



English Department

Practice-Oriented Modules in the Master Major

As part of their electives, students of the Master Major in English Literature and/or Linguistics may wish to take one or both of the following two practice-oriented modules:

1. Documented Independent Project (3 ECTS)
2. Short Internship (3 ECTS)



1. Documented Independent Projects

This Master-level module (3 ECTS, pass/fail) is intended for students who had to apply study-related knowledge and skills to a project that they themselves planned and implemented (or at the very least contributed to). It provides a framework to critically reflect upon their experience and to demonstrate which theoretical and methodological implications can be deduced from their project work.

Prerequisites

Students are expected to have successfully completed "Writing Skills and Popular Culture."

Learning Outcomes

Students are able to (a) transfer the skills and/or knowledge acquired in their subject and discipline to another field not necessarily related to the university; (b) critically reflect on how a particular field of academic knowledge and/or theoretical or methodological framework pertains to areas outside of the disciplinary boundaries of their subject.

Assessment

Learning portfolio, consisting of (1) an appendix that contains evidence of / material related to the project; (2) an essay of c. 4,000 words that explains how this project relates to students' academic work (see www.es.uzh.ch/documentedindependentproject for detailed guidelines).

Criteria for Projects

1. project does *not* result from paid employment (possible exception: freelance journalism);
2. project is *not* the direct outcome of a course at UZH (or any other university);
3. students have/had a leading role in the project;
4. skills and knowledge from English Literature and/or Linguistics play a significant role;
5. project completed prior to the end of the semester in which the module is booked.

Examples for Projects

- (co-)organizer of a student conference
- leading role in an English-language theater project
- portfolio of journalistic work (only material from publications with an editorial board, i.e. no blogs, open forums, etc.)
- (co-)curator of a small exhibition

Organization

If you think that your project might meet the criteria outlined above, then you must get in touch with Nathalie Meyer and Martin Mühlheim (englishstudies@es.uzh.ch), by January 31 for the spring semester and August 31 for the fall semester. Note that places per semester are limited.



2. Short Internships

This Master-level module (3 ECTS, pass/fail) provides a framework for students of the Major in English Literature and/or Linguistics to apply their study-related knowledge and skills in the context of a short internship (c. 90 hours of work) that is supervised by a partner institution.

Prerequisites

Students are expected to have written term papers in English literature or linguistics at BA level or above. Students are required to have good (written) academic English language skills (Level C1).

Learning Outcomes

Students are able to (a) approach new formats and activities in a systematic manner; (b) apply their study-related knowledge and skills in different institutional contexts.

Assessment

Documented practical work (i.e. time sheet signed by the partner institution, together with a portfolio of material produced in the course of the short internship; see <http://www.es.uzh.ch/shortinternships> for detailed guidelines).

Internships Spring 2022

- [Cultural Mediation](#) (artlink, Büro für Kulturkooperation)
- [Englischsprachige Bücher einer historischen Kinderbuchsammlung](#) (Schweizerisches Institut für Kinder- und Jugendmedien SIKJM)
- [Literaturausstellung](#) (Strauhof Zürich / Litar Zürich)
- [Konzeptualisierung einer Sprachschnitzeljagd](#) (Sprachpanorama Laufenburg)
- [Kulturvermittlung und Übersetzung](#) (Cabaret Voltaire)
- [Manuscripts and Monks on Wikipedia](#) (Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen)
- [Vermitteln der indigenen Kulturen Nordamerikas](#) (Nordamerika Native Museum NONAM)

Organization:

Information on short internships – including contact details for each of the internships – will be published on a semester-to-semester basis, at www.es.uzh.ch/shortinternship:

- by c. December 1 (for the following spring semester);
- by c. July 1 (for the following fall semester).

The application deadlines are, roughly:

- c. January 15 for the spring semester (double-check on the website!);
- c. August 15 for the fall semester (double-check on the website!).

Further Information

Make sure to read the information provided in this document carefully, and also consult:

- www.es.uzh.ch/documentedindependentproject
- <http://www.es.uzh.ch/shortinternships>

Please direct any further questions regarding “Documented Independent Projects” and “Short Internships” to Nathalie Meyer and Martin Mühlheim:

- englishstudies@es.uzh.ch.