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**English Department**



# **English Studies**

## **at the University of Zurich**



“School was the place of ecstasy – pleasure and danger. To be changed by ideas was pure pleasure. But to learn ideas that ran counter to values and beliefs learned at home was to place oneself at risk, to enter the danger zone.” *(bell hooks)* <sup>1)</sup>

“I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.” *(attributed to Mark Twain)*

<sup>1)</sup> hooks, bell. *Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom*. London: Routledge, 1994. 3.



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## Bachelor and Master Degrees

### **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)**

Total of 180 credit points (ECTS)

6 semesters full-time study

### **Master of Arts (M.A.)**

An additional 120 credit points (ECTS)

A further 4 semesters full-time study



# BA: Main and Subsidiary Subjects

Major

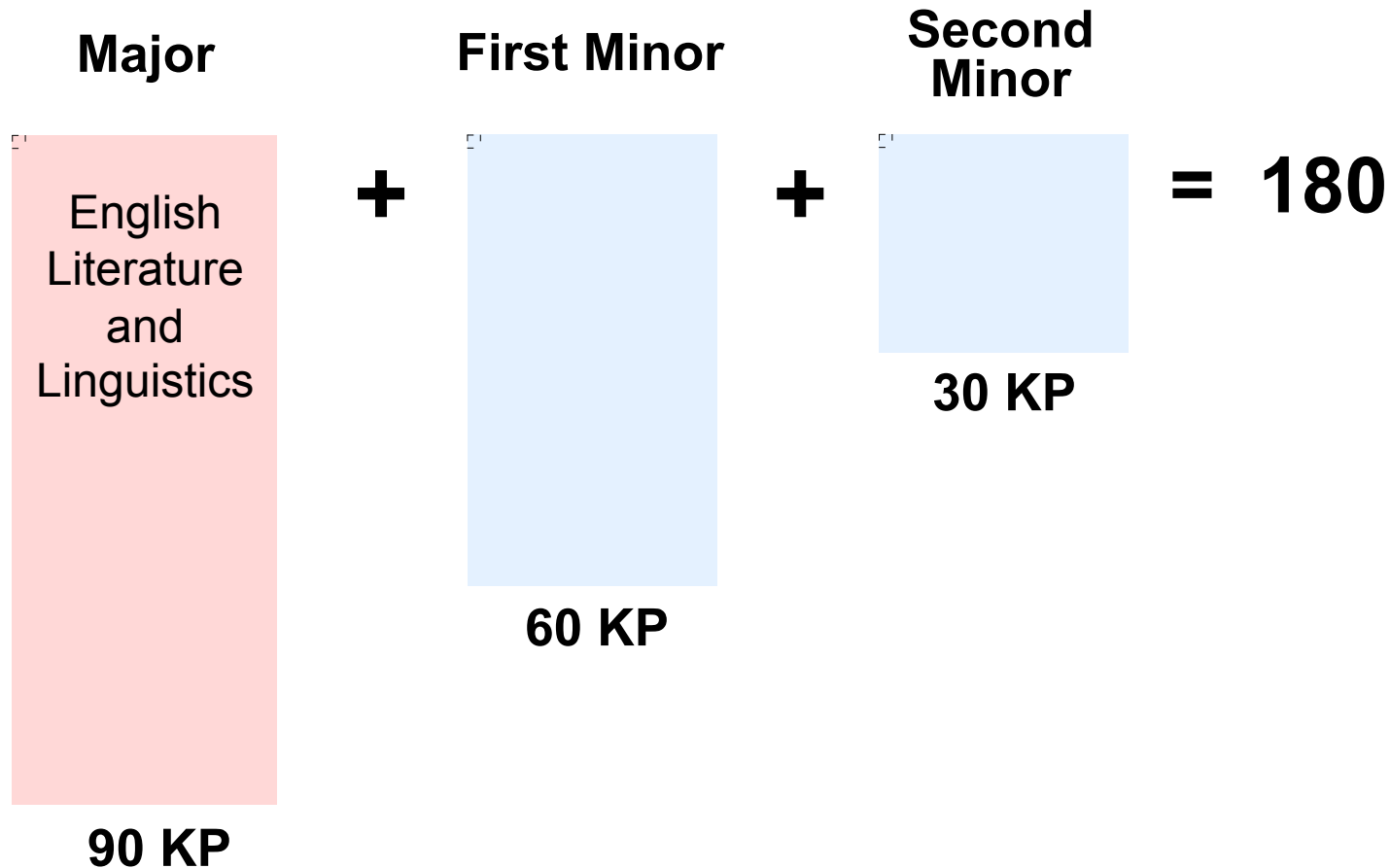
First Minor

Second Minor

90	60	30
90	90	
120		60
120	30	30
150		30



## BA: Combination 90 + 60 + 30





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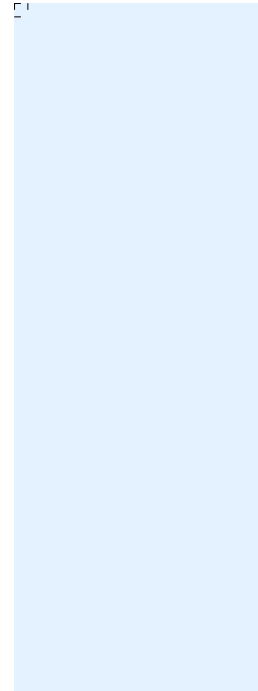
**Major**

English  
Literature  
and  
Linguistics

**90 KP**

**+**

**Second  
Major**



**90 KP**

**= 180**

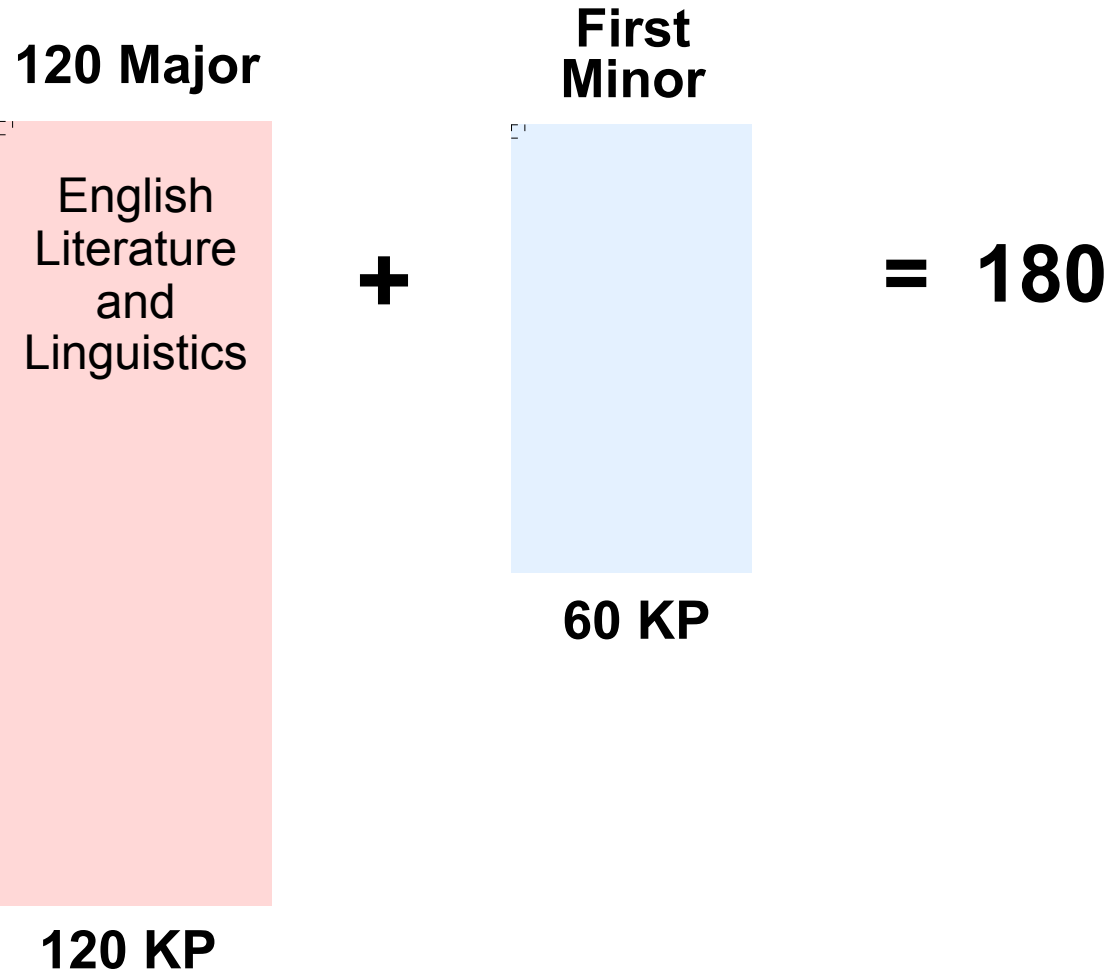


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## BA: Combination 120 + 60





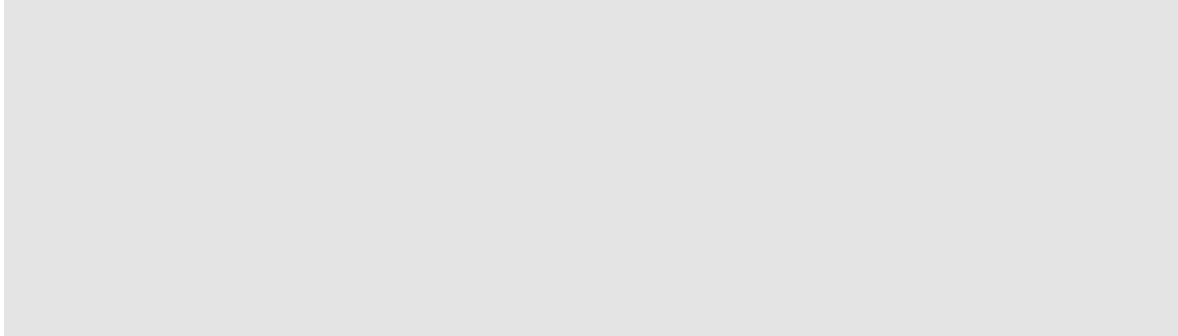
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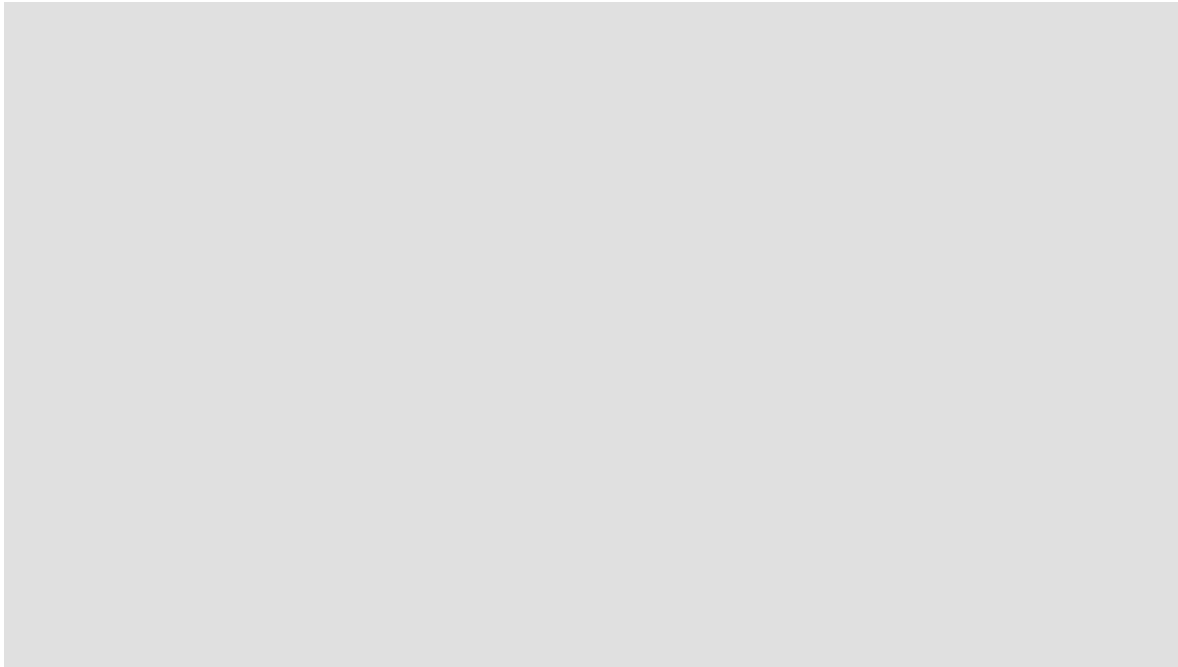
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Foundation  
Studies



= 30 ECTS

Main Studies



= 60 ECTS

**90 ECTS**





# Bachelor Major Subject 90 ECTS

Foundation Studies

*Introduction to Linguistics I & II* 8 ECTS

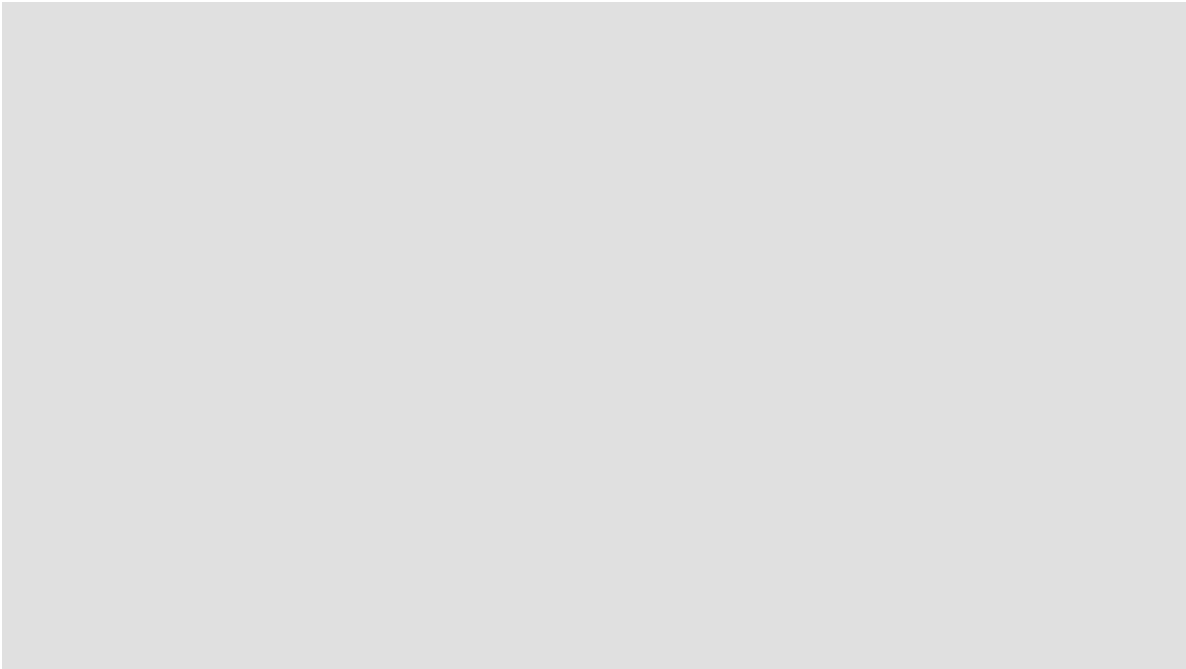
*Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology* 2 ECTS

*English Literature: Textual Analysis I & II* 8 ECTS

*Language Skills & Culture: Introduction I & II* 12 ECTS

= 30 ECTS

Main Studies



= 60 ECTS

**90 ECTS**



## Bachelor Major Subject 90 ECTS

Foundation  
Studies

<i>Introduction to Linguistics I &amp; II</i>	8 ECTS	= 30 ECTS
<i>Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology</i>	2 ECTS	
<i>English Literature: Textual Analysis I &amp; II</i>	8 ECTS	
<i>Language Skills &amp; Culture: Introduction I &amp; II</i>	12 ECTS	

Main Studies

Compulsory

<i>History of English Language I &amp; II</i>	9 ECTS	= 30 ECTS
<i>History of Literature in English I &amp; II</i>	3 ECTS	
<i>Reading List English Literature</i>	3 ECTS	
<i>Language Skills and Culture: Advanced I &amp; II</i>	6 ECTS	
Bachelor Thesis Ling./Lit.	9 ECTS	

Required-  
elective

1 Bachelor Seminar Linguistics with paper	6 ECTS	= 21 ECTS
2 Bachelor Seminars Literature with paper	12 ECTS	
Bachelor Thesis Seminar Ling./Lit.	3 ECTS	

Free choice from modules in Linguistics, Literature or Language Skills and Culture	9 ECTS	= 9 ECTS
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**90 ECTS**



## Bachelor Major Subject 120 ECTS

<b>Foundation Studies</b>	<i>Introduction to Linguistics I &amp; II</i>	8 ECTS	= 30 ECTS	
	<i>Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology</i>	2 ECTS		
	<i>English Literature: Textual Analysis I &amp; II</i>	8 ECTS		
	<i>Language Skills &amp; Culture: Introduction I &amp; II</i>	12 ECTS		
<b>Main Studies</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>	<i>History of English Language I &amp; II</i>	9 ECTS	= 30 ECTS
		<i>History of Literature in English I &amp; II</i>	3 ECTS	
		<i>Reading List English Literature</i>	3 ECTS	
		<i>Language Skills and Culture: Advanced I &amp; II</i>	6 ECTS	
	Bachelor Thesis Ling./Lit.	9 ECTS		
	<b>Required-elective</b>	1 Bachelor Seminar Linguistics with paper	6 ECTS	= 21 ECTS
		2 Bachelor Seminars Literature with paper	12 ECTS	
		Bachelor Thesis Seminar Ling./Lit.	3 ECTS	
	<b>Elective</b>	Free choice (in Linguistics, Literature, or LS&C, plus max. 12 ECTS studium generale)	39 ECTS	= 39 ECTS
				<b>120 ECTS</b>



## Timetable Considerations: Sequence of Modules

### Foundation Studies

- English Literature: Textual  
Analysis

- Language Skills and Culture:  
Introduction

- Introduction to Linguistics  
- Intro. to Phonetics & Phonology

### Main Studies

⇒ Modules in Literature  
(except elective lectures)

> LS&C modules  
(except elective lectures)

⇒ Modules in Linguistics  
(except elective lectures)



## Timetable Considerations

- No more than 30 ECTS each semester
- Fewer ECTS if you are working as well
- Halve the ECTS for two-semester courses
- 120 ECTS students doing Latin need not begin their minor(s) until the third semester
- Check for *Pflichtkurse* in your minor(s) in the spring



## Kleines Latinum

- Required before graduation
- It is NOT imperative that you do this in the first two semesters
- Full information: [www.uzh.ch/latinum](http://www.uzh.ch/latinum)
- 7 hours of classes / week
- 12 KP awarded (not included in the 180 KP)





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## PET – Kafistübli







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## PET – Pestalozzistrasse 50





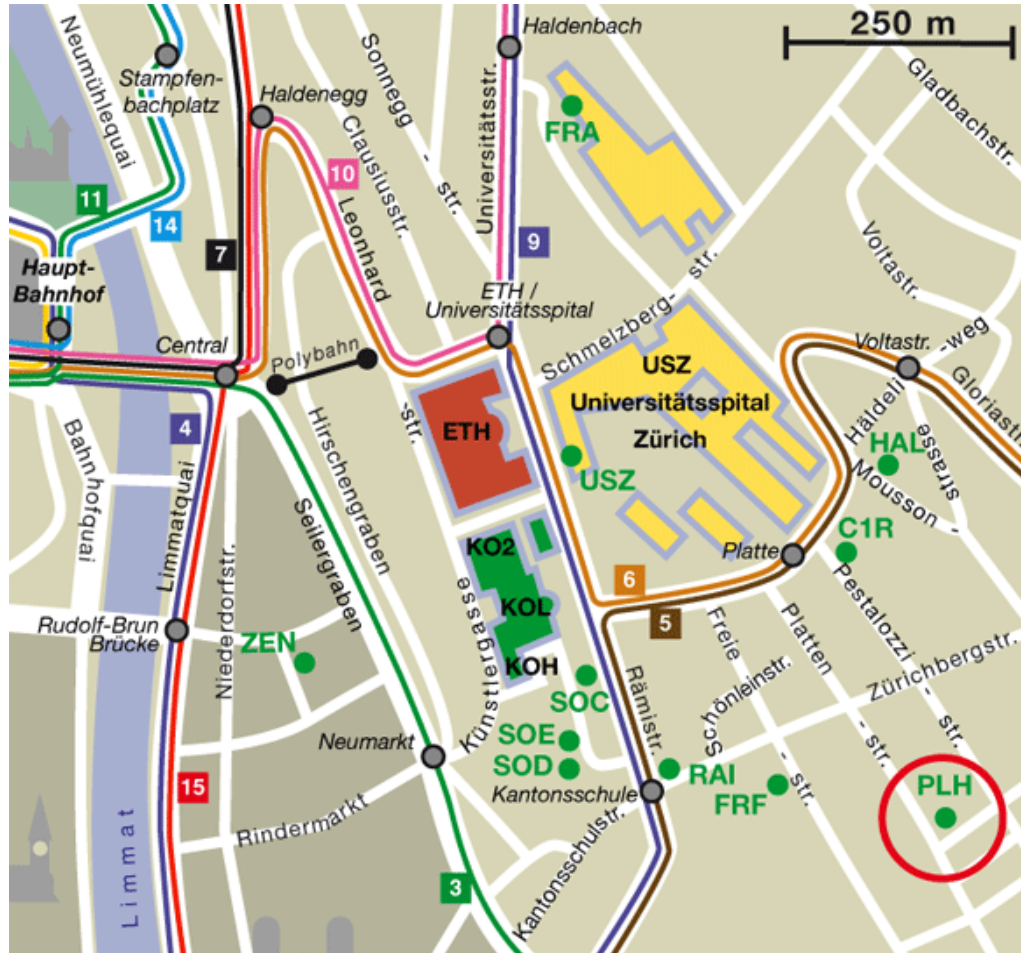
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KOL



PLH





## English Department Staff

- 8 Professors: 4 in Linguistics, 4 in Literature
- 4 *Oberassistentierende* / Post-Doctoral Researchers
- 5 *Privatdozierende*
- 3 IT-Coordinators
- 6 *Lektoren*
- 15 Assistants
- 3 Librarians
- 4 Secretaries
- *Lehrbeauftragte*





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## Useful Contacts

**Sekretariat:** Frau Otto / Frau Peter (PLH 103)

**Advising of Studies:** Martin Mühlheim (PLH 209)

**Language Skills & Culture:** David Matley (PET 2)

**Textual Analysis:** Barbara Straumann (PLH 107)

**Intro. to Linguistics:** Sarah Chevalier (PLH 207)

**Erasmus & study abroad:** Christiane Schlote (PET 102)



## Study Abroad

- Start planning early
- Do not plan the stay abroad for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> semester BA
- Discuss stay abroad beforehand with Study Abroad Coordinator, Christiane Schlote (PET 102)
- International Relations Office: [www.int.uzh.ch](http://www.int.uzh.ch)



## Advising of Studies

- Mornings (10-12) or afternoons (14-16)
- Available Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October
- Make an appointment at the *Sekretariat*
- Please read the “Bachelor and Master Study Guide”  
→ [www.es.uzh.ch/teaching/Downloads.html](http://www.es.uzh.ch/teaching/Downloads.html)



## Online contact and resources

- Identity Manager: [www.identity.uzh.ch](http://www.identity.uzh.ch)
- For course material: [www.olat.uzh.ch](http://www.olat.uzh.ch)
- You are **obliged to check** your email account regularly: <https://webmail.uzh.ch>





## Useful Services (I)

- Zentralstelle der Studentenschaft (Kiosk, Studentenladen, Druckerei): [www.campuswelt.ch](http://www.campuswelt.ch)
- [www.arbeitsvermittlung.uzh.ch](http://www.arbeitsvermittlung.uzh.ch)
- Zentralbibliothek: [www.zb.uzh.ch](http://www.zb.uzh.ch)
- [www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch](http://www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch)
- Akademischer Sportverein: [www.asvz.ch](http://www.asvz.ch)



## Useful Services (II)

- Psychological Counselling: [www.pbs.uzh.ch](http://www.pbs.uzh.ch)
- Disability Office: [www.disabilityoffice.uzh.ch](http://www.disabilityoffice.uzh.ch)
- Student Financial Aid Office:  
[www.studienfinanzierung.uzh.ch](http://www.studienfinanzierung.uzh.ch)
- Housing Office UZH/ETH: [www.wohnen.ethz.ch](http://www.wohnen.ethz.ch)



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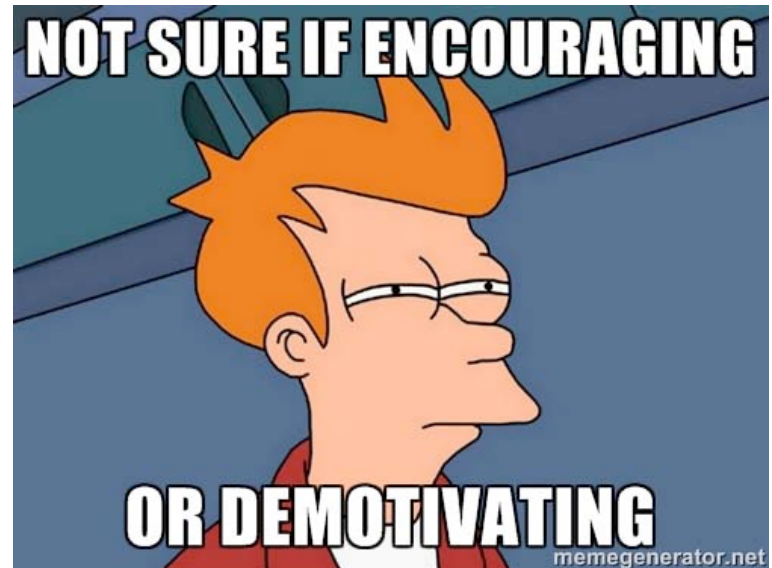
## Language Skills and Culture: what we do

- We teach skills for essay writing and other academic tasks with a view to transferability to university writing assignments as a whole
- We do focused language work with students (depending on streams) on vocabulary, expression, collocation, grammar and style
- We embed all that in the study of British and American culture and society (year 1: primarily issues of identity)



## Language Skills and Culture year 1

- It is 12 (twelve) ECTS points for the entire academic year (2 semesters)
- That is quite a lot of work even for those doing it as a minor
- Most students do manage to do *Textual Analysis*, *Introduction to Linguistics* and *Language Skills and Culture* in one year, but think about your personal workload





## Language Skills and Culture: Structure of year 1

- *Lecture (aspects of British & American culture)*

1 big group, every two weeks, obligatory for  
*everyone*

**Begins in Week 2 (Tues 23 Sept 14:00 KOL-G-201)**

- *Writing Skills*

10 groups, every two weeks, obligatory for *everyone*

**Begins in Week 1**



## Language Skills and Culture: Structure of year 1

- *Usage*  
8 parallel groups, every two weeks  
Obligatory for *some* based on Freshers' Test  
**Begins week 2**
- *Grammar*  
3 parallel groups, every week (but only 45 minutes)  
Obligatory for *some* based on Freshers' Test,  
every week  
**Begins week 2**



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## Three Streams

<b>Stream A</b>	Lecture	Writing		
<b>Stream B</b>	Lecture	Writing	Usage	
<b>Stream C</b>	Lecture	Writing	Usage	Grammar

All classes *except Grammar* are for 2 hours every 2 weeks





## Tutorials

- From **week 3**
- Taught by students in advanced semesters
- Thorough and individual advice on your writing
- Some assessed work **ONLY** corrected by a tutor
- Times and tutors: announced in Writing Skills class from week 2



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## Freshers' Test

*Obligatory for all*

**Friday, September 19**

**12:00–14:00**

**Room HAH-E-11**



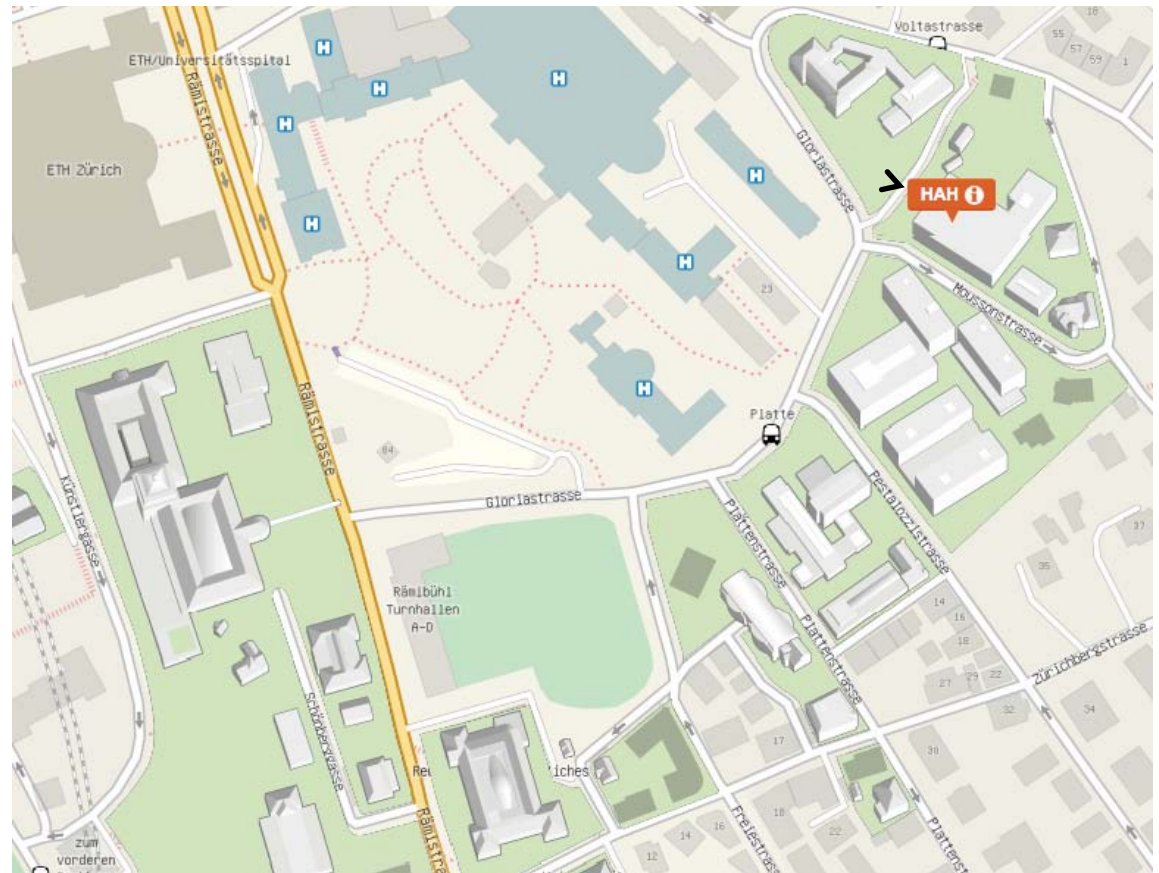
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## HAH-E-11 – Häldeliweg 2

Friday, September 19th, 12:00–14:00





## Who to contact

- For all matters related to credit points, general organisation of your studies, contact:

[studienberatung@es.uzh.ch](mailto:studienberatung@es.uzh.ch)

- For matters related to the content and more specific organisation of the Language Skills and Culture module, contact the contact *Lektor* (this year, me):

[david.matley@es.uzh.ch](mailto:david.matley@es.uzh.ch)

- For matters related to studying abroad, contact [cschlote@es.uzh.ch](mailto:cschlote@es.uzh.ch)

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The image features a stylized logo for 'FAWA' in large, white, outlined letters. The letters 'A' and 'A' contain white stars. The background is a red, white, and blue American flag pattern with several white stars scattered around the text.

**FAWA**

**Fachverein Anglistik  
der Uni Zürich**

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# FAVA board members



**Stephanie**  
**PRESIDENT**  
[on exchange]



**Carmen**  
**TREASURER**



**Salma**  
**PR & EVENTS**



**Michael**  
**STUDENT**  
**REPRESENTATIVE**



**Nina**  
**WEBMASTER**



**Susanne**  
**SECRETARY**



# What we do 1:

# Events

- Beginning of the semester party
- Christmas party
- Grill 'n' chill
- Book sale
- Reading night
- Cake Days
- Distribute info on events, jobs, stuff etc.



via the mailing list

# Mailing List

To sign up, email [fava@es.uzh.ch](mailto:fava@es.uzh.ch), or...

Sign up at the end of the guided tours to be kept informed about...

- ...social events
- ...job offers
- ...guest lectures
- ...our activities
- ...activities of other student groups





# What we do 2: Help students



- Represent students at the **Institutsversammlung**
- Represent students at **Berufungskommissionen**
- Presence at **staff meetings**
- Support different **student groups** e.g. student newspaper, theatre group
- Look after the **Kafistübli**

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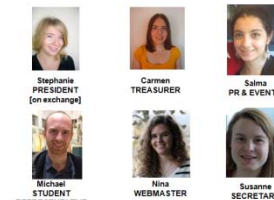
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- FAVA Active members (CHF 10.-/year)  
= special people who vote for...
- FAVA Board  
organize all FAVA activities and represent the students



# What are “Active Members”?

... They pay 10.- to help support us and make us bigger so we have more resources (printer and equipment, Kafistübli stuff, better parties...)

...They vote for the Board members in the General Meeting

...they get a card for a reduction at our events

To become an active member, email: [fava@es.uzh.ch](mailto:fava@es.uzh.ch)



# FAVA events this semester

- “Beginning of the Semester” party:

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sep at 6pm in the Kafistübli

- Cake Day I: Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Tag der Lehre: 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Cake Day II: Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Christmas Party: Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6 pm

# Website/Facebook

<http://esweb.uzh.ch/fava/index.html>

(google “Fava-home Zurich”)



→ Anglistik Zürich





# ZEST – the E.S. newspaper



## The Zurich English Student

written for the students by the students

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### Musings on Tourists and Travellers

Posted on [September 5, 2014](#) by [janinakauz](#) | [Leave a comment](#)

*By Janina Kauz*

With the summer holidays drawing to a close, the thousands who have ventured abroad this year are slowly but surely returning to their domestic abodes. As always, the annual mass migration has triggered many sneering newspaper

### SEARCH FOR NEWS

### LATEST POSTS

- [Musings on Tourists and Travellers](#)
- [A Look Back at the 2014](#)

# ZEST – the E.S. newspaper

- Student online newspaper written *by the students for the students*
  - **Where to find us:**  
[www.zuriest.wordpress.com](http://www.zuriest.wordpress.com)
  - **How to contact us:**  
Alan Mattli at [zest.editor@gmail.com](mailto:zest.editor@gmail.com)
- You are free to write about *whatever you want* (political commentary, book/film/music reviews, travelogues, stories, poetry, etc.)
- You can either become:
  - **Regular contributor:** you should be able to post something on a somewhat regular basis (biweekly, for instance)
  - **Sporadic contributor:** you can send in your work and it will be posted for you
- **If you are interested, contact Alan!**



*University of Zürich English Drama Group*

# The Blueprint Masquerades



The English Drama Group of Zurich





# New Project



## *Arsenic & Old Lace*



by  
Joseph Kesselring



# When do we meet?



Wednesdays, 6.30 – 8.30

First meeting:

**Wednesday, 24 September 2014**

(Kafistübli, ES)

Contact: [blueprintmasquerades@gmail.com](mailto:blueprintmasquerades@gmail.com)

Visit our homepage under: <http://blueprintmasquerades.wordpress.com>

**Just drop by and don't forget to like us on Facebook!**

**We are looking forward to meeting you!**



# The End...

- Guided tours!