ECTS				Total	
Module 1: Foundations				Module 2: Foundations					
L: Linguistics	3			L: Survey I Eng/Am Lit.	3				
L: Philology	3			L: Survey II Eng/Am Lit.	3				
PS: Linguistics or Philology	3			PS: Intro to Literary Studies	3				
Module exam	6			Module Exam	6			15	
								30	
Years One and Two, Module 3, Language Proficiency									
Writing for Academic Purposes	6			Writing for Academic Purposes	6				
Proficiency English	3			Proficiency English	3			18	
								48	
Years Two and Three, Modules 4 & 5									
Module 4: Theory and Texts				Module 5: Culture & Identity					
L: Linguistics	3			L: English/American Lit.	3				
L: Philology	3			L: English/American Lit.	3				
PS: Philology or Linguistics	3+3			PS: English/American Lit.	3+3			12	
								72	
Years Two and Three, Modules 6 & 7									
Module 6: Advanced Research and Writing				Module 7: Advanced Research and Writing					
PS: Linguistics	3+3			PS: English/American Lit.	3+3				
PS: Philology	3+3			PS: English/American Lit.	3+3			12	
								96	
Module 8: Capstone Experience									
Choose one of the three options									
Applied project (Ling and Phil only)	BA Thesis			Comprehensive Oral Exam				12	
								108	
Module 9: Soft Skills									
Any, not from student’s major or minor subject								12	
								120	

LINGUISTICS AND PHILOLOGY

Study Plan Module One: Foundations	MyUnifr / Gefri
L : Linguistics	Lecture: Introduction to English Language and Society (Intro) – SS2027
L : Philology	Lecture: Introduction to Old and Middle English (Intro) – AS2026 OR SS2027
PS: Linguistics or Philology Choose only one Proseminar	Proseminar: Introduction to English Linguistics (Intro) - AS2026 → Linguistics (LG) Proseminar: Holy Warriors in Anglo-Saxon England (Intro) - AS2026 → Philology (PH) Proseminar: Introduction to English Phonetics and Phonology (Intro) - SS2027 → Linguistics (LG) Proseminar: Magic and the Supernatural in Medieval Literature (Intro) - SS2027 → Philology (PH) Proseminar: Legends of Good and Bad Women (Intro) - SS2027 → Philology (PH) OR OR OR OR
Module exam	BA-LG/PH Foundations Module Exam – three components

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE

Study Plan Module Two: Foundations	MyUnifr / Gefri
L: Survey I English/Am. Lit.	Lecture: Survey of English Literature I AS2026
L: Survey II English/Am. Lit.	Lecture: Survey of English Literature II – SS2027
PS: Intro to Literary Studies	Proseminar: Introduction to Literary Studies – AS2026 OR SS2027
Module exam	BA-Literature Foundations Module Exam – three components

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Study Plan Module 3	MyUnifr / Gefri
Writing for Academic Purposes	Writing for Academic Purposes: Foundation (Group A OR B) – AS2026
Proficiency English	Proficiency English for English Specialists I (Group A OR B) – AS2026
Writing for Academic Purposes	Writing for Academic Purposes: Applications (Group A OR B) – SS2027
Proficiency English	Proficiency English for English Specialists II (Group A OR B) – SS2027

NB The first-year exam for BALET major students (120 credits programme) corresponds to the successful completion of both Foundation Modules after 4 semesters.

Autumn Semester (AS) 2026

Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
08:15 – 09:00			Dr. K. Schindler LIT L: Lecture: Survey of English Literature I		Dr. N. Davis WAP I Writing for Academic Purposes: Foundation; Group B
09:15 – 10:00					
10:15 – 11:00			Dr. J. Vuille PH L: Lecture: Introduction to Old and Middle English (Intro)	Dr. N. Davis WAP Writing for Academic Purposes: Foundation; Group A	Dr. I. Schaller-Schwaner PE I Proficiency English for English Specialists I; Group A
11:15 – 12:00					
12:15 – 13:00					
13:15 – 14:00	Prof. S. Oswald LG PS: Proseminar: Introduction to English Linguistics (Intro)	Prof. E. Dutton PH PS: Proseminar: Holy Warriors in Anglo-Saxon England (Intro)			Dr. I. Schaller-Schwaner PE I Proficiency English for English Specialists I; Group B
14:15 – 15:00					
15:15 – 16:00	Dr. P. Zanella LIT PS: Proseminar: Introduction to Literary Studies			N. Töndury LIT PS: Proseminar: Introduction to Literary Studies	N.B.: WAP I and PE I are taught in two groups. Please register in MyUnifr for ONE group of each course.
16:15 – 17:00					
17:15 – 18:00					
18:15 – 19:00					

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Spring Semester (SS) 2027

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
08:15 – 09:00		Dr. A. Blanc PH PS: Proseminar: Magic and the Supernatural in Medieval Literature (Intro)	Prof. K. Schindler LIT L: Lecture: Survey of English Literature II		Dr. N. Davis WAP II Writing for Academic Purposes: Applications; Group B
09:15 – 10:00					
10:15 – 11:00	J. von Bergen LIT PS: Proseminar: Introduction to Literary Studies		Dr. J. Vuille PH L: Lecture: Introduction to Old and Middle English (Intro)	Dr. N. Davis WAP II Writing for Academic Purposes: Applications; Group A	Dr. I. Schaller-Schwaner PE II Proficiency English for English Specialists II; Group A
11:15 – 12:00					
12:15 – 13:00					
13:15 – 14:00	Prof. S. Oswald LG PS: Proseminar: Introduction to English Phonetics and Phonology (Intro)	Prof. E. Dutton PH PS: Proseminar: Legends of Good and Bad Women (Intro)	Prof. D. Maillat LG L: Lecture: Introduction to English Language and Society (Intro)		Dr. I. Schaller-Schwaner PE II Proficiency English for English Specialists II; Group B
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15:15 – 16:00	Dr. P. Zanella LIT PS: Proseminar: Introduction to Literary Studies				N.B.: WAP I and PE II are taught in two groups. Please register in MyUnifr for ONE group of each course.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

APTITUDE TEST

BALET English

Mandatory language test for new BA students in
English (BALET Major and Minor)

NB: BASI students are not required to take the test

Date & Time: Friday, 18 September 2026, 15:15–17:00

Location: MIS 10 (Rue de Rome 1), Room 01.13 (downstairs)

The Aptitude Test is an in-person, paper-and-pencil test and takes approximately 90 minutes to complete. The aim of the test is to ensure that students in the Department have a sufficient level of English to follow courses taught in the language. There is no special preparation or studying to do before the test, and you do not need to register for the test. Simply show up at the appointed time and place.

There are no exemptions from the Aptitude Test (even for native speakers).

As indicated on the department homepage, a minimum level of English is required to study in the department:

Students who wish to study English literature and linguistics are expected to have achieved a high level of English language competence in their Matura/Maturité/Maturita. We strongly recommend a level of C1 in English for students beginning their studies at the English department.

If test results do not correspond to this required level, you may receive a letter from the Department advising you to postpone the start of your studies.

We will begin the test at exactly 15:15. If you arrive late, you will not be given extra time. Plan to be there by 15:00 and use the restroom facilities before the test. You will need a pencil and eraser (or pen and correction fluid). **Please bring your student ID.**