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In accordance with Article 13 Paragraph 1 Clause 2 in conjunction with Article 61 Paragraph 2 Clause 1 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act, the University of Bamberg issues the following

Study and Subject Examination Regulations:

§ 29 Scope of application

- (1) These study and subject examination regulations comprise specific regulations for the University of Bamberg's master's degree programme in "English and American Studies."
- (2) ¹The study and subject examination regulations supplement the general examination regulations for the bachelor's and master's degree programmes of both the Humanities and the Human Sciences and Education Faculties and the regulations for module examinations within the scope of the first secondary school teaching examination (APO) at the University of Bamberg. ²In cases of doubt, the general examination regulations take precedence.

§ 30 Examining board

The examining board is composed of the English Studies professors at the University of Bamberg.

§ 31 Programme duration

- ¹Students may begin the degree programme in either the winter or summer semesters.
²The standard programme duration is four semesters of study.

§ 32 Admission requirements

- (1) Admission to the "English and American Studies" master's degree programme stipulates that candidates possess a degree from an institution of higher education or an equivalent German or foreign six-semester undergraduate-level degree comprising at least 180 ECTS points, of which at least 45 ECTS points were earned in the field of English and American studies or another philological subject.

- (2) ¹Furthermore, English language proficiency at a level suitable for a master's degree programme taught in English must be verified. ²The level of English proficiency is to be verified by the following minimum scores on one of the most prevalent English language tests: TOEFL: 250 (computer-based) or 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based); IELTS: (academic or general test) minimum score of 7; Cambridge Proficiency Exam: passed; Trinity Ca' Foscari Certification: C1-Level: passed. ³ Candidates with near-native English language proficiency or proficiency at the C2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages are not required to provide such proficiency verification.
- (3) ¹The examining board may allow commencement of studies prior to the verification of the admission requirements listed in paragraph 1 provided that at least 150 completed ECTS points towards the qualifying degree can be verified at the time of enrolment. ²The admission requirements must be fulfilled within the first semester. ³In this case, admission is granted only provisionally. ⁴Enrolment is limited to one semester. ⁵The limitation shall be officially removed upon verification of fulfilled admission requirements. ⁶Should the admission requirements not be fulfilled within the time limit, the student's enrolment in the master's degree programme will be terminated. ⁷Until such time as all admission requirements are conclusively verified, course and examination credit is awarded on a strictly conditional basis.

§ 33 Programme objectives

- (1) The "English and American Studies" master's degree programme is a four-semester programme leading to a second, advanced academic degree.
- (2) The "English and American Studies" master's degree programme imparts the following academic and professional knowledge and skills:
- In-depth knowledge of English and American literary and cultural history, and English linguistics and language history
 - Advanced skills in academic literary analysis
 - Competence in independent linguistic analysis of texts and text collections
 - In-depth knowledge concerning theoretical debate and the critical application of theoretical concepts to self-chosen research topics
 - Skills for the audience-oriented presentation of one's own findings
 - The ability to integrate knowledge and deal with complexity

- (3) The “English and American Studies” master’s programme offers two different degree options hereafter referred to as study tracks. The final degree is determined by the chosen track.
- a) Students in the “English and American Studies” track graduate with the “Master of Arts” degree.
 - b) Graduates of the “European Programme in English and American Studies” track receive with the “European Joint Master’s Degree in English and American Studies – Master of Arts” degree.

§ 34 Programme and study track structure

- (1) ¹The “English and American Studies” master’s programme requires completion of modules comprising at least 120 ECTS points. ²The subject-specific modules include courses and module examinations that are held or are to be completed entirely in English. ³They include courses comprising between 2 and 8 lesson hours per week per semester.
- (2) ¹The core curriculum of the “English and American Studies” master’s programme is made up of compulsory modules comprising 40 ECTS points. ²At least 12 additional ECTS points must be earned in required elective modules in the Free Electives group. ³30 ECTS points are allotted to the Master’s Thesis module.
- (3) Students are to complete at least 38 remaining ECTS points within the scope of their selected track.

1. The “English and American Studies” track

The subject-specific 38 ECTS points are allotted to the following areas:

- a) In the context of the Consolidation and the Profile Modules, each student chooses an advanced-level required elective module comprising 10 ECTS points.
- b) In the Restricted Electives group, modules comprising at least 18 ECTS points are completed.

2. The “European Programme in English and American Studies” track

- a) ¹In the European Joint Master’s Degree, modules totalling at least 30 ECTS points are to be completed at one of the programme’s participating partner universities in line with that university’s applicable, legally binding examination regulations. ²This track can only be selected if all requirements specified in the appendix to these regulations have been met and if the consortium representing the participating partner universities has confirmed

in writing that the required minimum of one mobility semester at a participating university can be completed. ³Each partner university provides placement for 10 mobility students. ⁴Partner universities in English-speaking foreign countries provide mobility placement on the basis of reciprocity. ⁵All students admitted by the consortium to a partner university receive mobility placement. ⁶The modules and examination credit to be earned during the mobility semester are to be arranged with the degree programme coordinator in the form of a Learning Agreement prior to the start of the student's stay abroad, and these may be completed as part of the Consolidation Modules, Profile Modules and Free Elective module groups.

b) The track-specific 38 ECTS points are allotted to the following groups:

- The Consolidation Modules module group requires the completion of modules of the student's choosing which comprise at least 10 ECTS points.
- The Profile Modules module group comprises modules from one of the three specialisation fields that total at least 28 ECTS points.

§ 35 Modules and module examinations in the core curriculum

(1) Compulsory Modules

Module title	P/ WP	ECTS points	Lesson hours per week (SWS)	Module examination
Master Module English and American Literature	P	10	4	Term paper
Master Module English Linguistics	P	10	4	Term paper
Master Module British and American Culture	P	10	4	Term paper
Master Module Language Proficiency	P	10	6	4 module examination segments that may be completed as oral and/or written examination segments.

(2) Free Electives

¹The Free Electives module group requires completion of at least 12 ECTS points.

²The choices are the Internship module with 6 ECTS points as well as modules from other specialisation fields.

a) Internship

Module title	P/ WP	ECTS points	Module examination
Internship	WP	6	Internship report or portfolio (no marks given)

¹For the Internship module, students are to complete a career-oriented or research-based internship with a combined total of 180 hours (either full or part-time).

²Admission to the Internship module requires an advisory interview with the advisor in whose subject field the internship is thematically situated. ³The internship may be completed in museums, libraries and archives, non-university research institutions, publishing houses, in press, radio and television editorial departments, political institutions, foundations, in the marketing and public relations field, in religious and touristic organisations or the like, either in Germany or abroad. ⁴It may be completed in no more than two phases and in no more than two organisations or institutions.

b) Modules from other specialisation fields

¹At least 6 ECTS points are to be completed in modules of the student's choosing that are from other specialisation fields. ²Students should select English-language modules. ³Among others, the following degree programmes at the University of Bamberg offer English-language modules:

- The master's programme in Applied Computer Science
- The master's programme in Business Administration and Management
- The master's programme in Computing in the Humanities
- The master's programme in General Linguistics
- The master's programme in European Economic Studies
- The master's programme in International Business Administration and Management
- The master's programme in Information Systems
- The master's programme in Education in Business and Information Systems

⁴Practical language courses from the following degree programmes, among others, may also be selected:

- a) The bachelor's and master's programmes in Slavonic Studies,
- b) The bachelor's and master's programmes in Romance Studies,
- c) The bachelor's programme in Islamic Studies,
- d) The master's programme in Arabic Studies,

- e) The master's programme in Iranian Studies,
- f) The master's programme in Turkish Studies.

⁵Equivalent proficiency in other languages may be accepted upon request. ⁶§7 Paragraph 1 APO remains unaffected. ⁷The regulations stipulated by the degree programme to which each respective module is allocated apply to the module examinations required within the scope of this module group. ⁸Due to the unrestricted combination of module formats in selected subjects, the minimum number of ECTS points required to complete the degree may be exceeded slightly.

§ 36 Track-specific modules and module groups

(1) The “English and American Studies” track

a) Profile Modules

Module title	P/ WP	ECTS points	SWS	Module examination
Profile Module English and American Literature I	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module English Linguistics I	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module British and American Culture I	WP	10	4	Term paper

The Profile Module must be completed in the specialisation field to which the topic of the master's thesis corresponds.

b) Consolidation Modules

Module title	P/ WP	ECTS points	SWS	Module examination
Consolidation Module English and American Literature I	WP	10	4	Oral exam
Consolidation Module English Linguistics I	WP	10	4	Oral exam
Consolidation Module British and American Culture I	WP	10	4	Oral exam

The Consolidation Module from any of the three specialisation fields may be selected.

c) Restricted Electives

¹In the Restricted Electives group, modules totalling at least 18 ECTS points and from one of the three specialisation fields or other subjects of the student's choosing must be completed. ²English-language modules are recommended. ³Modules representing a continuation of a hitherto pursued minor may also be selected. ⁴The following modules from the degree programme's specialisation fields may be selected:

Module title	P/ WP	ECTS points	SWS	Module examination
Profile Module English and American Literature II	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module English and American Literature III	WP	8	2	Term paper
Profile Module English Linguistics II	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module English Linguistics III	WP	8	2	Term paper
Profile Module British and American Culture II	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module British and American Culture III	WP	8	2	Term paper

⁵Due to the unrestricted combination of module formats in selected subjects, the minimum number of ECTS points required to complete the degree may be exceeded slightly. ⁶The examination regulations of the degree programme to which each respective module is allocated apply to the Restricted Elective modules.

(2) The “European Programme in English and American Studies” track

a) Consolidation Modules

Module title	P/ WP	ECTS points	SWS	Module examination
Consolidation Module English and American Literature I	WP	10	4	Oral exam
Consolidation Module English and American Literature II	WP	6	2	Oral exam
Consolidation Module English and American Literature III	WP	5	2	Oral exam
Consolidation Module English and American Literature IV	WP	4	2	Presentation
Consolidation Module English Linguistics I	WP	10	4	Oral exam
Consolidation Module English Linguistics II	WP	6	2	Oral exam

Consolidation Module English Linguistics III	WP	5	2	Oral exam
Consolidation Module English Linguistics IV	WP	4	2	Presentation
Consolidation Module British and American Culture I	WP	10	4	Oral exam
Consolidation Module British and American Culture II	WP	6	2	Oral exam
Consolidation Module British and American Culture III	WP	5	2	Oral exam
Consolidation Module British and American Culture IV	WP	4	2	Presentation

Within the scope of the Consolidation Modules module group, 10 ECTS points must be completed in a specialisation field in which master's thesis will not be written.

b) Profile Modules

Module title	P/ WP	ECTS points	SWS	Module examination
Profile Module English and American Literature I	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module English and American Literature II	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module English and American Literature III	WP	8	2	Term paper
Profile Module English and American Literature IV	WP	6	2	Term paper
Profile Module English and American Literature V	WP	5	2	Term paper
Profile Module English and American Literature VI	WP	4	2	Presentation
Profile Module English Linguistics I	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module English Linguistics II	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module English Linguistics III	WP	8	2	Term paper
Profile Module English Linguistics IV	WP	6	2	Term paper
Profile Module English Linguistics V	WP	5	2	Term paper
Profile Module English Linguistics VI	WP	4	2	Presentation
Profile Module British and American Culture I	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module British and American Culture II	WP	10	4	Term paper
Profile Module British and American Culture III	WP	8	2	Term paper

Profile Module British and American Culture IV	WP	6	2	Term paper
Profile Module British and American Culture V	WP	5	2	Term paper
Profile Module British and American Culture VI	WP	4	2	Presentation

The 28 ECTS points for this module group must be completed in the specialisation field to which the topic of the master's thesis corresponds.

§ 37 Master's Thesis Module

- (1) ¹In both of the programme's study tracks, the master's thesis has the credit value of 26 ECTS points and is thematically allocated to one of the three specialisation fields. ²It serves as proof of the ability to study and research independently. ³It must be written in English. ⁴The master's thesis must include a summary written in English. ⁵The scope of the thesis-related oral examination is 4 ECTS points. ⁶The purpose of this examination is the defence of the master's thesis. ⁷It is conducted in English and may take place once the master's thesis has conclusively been awarded a minimum passing mark of 4.0. ⁸The oral examination takes 30 minutes.
- (2) ¹Master's thesis authorization is granted based on the requirement that at least 60 ECTS points have been earned in the English and American Studies master's degree programme. ²The topic of the master's thesis is generally arranged at the end of the third semester of study with a subject advisor authorised to hold examinations. ³The application for authorization must be submitted no later than would allow for the completion of the programme within the maximum time permitted.
- (3) The period of time allotted for the writing of the master's thesis is six months.
- (4) ¹As a rule, the master's thesis is to be evaluated within three months' time. ²It is considered passed if it receives a mark of at least "sufficient" (4.0).
- (5) ¹Master's theses in the English and American Studies track are reviewed by two authorised persons, one of whom assigned the thesis topic. ²Should the two reviewers award differing marks of at least "sufficient" (4.0), the final mark shall be determined by the arithmetical mean of the two individual marks. ³In the event of dissenting evaluations wherein one reviewer deems the thesis "insufficient," the responsible examination board decides on the final mark.
- (6) ¹In the European Programme in English and American Studies track, the second evaluation should be performed by a professor (or teaching staff member of equivalent status) from a partner university. ²Otherwise, Paragraph 5 applies.

§ 38 English and American Studies as a distribution elective in other master's programmes

¹Admission to English and American Studies module examinations as part of a distribution elective for another master's programme is based on a review of English proficiency as determined by a compulsory placement test (a score of 60% is required for admission). ²The placement test is held prior to the start of each semester and there is no restriction on the number of times it can be retaken.

§ 39 Effective date, transitional provision

- (1) These regulations come into effect beginning 1 October 2013.
- (2) ¹The admission regulations in § 32 are applicable beginning with enrolments in the 2014 summer semester. ²Pursuant to these regulations, commencement of studies in the European Programme in English and American Studies track is possible no earlier than the 2014 summer semester. ³The possibility of transferring credit from European Joint Master's Degree in English and American Studies degree studies previously begun at the University of Bamberg to continuing studies, pursuant to these regulations, in the European Programme in English and American Studies in the 2013/2014 winter semester remains unaffected.
- (3) With the coming into effect of these regulations, the study and subject examination regulations for the "Anglistik/Amerikanistik" master's degree programme at the University of Bamberg of 28 September 2012 (citation: http://www.uni-bamberg.de/fileadmin/uni/amtliche_veroeffentlichungen/2012/2012-67.pdf), excepting for cases outlined in Paragraph 4, no longer apply.
- (4) Students who began their studies prior to these study and subject examination regulations coming into effect shall complete their studies according to the previously applicable regulations.

Appendix: admission to the “European Programme in English and American Studies” track:

1. ¹Decisions on admission to the European Programme in English and American Studies track are made based on a written application that must be submitted to the University of Bamberg’s examining board for English and American studies no later than 15 April for studies beginning in the winter semester or 15 November for studies beginning in the summer semester. ²Final admissions decisions are made by the consortium that represents the programme’s participating partner universities.
2. ¹For reasons of partner universities’ existing capacities, there is a limited number of available places for students in the European Programme in English and American Studies. ²A maximum of 10 students can be admitted per semester.
3. ¹Should the number of applicants to the programme exceed the number of available places, a selection process shall take place. ²The selection criterion is the final, overall mark of the qualifying degree as per §32 Paragraph 1. ³Until the admissions capacity as per 2 above has been reached, those applicants with the best overall marks shall be admitted. ⁴In cases of equivalent qualifications, applicants shall be selected by lottery.
4. Rejections must be substantiated and must include instructions on rights of legal appeal.

§ 2 of the amendment ordinance

This amendment ordinance enters into effect beginning 1 April 2014.