



Universität
Zürich^{UZH}

English Department



Universität
Zürich^{UZH}

Welcome Days Fall Semester 2026

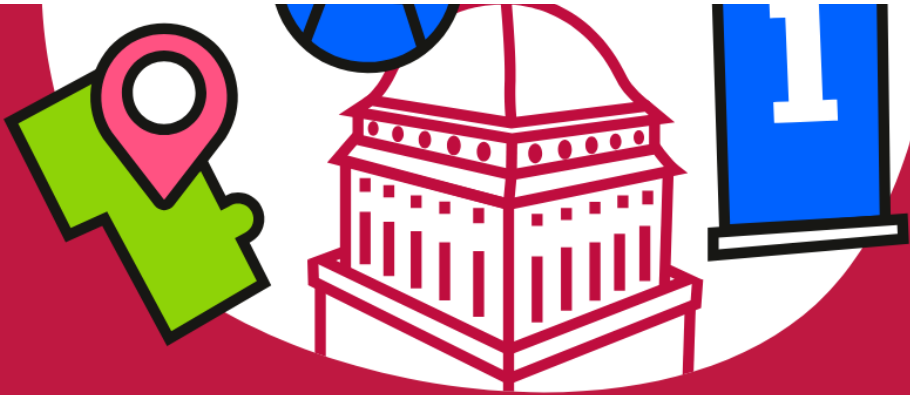
7.–11. September 2026

Warm-Up Day: 7. September 2026

Let's kick off together!



**Welcome to the
English Department**



The English Department

Building PLH, Plattenstrasse 47, 8032 Zürich



Building PET, Pestalozzistrasse 50, 8032 Zürich



The English Department

- The English Department at UZH is the largest English department in Switzerland.
- Four chairs in English Literature and four chairs in English Linguistics.
- Several third-party funded research projects.

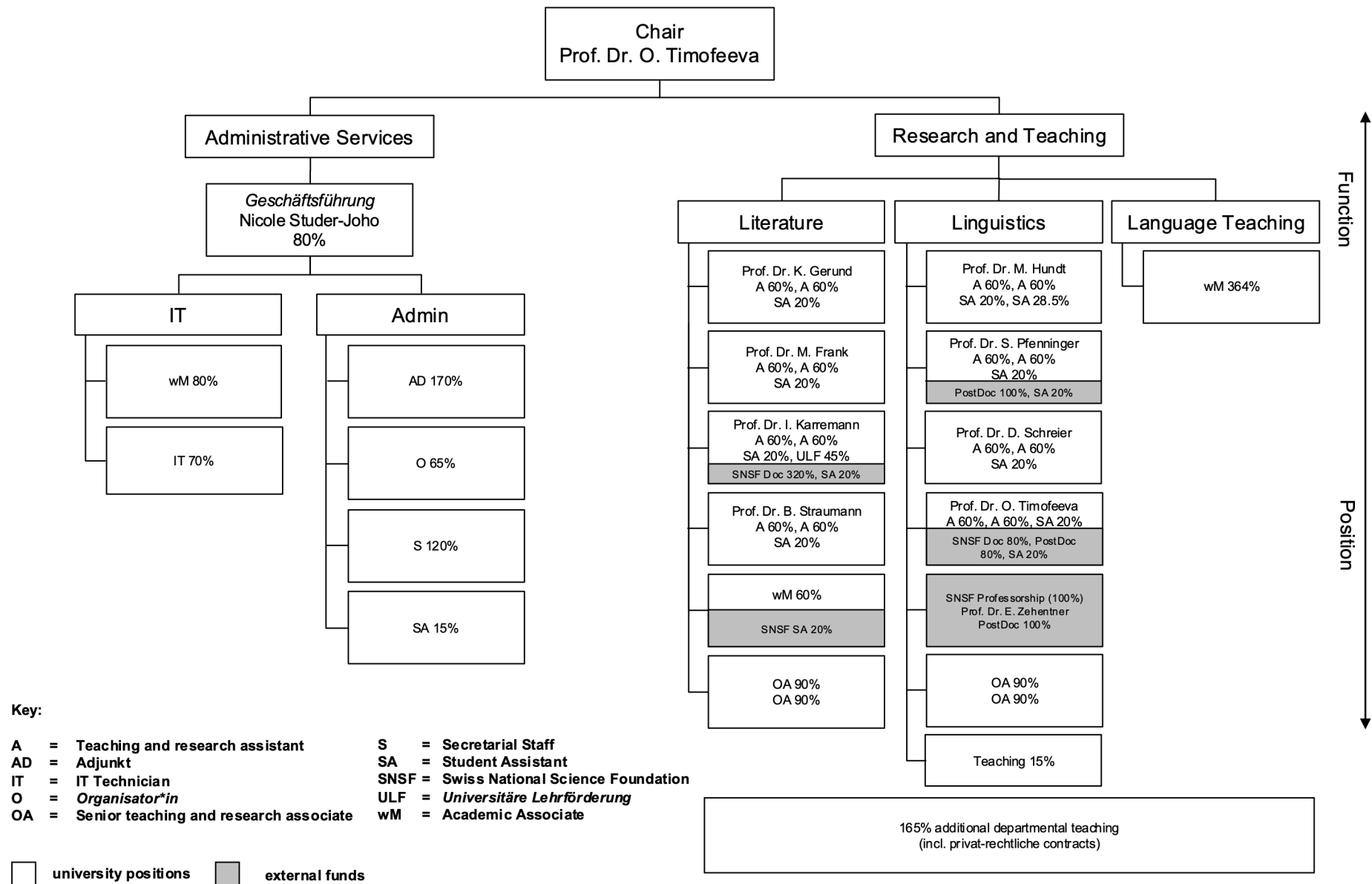
English Department Staff



Universität
Zürich

English Department Staff Members A-Z
Fall Semester 2026

 Zoë Achilles, M.A. (Assistant Frank)	 Lukas Arnold, M.A. (PhD Student SNSF, Literature)	 Marina Aslan Caparros, M.A. (Assistant Timesfere)	 Bibah Ayed, M.A. (PhD Student WWF, Project SNSF, Instructor Linguistics)	 Dr. Katherin Bartha-Mitchell (Senior Assistant Literature)	 Dr. Antonina Bevan Zitar (Instructor Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Johannes Binotti (Instructor Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Dieter Bittner (President Linguistics)	 Glencarlo Bonilla, B.A. (Student Research Assistant Handt)	 Ann-Sophie Boushous, M.A. (PhD Student Drama/CAPS, Project SNSF, Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Emerita Literature	 Sofia Carpentieri, M.A. (Assistant Handt)			
 Dr. Stella Caselli (Assistant General Manager, Instructor Literature)	 PD Dr. Sarah Cavalier (President Linguistics)	 Bethany Dallas, M.A. (Assistant Handt)	 Prof. Dr. Volker Dellwo (Instructor Linguistics)	 Jane Dewhurst, M.A. TEFL, M. Phil. (Editor)	 Prof. Dr. Andreas Fischer (Emerita Linguistics, Former President UZH)	 Prof. Dr. Michael C. Frank (Literature)	 Dr. Nicole Frey Rischel (TZZZ Coordinator, Instructor Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Udo Fries (Emerita Linguistics)	 Luka Galzer, M.A. (PhD Student WWF/Soc/DEP, Project SNSF, Linguistics)	 Lea Gressner, M.A. (Assistant Frank)	 Dr. Philip Gerand (Lecturer, Instructor Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Katharina Gerund (Literature)	 Ege Güller, B.A. (Student Research Assistant Gerund)	 Prof. Dr. Fritz Gutbrod (Emerita Adjunct Professor Literature)
 Rebekka Haerten, M.A. (Assistant Scherer)	 Renja Hansen, M.A. (Assistant Scherer)	 Dr. Anthony Harris (Former WWF-ME Project SNSF, Linguistics)	 Prof. Dr. Martin Heuser (Emerita Literature)	 Taben Hilbe, B.A. (Student Research Assistant WWF-ME Project SNSF, Ling.)	 Timothy Holden, M.A. (PhD Student Drama/CAPS, Project SNSF, Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Peter Hughes (Emerita Literature)	 Jana-Maria Humbel, B.A. (Assistant Timesfere)	 Prof. Dr. Marianne Hundt (Linguistics)	 Rabel Hweyler, M.A. (Assistant Timesfere)	 Frances Imberger, M.A. (Editor)	 Prof. Dr. Andreas H. Jucker (Emerita Linguistics)	 Prof. Dr. Isabel Karremann (Deputy Head of Department, Literature)	 Dr. Hansi Kaushan (PhD Student SNSF, Linguistics)	 Dr. Jonas Keller (Instructor Linguistics)
 Dr. Danielle Klaproth Mazur (Instructor Linguistics)	 Nicole Koenigslocher, M.A. (Assistant Gerund)	 Dr. Meredith Kolar (Editor)	 Simona Kraschell, M.A. (Assistant Strammann)	 Alakshandra Kumbhacharya (Student Assistant Social Media)	 Prof. Dr. Daniela Landert (President Linguistics)	 Dr. Hans Martin Lehmann (IT Coordinator, Instructor Linguistics)	 Dr. sec. Roland Lerch (IT Coordinator)	 Dr. phil. Nikola Leudolph (IT Liaison Librarian)	 Prof. Dr. Christina Ljungberg (Emerita Adjunct Professor Literature)	 Hanna Lorenz (Student Research Assistant Karremann)	 Naomi Luvig, B.A. (Student Research Assistant Karremann)	 Dr. David Matley (Editor)	 Nathalie Meyer, M.A. (Stay Abroad Coordinator, Instructor Linguistics)	 Dr. Anne-Claire Michoux (Research Assistant Linguistics)
 Olena Monerova, M.A. (Research Assistant Karremann)	 Dr. Lorenzo Moretti (Senior Assistant Linguistics)	 Dr. Martin Mühlheim (Instructor Literature, James Joyce Foundation)	 Inna Munimovic, B.A. (Student Research Assistant Scherer)	 Dr. Anja Neukum-Hermann (IT Liaison Librarian)	 Francesca Nocita, B.A. (Student Research Assistant Karremann)	 Prof. Dr. Hans Oswald (Emerita Adjunct Professor Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Henri Petter (Emerita Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Simone Pfenniger (Linguistics)	 Prof. Dr. Allen Roddick (Emerita Literature)	 Chris Ritter, M.A. (Administrative, Research Assistant WWF-Soc/DEP)	 Alex Rose, B.L.E. Liaison	 Annika Rosenmuth, M.A. (Assistant Pfenniger)	 Dr. phil. Kirstin Rudin (Administrative)	 Jolina Salgueiro, B.A. (Student Research Assistant Pfenniger)
 Beatrix Sarpnau, M.A. (Research Assistant Frank)	 Nastacia Schmid, M.A. (Assistant Strammann)	 Prof. Dr. Daniel Scherier (Linguistics)	 PD Dr. Annina Seiler Rübel (TZZZ Coordinator, Instructor Linguistics)	 Dr. h.c. Fritz Senn (James Joyce Foundation)	 Dr. Xin Semrad (PostDoc SNSF Project Project)	 Dr. Ana Schulz (Instructor Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Theresia Steffen (Emerita Adjunct Professor Literature)	 Linda Steiner, B.A. (Student Research Assistant Pfenniger)	 Prof. Dr. Barbara Strammann (Literature)	 Dr. Nicole Studer-Johr (General Manager, Instructor Linguistics)	 Wilmar Stüssi, M.A. (Assistant Karremann)	 Karin Taglang, B.A. (Head of Department WWF-ME Project SNSF, Ling.)	 Prof. Dr. Olga Timofeeva (Head of Department, Linguistics, on leave)	 Fiona Tinner, M.A. (Student Research Assistant Scherer)
 Dr. Olivia Tyron-Alexander (Study Advisor, Instructor Literature)	 Prof. Dr. Cornelia Turt (Emerita Linguistics)	 Julia von Lottow (Student Research Assistant Karremann)	 Dr. West Van Fleet (Senior Assistant Linguistics)	 Dr. Ina Venzl (Instructor Literature)	 Dr. Johanna Vogelpanger (PostDoc WWF-ME Project SNSF, Linguistics, on leave)	 Hanna Wüthrich, M.A. (Assistant Gerund)	 Dr. Stevan Wüthrich (Editor)	 Elizabeth Wagner, B.A. (Student Research Assistant Zehender)	 Stephanie Weber, B.A. (Student Research Assistant Strammann)	 Dr. Simon Witz (PostDoc Vorlage Project Linguistics)	 Dr. Andreas Wildermuth (Senior Assistant Literature)	 Jasmina Wollmann (Assistant Timesfere, on leave) SNSF Fellowship Linguistics)	 Prof. Dr. Eva Zehender (Head of Department, Linguistics)	 Audrey Zühlke, M.A. (Assistant Pfenniger)



The English Department: Linguistics



Prof. Dr. Marianne Hundt

- Language variation and ongoing change
- Morpho-syntax and construction grammar
- World Englishes
- Early and Late Modern English
- Corpus linguistics
- Psycho-linguistic experimentation



Prof. Dr. Daniel Schreier

- Language variation and change in English and beyond
- Sociolinguistics (historical and contemporary)
- English dialectology
- Contact linguistics
- Varieties of English around the world, better- and lesser-known.



Prof. Dr. Simone Pfenninger

- The age factor in second language acquisition (SLA)
- Lifespan perspectives of language learning
- Speech and language disorders
- Multilingualism inside and outside the classroom
- Cognitive mechanisms driving language change
- Causal and mechanism theories of explanation

The English Department: Linguistics



Prof. Dr. Olga Timofeeva

- Old and Middle English
- Historical lexicology and semantics
- Language contact in the Middle Ages
- Historical sociolinguistics
- Historical pragmatics and discourse studies
- Historical syntax



Prof. Dr. Eva Zehenter

- historical linguistics
- corpus linguistics
- morphosyntax
- cognitive linguistics
- (diachronic) construction grammar
- evolutionary linguistics

The English Department: Literature



Prof. Dr. Michael Frank

- Victorian culture and imperialism
- The spatial turn in literary studies
- Postcolonial and migrant writing
- Cultural representations of terrorism and the “War on Terror”
- (Neo)Imperialism and environmental change



Prof. Dr. Katharina Gerund

- Cultures of War and Critical Military Studies
- Cultural Theory and US Popular Culture (esp. film and TV series)
- Affect Studies, Public Feeling, and Sentimentality
- Cultural Mobility (esp. in the transatlantic world)
- African American and Asian American Literature
- Gender Studies and Feminist Theory

The English Department: Literature



Prof. Dr. Isabel Karremann

- Early modern drama and theatrical culture
- Shakespeare, memory and space
- Cognition, affect and sense perception in early modern drama
- Eighteenth-century culture and the literary history of globalization
- Gender studies and feminist criticism
- Robinson Crusoe and its afterlives



Prof. Dr. Barbara Straumann

- English literature since 1800, esp. the long nineteenth century and its cultural afterlife
- Intermediality, film, visual culture
- Gender
- Celebrity culture
- Queenship, royalty
- Economic criticism, debt studies, women and money

Most Common Types of Courses

- **Methodology courses** (offered every semester)
 - Reading Literary and Cultural Theory
 - Methods and Theories in English Linguistics
- **Writing Skills for Research** (offered every semester)
- **Lectures** (different every semester)
- **Research Seminars** (different every semester)
- **Colloquia** (different every semester)

The requirements for each program are listed on the English Department website:
<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/master.html>

Unique MA Modules

➤ **(Advanced) Research Internships**

- Students contribute to an ongoing research project at the English Department
- A chance to experience the research process to see if academia might be of interest
- A plus on the CV

➤ **Short Internships**

- Students work in a cultural institution in and around Zurich, e.g., curating an exhibition, documenting archives or creating online resources
- Students are not paid, but they do receive ECTS credits
- A plus on the CV

Master's Thesis (for Majors)

- This is your chance to engage in depth with a topic of your choice. You are free to choose a topic from within the field of English studies.
- MA theses are normally supervised by professors, but other instructors with PhDs may also act as supervisors.
- The MA thesis module is a two-semester module worth 30 ECTS credits (i.e. a third of your English degree program)
- Some MA theses are later further developed into a PhD project

Sample Curriculum: English Literature and Linguistics Major (90 ECTS)

- The UZH provides sample curricula for each study program.
- These illustrate one suggested way of completing the program. It is possible to do it differently.
- The sample curricula (MC) can be found here:
<https://www.phil.uzh.ch/de/studium/dokumente/master.html>

1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester	4 th Semester
Module Group: Methods and Theories Methods and Theories in English Linguistics (C 6) Reading Literary and Critical Theory (C 6)		Master's Thesis (C 30)	
		Module Group: Research-oriented Specialisation: English Linguistics Module Group: Research-oriented Specialisation: English Literature Module Group: Research-oriented Specialisation: English Linguistics Free choice of modules (CE or E 9) Module Group: Research-oriented Specialisation: English Literature Free choice of modules (CE or E 9) Free choice of modules (CE or E 9) from both module groups	
Module Group: Language Skills and Culture Writing Skills for Research (C 6)			
15 ECTS Credits from any module group in the program			
	Mobility Window	Mobility Window	

C: Compulsory Module – CE: Core Elective Module – E: Elective Module – Number: ECTS Credits

valid from 1 August 2026

Part Time Studies

- Full time students can complete the MA program within 4 semesters (if they pass all modules)
- It is possible to study part-time. It will simply take longer to complete the program. There is no need to indicate whether one studies part or full time.
- Students have great flexibility to put together their schedule.
- 1 ECTS credits is the equivalent of 30 hours of work (preparation, classes, review, exam preparation, paper writing, etc.)

Minimum Requirements for *Lehrdiplom*

Always

- The Teaching Diploma (Lehrdiplom für Maturitätsschulen), which is an additional degree.
- Can be pursued during one's MA studies

English as first or only teaching subject

- The equivalent of a BA minor in English Literature and Linguistics
- At least 45 ECTS in English Literature/Linguistics at Master level
- A Master Thesis in English Studies (either Literature or Linguistics)
- Overall, at least 21 ECTS each in English Literature and in English Linguistics
- A Stay Abroad (min. 6 months)
- "Module Language Skills for Teachers"

English as second teaching subject

- The equivalent of a BA minor in English Literature and Linguistics
- At least 30 ECTS in English at Master Level
- Overall, at least 21 ECTS each in English Literature and in English Linguistics
- A Stay Abroad (min. 6 months)
- "Module Language Skills for Teachers"

The Course Catalogue

Contains much important information:

- What modules are offered each semester
- The module (and course) description
- Information on the booking period
- The name of instructors
- Information on rooms

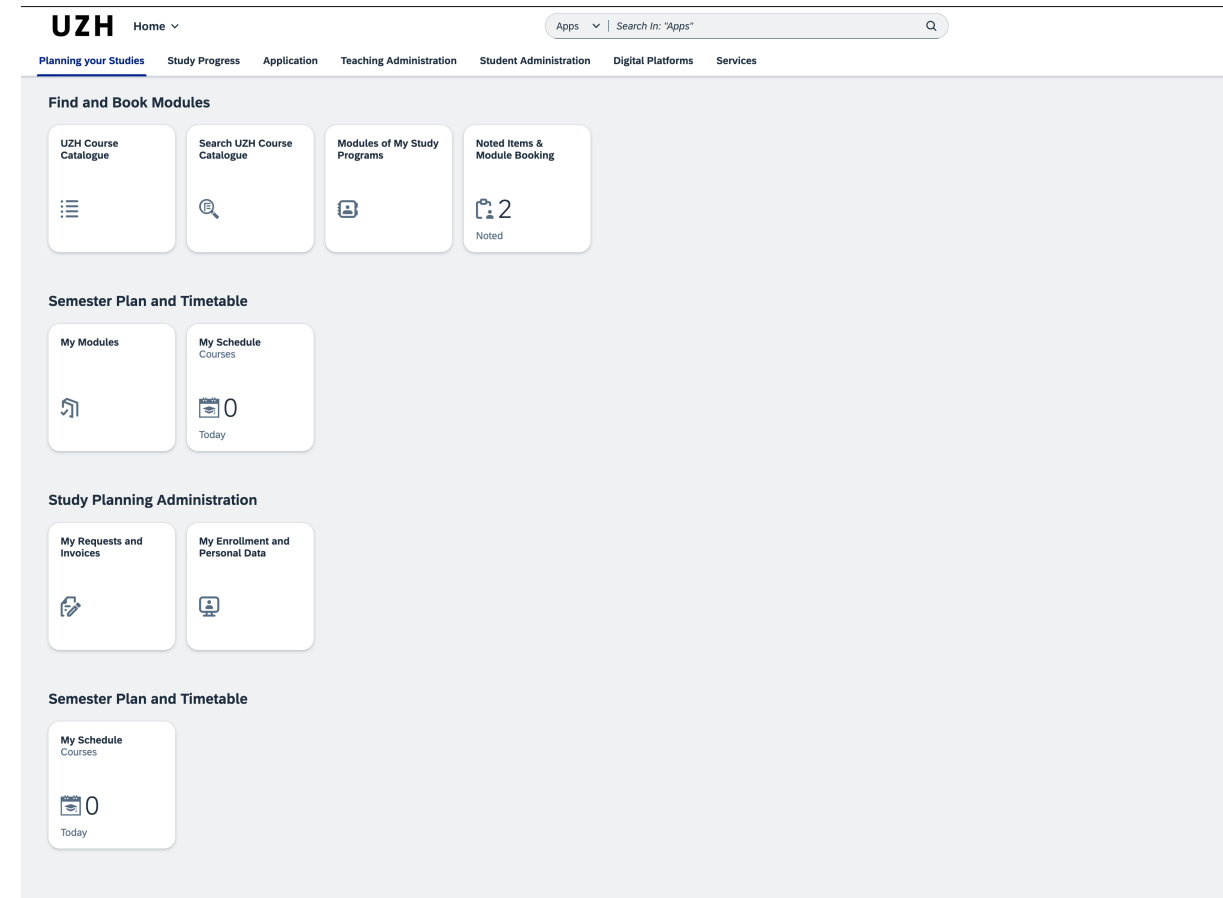
<https://studentservices.uzh.ch/uzh/anonym/vvz/index.html?sap-language=EN&sap-ui-language=EN#/details/2025/003/CG/50893096>

The screenshot displays the UZH Course Catalogue interface for the 'English Literature and Linguistics' program. The header includes the UZH logo and navigation links for 'Modules of My Study Programs', 'My Schedule', 'My Noted Items', 'Search', 'DE', and a user profile icon. The main content area is titled 'English Literature and Linguistics' and shows the program type as 'Bachelor's (Major 120)' with 120 ECTS. A tabbed interface allows switching between 'Description', 'Modules', 'Requirements', 'Organization', and 'Component'. The 'Description' tab is active, showing a general description of the program, the main language of instruction (English), and career prospects. Below this, the 'MODULES' section lists six modules: 'Introduction to English Literature and Linguistics', 'English Linguistics', 'English Literature', 'Language Skills and Culture', 'Transferable Skills', and 'Other Curricular Modules'. The 'REQUIREMENTS' section specifies the branch of studies as 'English Language and Literature' and provides a link to regulations. The 'ORGANIZATION' section details the program structure, major/minor combinations, part-time studies, and lists the academic advisor, program director (Isabel Karremann), and program coordinator (Olivia Melanie Tjon-A-Meeuw). A 'Create PDF' button is located in the bottom right corner.

Student Portal

- Book modules
- Find information on your study progress
- Apply for cancellation of modules due to illness

<https://studentservices.uzh.ch/>

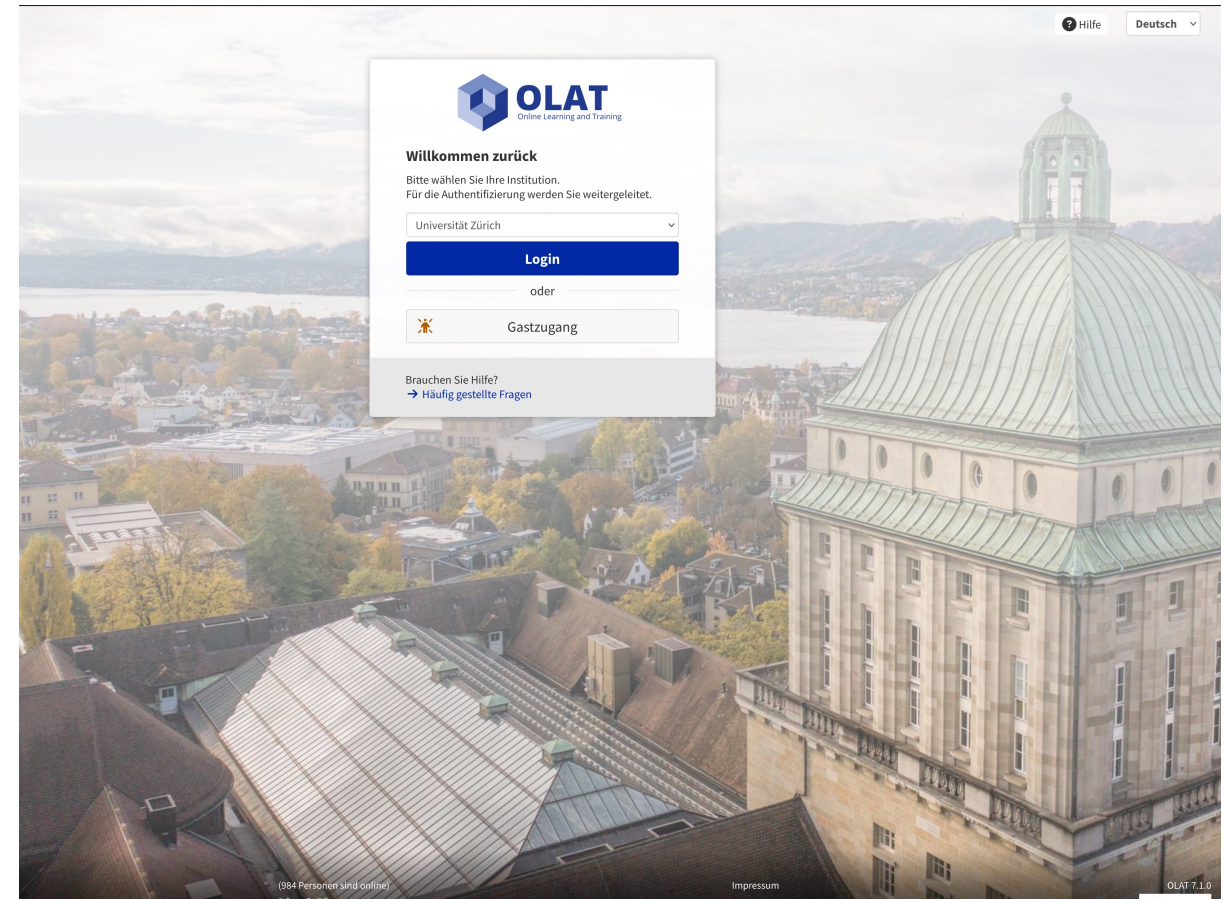


OLAT

- Find the course material.
- You are automatically added to the OLAT course if you booked the module.
- Joining an OLAT course does not count as booking the module – you have to book via the student portal.

➤ **Log on today!**

www.olat.uzh.ch



Other Important Online Resources

UZH E-Mail

- Used for UZH relevant correspondence
- Must be checked at least once a week

<https://outlook.office365.com/>

ES Downloads

- A collection of important guidelines and templates

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/downloads.html>

Identity Manager

- Manage your UZH passwords

www.identity.uzh.ch



Study Abroad

- Students have the chance to study abroad for one or two semesters during their Master studies.
- All compulsory modules must be completed at the UZH
- The English Department offers some places that are reserved for students of English.
- The UZH Global Student Experience offers additional study abroad places for all students.
- Discuss your stay with the study abroad coordinator (N. Meyer, studyabroad@es.uzh.ch)
- More info at: <https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stay-abroad.html>

Places offered by the English Department

Country	University (Bachelor only, Bachelor & Master)
Austria	Universität Wien
Finland	University of Helsinki
	University of Tampere
Germany	Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
Romania	Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca
Spain	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Ireland	Trinity College Dublin (only Literature!)
UK	University of Aberdeen
	University of Lancaster
	Plymouth University (only Literature!)
	University of Sheffield
	University of Warwick, Coventry
	Queen Mary University of London
Canada	Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax

Follow us on Social Media

LinkedIn UZH English Department



UZH
English
Department

UZH English Department

Higher Education · Zurich, Zurich · 899 followers · 51-200 employees

Aliaksandra works here

Message

Following

Home

About

Posts

Jobs

People

All

Images

Videos

Articles

Documents

UZH English Department

899 followers

6d ·

On 2 June students from [Annina Seiler](#)'s BA seminar on "Old English in Switzerland" went on a trip to the Abbey Library of St. Gallen. There, Prof. Dr. Andreas Nievergelt (Emeritus Professor at the German Department) ...more

Excursion to the Abbey Library of St. Gallen

Daniel Schreier and 14 others

1 comment

Like

Comment

Repost

Send

Instagram @uzh.es

uzh.es

UZH English Department

154 Beiträge · 651 Follower · 33 Gefolgt

Welcome to the UZH English Department!
Follow us for information on studying, research, events and much more.
#Share... mehr

www.es.uzh.ch/en.html

Profil bearbeiten

Zum Archiv

ES People

Authors' facts

ES facts

Quotes

Quiz

ICOME-14

WutW

7 QUESTIONS TO PROF. SIMONE PFENNINGER

Studying English

Nicole Studer

Excursion to the Abbey Library of St. Gallen

WE ARE HIRING

4 September 2026

How-To

Deadline: August 21

SEE YOU SOON!

University of Zurich | English Department, Welcome Day 2026

2/3 September 2026 | 21

The ES Alumni Student Fund

UZH alumni english studies

EST.2016

The ES Alumni Student Fund supports academic and study-related projects by Bachelor and Master students of English Literature and/or Linguistics.

Examples include:

- student research projects;
- small travel bursaries (e.g. for field work, or to attend an academic conference);
- course-related excursions

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/departments/alumni/esalumnistudentfund.html>

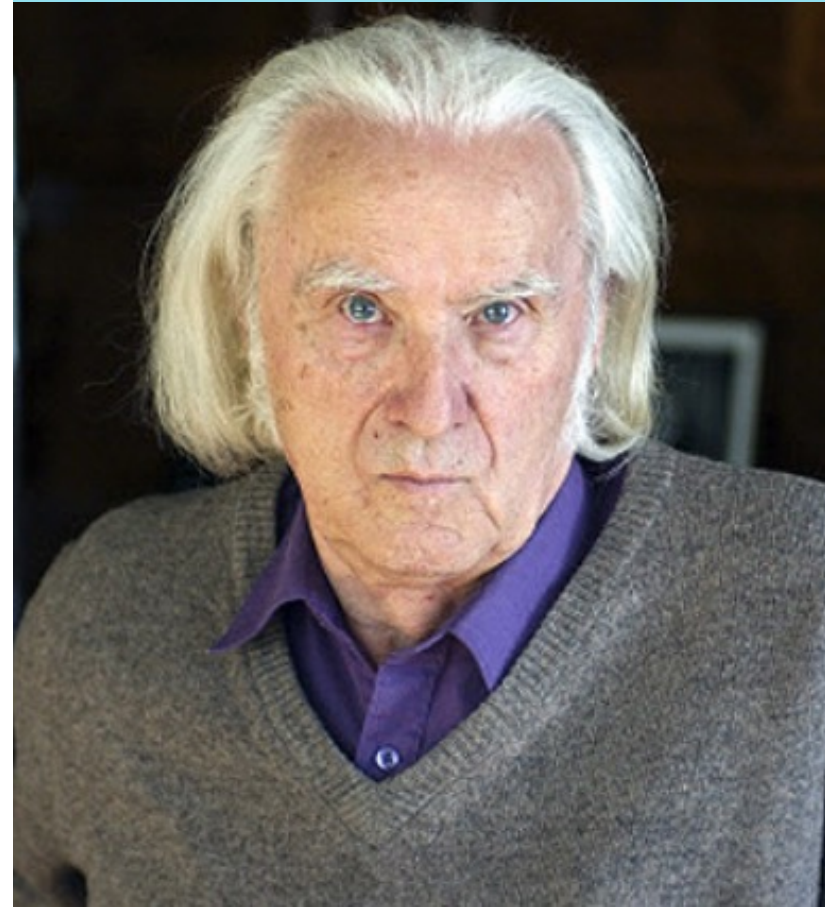
Fritz Senn Stipend for Joyce and Irish Studies

The Fritz Senn Stipend for Joyce and Irish Studies is open to Bachelor, Master, and PhD students enrolled at the University of Zurich who wish to pursue a project related to the works of James Joyce and/or Irish Studies. The stipend may be used:

- to cover research-related costs (e.g. for travel, books, or technical equipment)
- for student conferences and other relevant events (e.g. workshops, excursions, or reading groups)
- for supporting academic publications.

The maximum awarded does not usually exceed CHF 500.– per semester. While it is not possible to apply for recurring contributions, successful applicants may reapply in later semesters.

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/research/scis-zjif/projectsandresources/fritzsennstipend.html>



Useful Services at the University of Zurich

Practical Info

- Jobs:
www.uzh.ch/studies/studentlife/vacancies.html
- Zentralbibliothek: www.zb.uzh.ch
- Language Learning Center:
www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch
- Akademischer Sportverein: www.asvz.ch
- Housing Office of the University / ETH Zurich:
www.wohnen.ethz.ch/en

Support

- Psychological Counseling Services:
www.pbs.uzh.ch/en.html
- Disability Office:
www.disabilityoffice.uzh.ch/en.html
 - Possible to receive adjustments to one's studies (Nachteilsausgleich)!
- Student Financial Aid Office:
www.studienfinanzierung.uzh.ch/en.html
- General Student Advisory Services:
www.studienberatung.uzh.ch/en.html

Who to Contact if you Have Questions or Problems

Study Advisor: Dr. Olivia Tjon-A-Meeuw **Drop-In Consultation Hours PLH-1-103**

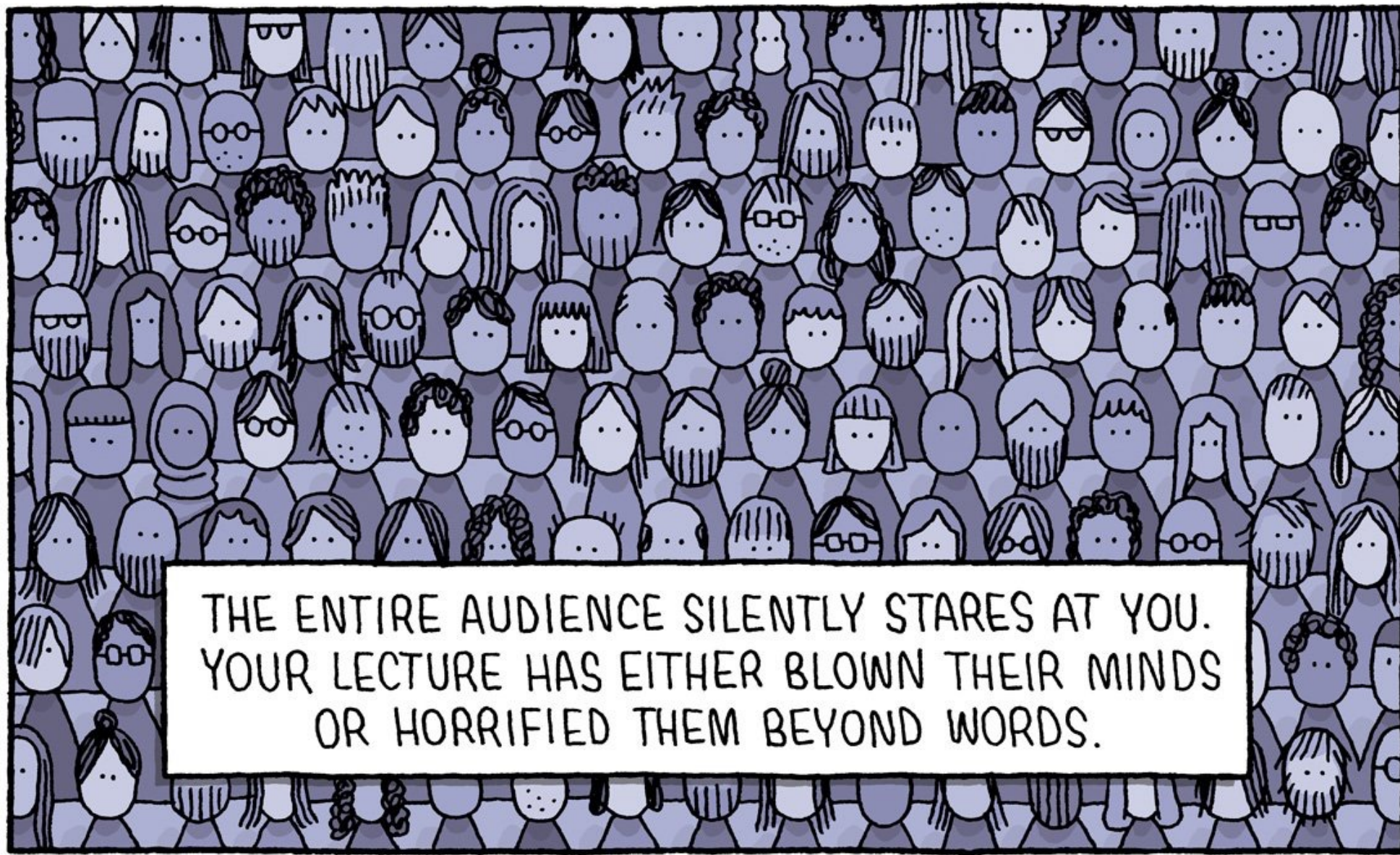


- During the first week of the teaching period: every afternoon between 13:30 and 16:00
- During the rest of the semester: every Wednesday, 15:00-16:15
- You can also set up consultation hours outside of those time slots by emailing me.

E-Mail: englishstudies@es.uzh.ch

Advising of Studies

- Please read the information on the website very carefully: <https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies.html>
- If anything remains unclear, contact the study advisor Olivia Tjon-A-Meeuw at englishstudies@es.uzh.ch.
 - Use your UZH email account
 - Provide your full name
 - Please add your student ID number
 - Outline the problem as clearly as possible.
 - Indicate which sources of information you have already consulted.



TOM GAULD for NEW SCIENTIST

Fawhat?

FAchVerein Anglistik

Official student association of the English Seminar

Your representatives at the *Institutsversammlung* and *KSL*

Come to us with ...

- Concerns and issues
- Questions
- Suggestions



What You Really Care About – the Parties!

Beginning of the Semester Apéro → **Tuesday, September 22nd**

Cake Days → help us finance your events 😊 -- the first one will be on **Tuesday, 6th of October.**

Halloween Party

Jingle'n'Mingle

Grill n' Chill



What Now?

1. Follow us on **Instagram!** @fava_uzh
2. Check our website (~~not as up to date as it should be~~)

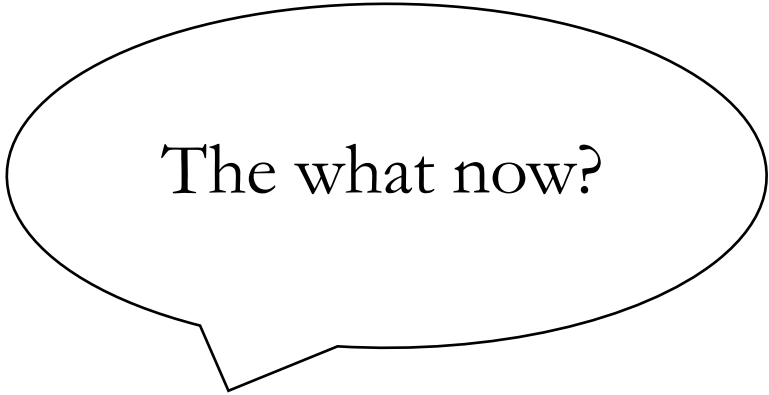


If the QR code doesn't work, just go to favauzh.ch!



What Now?

3. Sign up for the **Peer Mentoring Program!**



The what now?



Peer Mentoring Program

You will be matched with a mentor (an ~~old~~ experienced student)

After that it's up to you!

You can ask your mentor about...

- Admin questions
- Course recommendations
- Tips and tricks
- Gossip & tea (we have lots of that)



Peer Mentoring Program



→ Google Forms sign up sheet!

Or on our website www.favauzh.ch/pm



Become a Member Yourself

If at any point, you'd like to join us, feel free to **just talk to us at any event or join any of our meetings**

We announce our meetings on Instagram or sometimes via our mailing list (sign up here!)



Want to Support Us Even More?

Become a **FAVA Donor!**

10 CHF a year → sign up at any of our Cake Days

Discounts at our events

No work on your end 😊

You can participate in our yearly GV

You get a pretty card



Campus Tours for English Students

Today at 13:15

Meeting place: Outside the main building We'll show you...

- The main building
- The English Seminar & library
- Where to get the cheapest coffee
- (The Zentralbibliothek)
- ... and much more!

This is a great opportunity to meet other new students and to ask us all your pressing questions! 😊



Blueprint Masquerades

UZH & ETH English Theatre Club



Basic Info

- Production Cycle: Autumn-Spring
- Rehearsal Week in February, during semester break
- Performances in Late April, Early May
- Weekly Rehearsals on Wednesdays 18.30-21.00 (22.00)
- All current UZH, ETH & ZHDK students can sign up to join crew or to audition (no guaranteed spot though)

Different Departments

Acting



Directing



Music



Props



Costumes



Stage



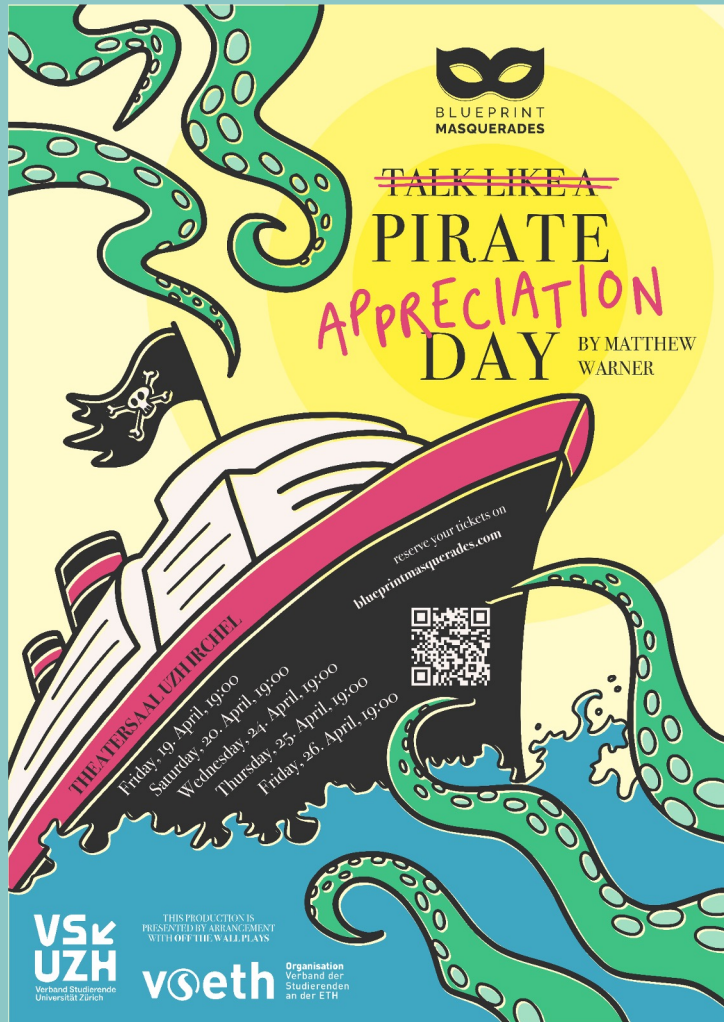
Producing



Marketing



Past Productions



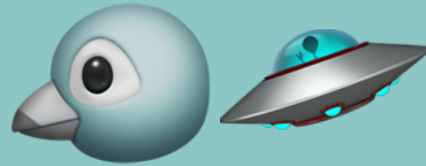
Some Side Quests Along the Way



or perhaps a Halloween Play...

Extra Exclusive!

The Birds Among Us



Sci-Fi Drama

Why Join the BPM?

- Benefit from a student-run production
- Bond with members from very diverse study directions
- Solidify your oral English skills
- Socialise with like-minded people
- Meet other English students (potentially further ahead in their studies)

Activity Fair

September 23th

8:30-16.30

UZH Lichthof

Meet n Greet

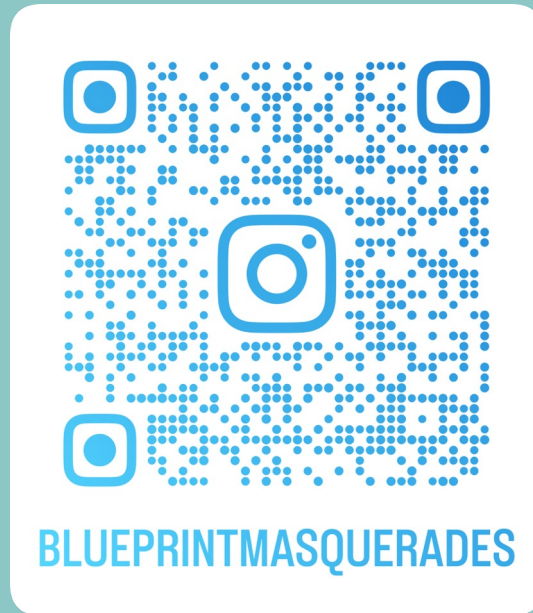
September 23th

18.30-20.00

Theatre stage at Campus Irchel
(Y21)

Thank you!!

Follow us on Instagram!
@blueprintmasquerades



Check out our website!
<https://blueprintmasquerades.com/>



Questions?