



# ■ English Studies

at the University of Zurich (UZH)



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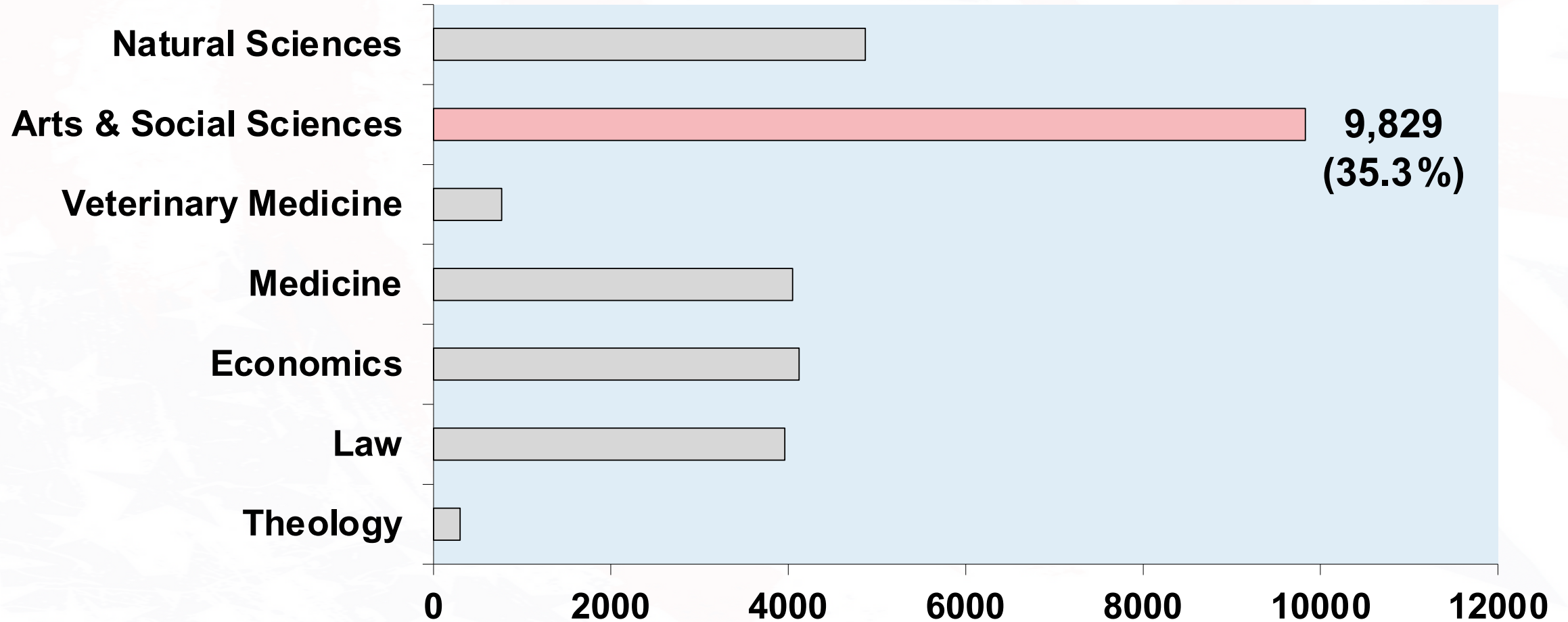


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# Students by Faculty (Fall 2022) – 27,895 in Total





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# What Is English Studies?

## *Linguistics*

- Language Structure
- Language Use
- Historical Linguistics
- Sociolinguistics
- World Englishes
- Corpus Linguistics
- Medieval Literature

## *Literature*

- Literary Theory
- From the Renaissance to the Present
- American Studies
- Postcolonial Literatures
- Cultural Studies
- Film and Adaptation
- Multimedial Text Analysis



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# Building PLH (Plattenstrasse 47, 8032 Zürich)



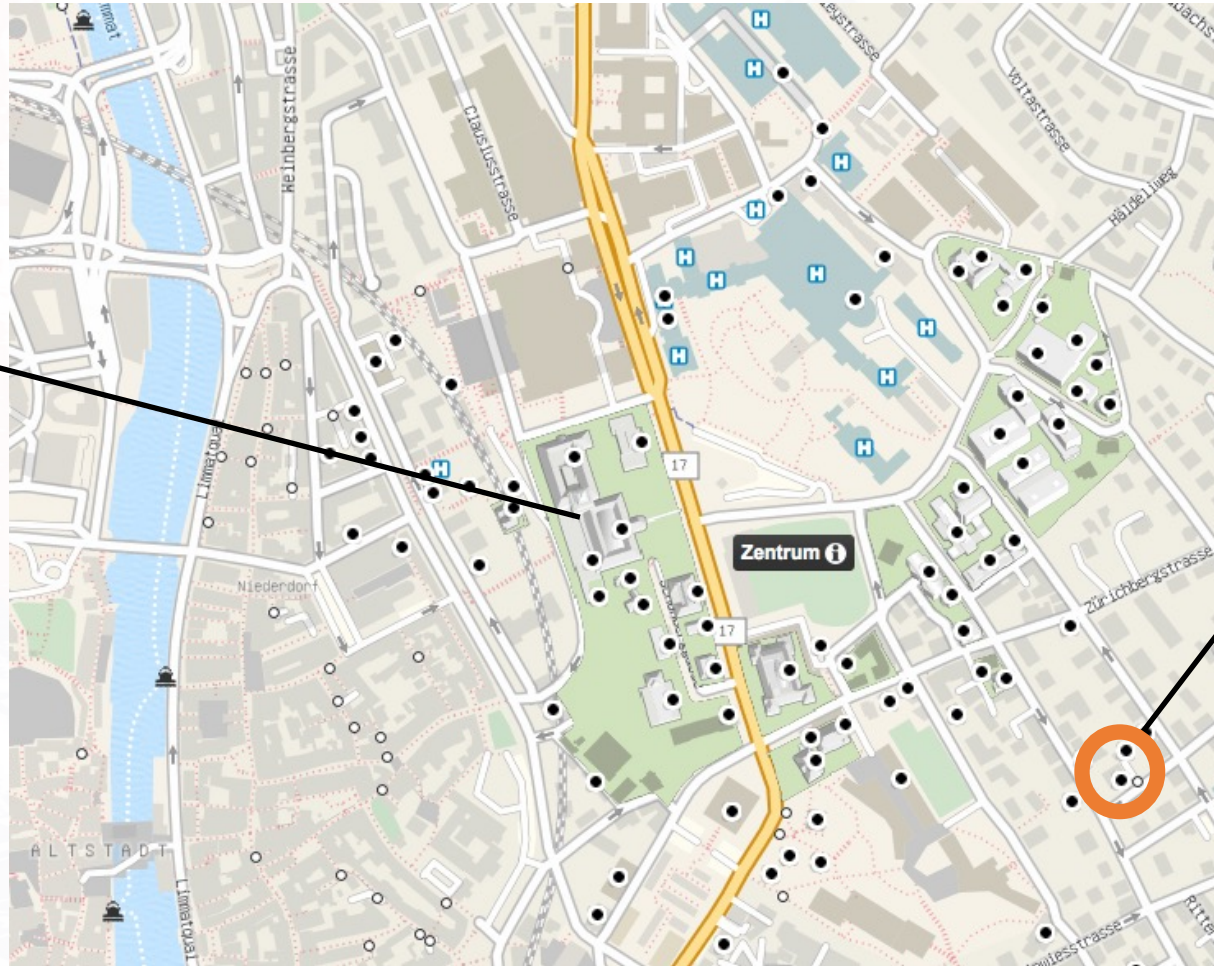


# Building PET (Pestalozzistr. 50), 8032 Zürich)



# Distance from UZH Main Building: c. 5–10 min

KOL



PLH



# English Department Staff

- 8 Professors: 4 in Linguistics, 4 in Literature
- 4 Senior Assistants / Post-Doctoral Researchers
- 2 IT-Coordinators
- 5 Language Instructors
- 12 Assistants
- 4 Academic Administrators
- 4 Librarians
- 1 Secretary
- + other members of staff

***Of all the English Departments at Swiss universities, the one at the UZH offers the broadest range of courses.***

# Universitäts-Bibliothek: UB Anglistik

- c. 65,000 books; 1,100 new items every year, including:

- books
- periodicals
- films
- electronic media





**Fachverein  
Anglistik FAVA**



**Blueprint  
Masquerades**



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# Bachelor and Master Programs

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

Total of 180 credit points

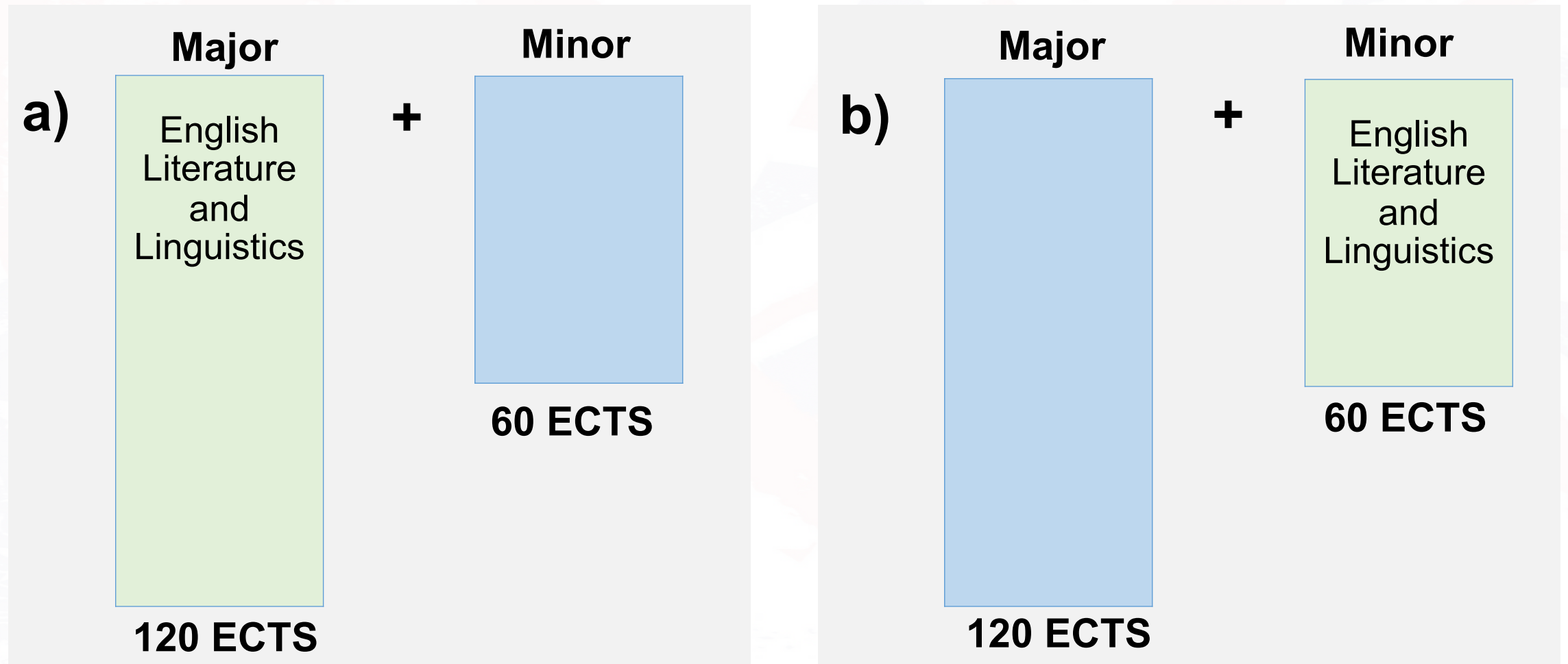
6 semesters full-time study

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

An additional 120 credit points

A further 4 semesters full-time study

# Bachelor (180 ECTS): Subject Distribution

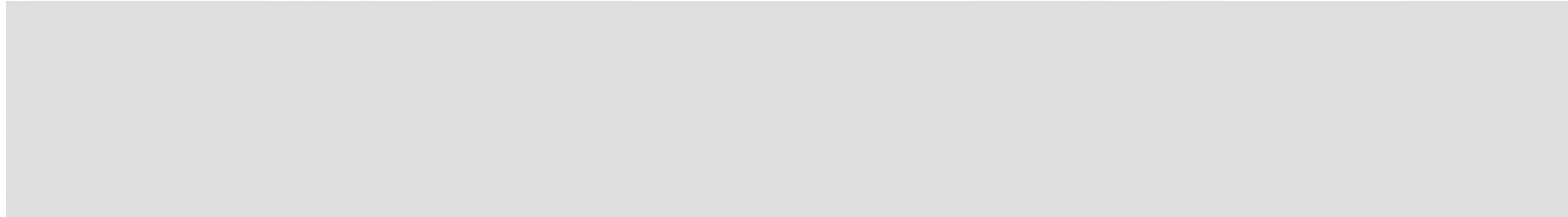






# Bachelor: 120-ECTS Major

**Foundation  
Studies**



= 30 ECTS

**Main Studies**



= 90 ECTS

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**120 ECTS**

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# Bachelor: 120-ECTS Major

Foundation  
Studies

<i>Introduction to English Linguistics I &amp; II</i>	9 ECTS
<i>English Literature: Textual Analysis I &amp; II</i>	9 ECTS
<i>Language Skills &amp; Culture: Introduction I &amp; II</i>	12 ECTS

= 30 ECTS

Main Studies



= 90 ECTS

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**120 ECTS**

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# Bachelor: 120-ECTS Major in English

Basic  
Studies

<i>Introduction English to Linguistics I &amp; II</i>	9 ECTS
<i>English Literature: Textual Analysis I &amp; II</i>	9 ECTS
<i>Language Skills &amp; Culture: Introduction I &amp; II</i>	12 ECTS

= 30 ECTS

Advanced Studies

<b><i>English Linguistics</i></b> (e.g. historical linguistics & Bachelor Seminars)
<b><i>English Literature</i></b> (e.g. literary history, reading list & Bachelor Seminars)
<b><i>Language Skills and Culture</i></b>
<b><i>Bachelor Thesis</i></b> (topic from either Linguistics or Literature)
<b><i>Transferable Skills</i></b> (e.g. Latin, other language courses, etc.)
<b><i>Other Curricular Modules</i></b> (e.g. excursions, experimental course formats)

= 90 ECTS

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**120 ECTS**

# Bachelor: 60-ECTS Minor in English

Basic  
Studies

<i>Introduction to English Linguistics I &amp; II</i>	9 ECTS
<i>English Literature: Textual Analysis I &amp; II</i>	9 ECTS
<i>Language Skills &amp; Culture: Introduction I &amp; II</i>	12 ECTS

= 30 ECTS

Advanced  
Studies

<i>English Linguistics (e.g. historical linguistics)</i>
<i>English Literature (e.g. literary history, reading list &amp; Bachelor Seminars)</i>
<i>Language Skills and Culture</i>

= 30 ECTS

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**60 ECTS**

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# Some Sample Module Titles (Fall 2023)

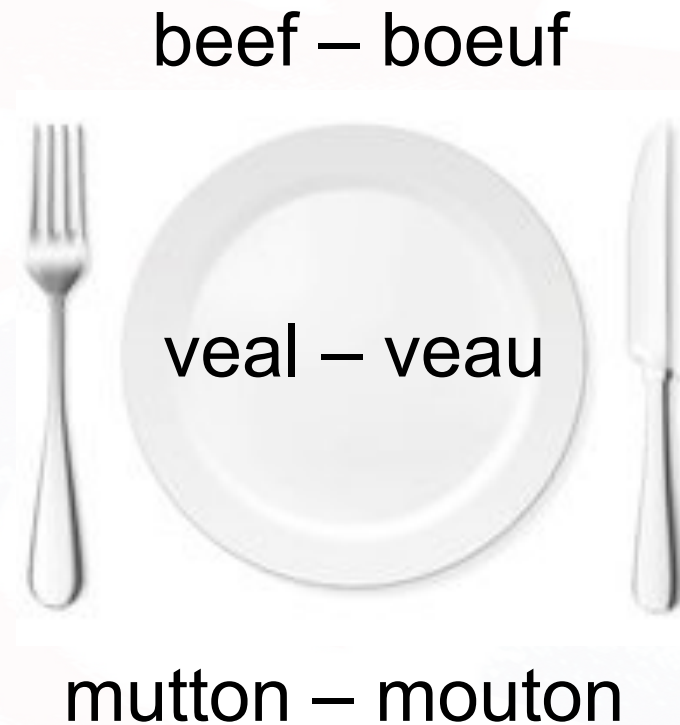
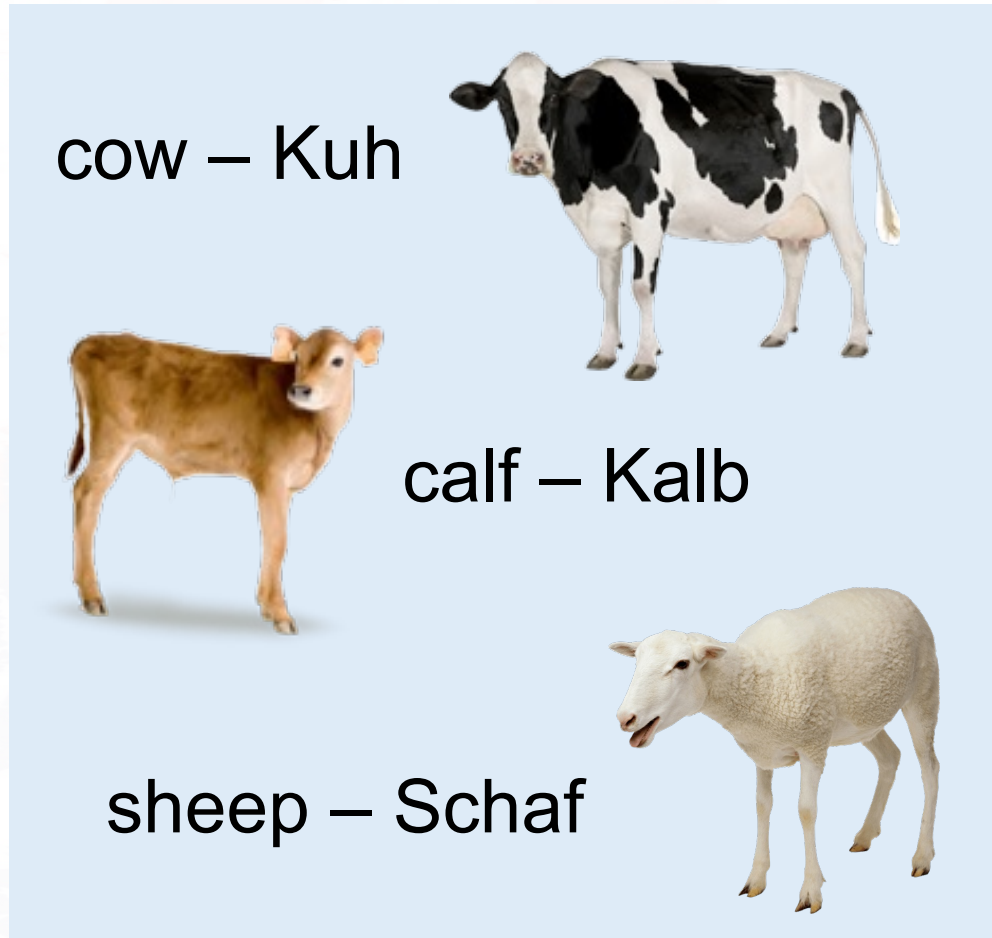
## *Linguistics*

- Code-Switching
- Discourse on, by, and for Women in the English Middle Ages
- Language Attitudes
- **Individual Differences in SLA**
- **Sociolinguistic Variation in the British Isles**

## *Literature*

- Banned Books in America
- Undead: The (Post-)Colonial Zombie
- Irish Radio Plays
- **Christopher Marlowe**
- **Global Mobilities: The Literature of Migration**

# Linguistics: History of the English Language



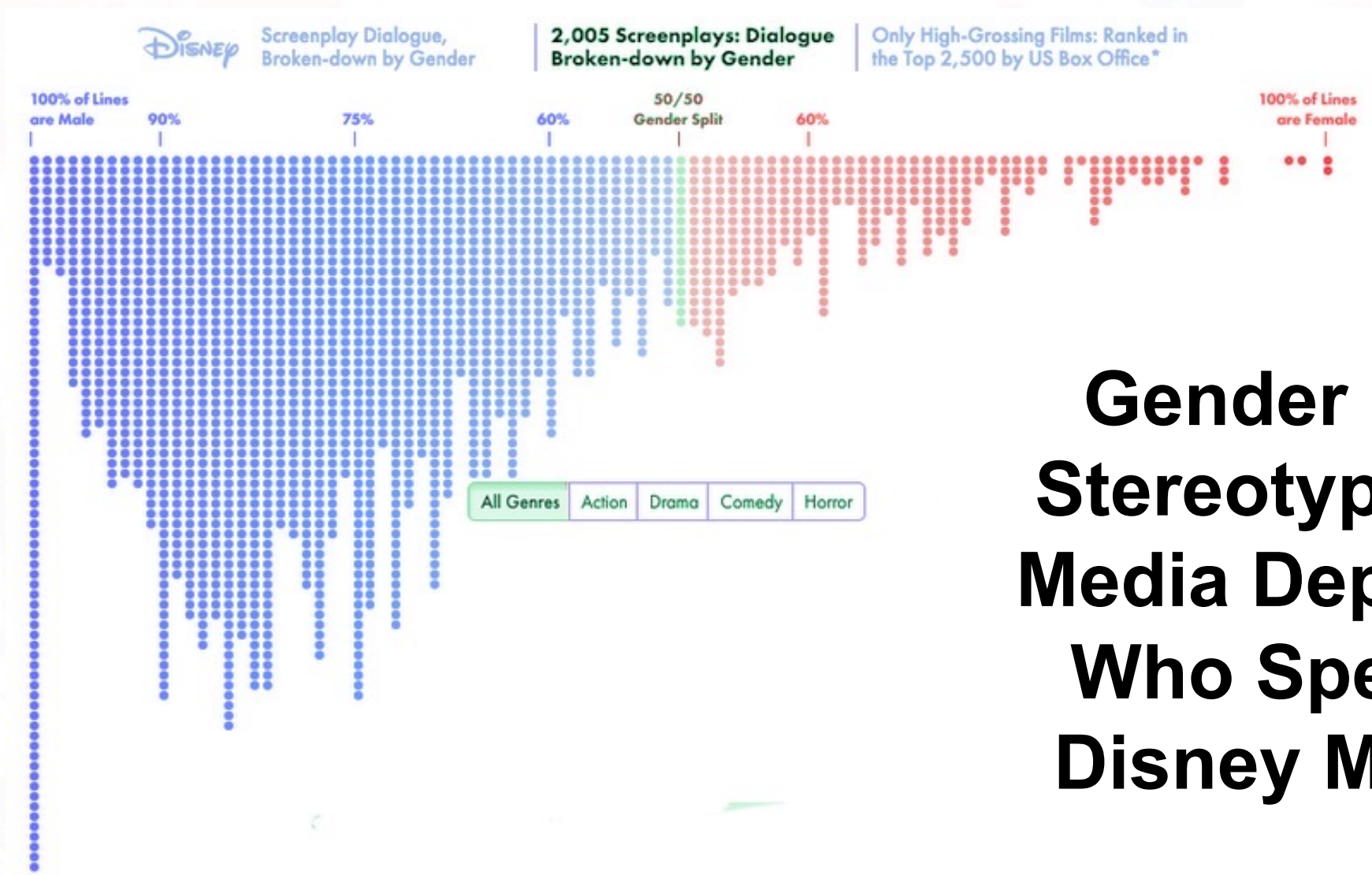
# Linguistics: Language and Gender

“Women are generally assumed to be more talkative than men. Data were analyzed from 396 participants who wore a voice recorder that sampled ambient sounds for several days. Participants’ daily word use was extrapolated from the number of recorded words. Women and men both spoke about 16,000 words per day.”

Matthias R. Mehl et al. “Are Women Really More Talkative Than Men?”  
*Science* 317.5834 (2007): 82.



Note: These studies work with a clear, unquestioned gender binary.



# Gender Roles, Stereotypes, and Media Depictions: Who Speaks in Disney Movies?

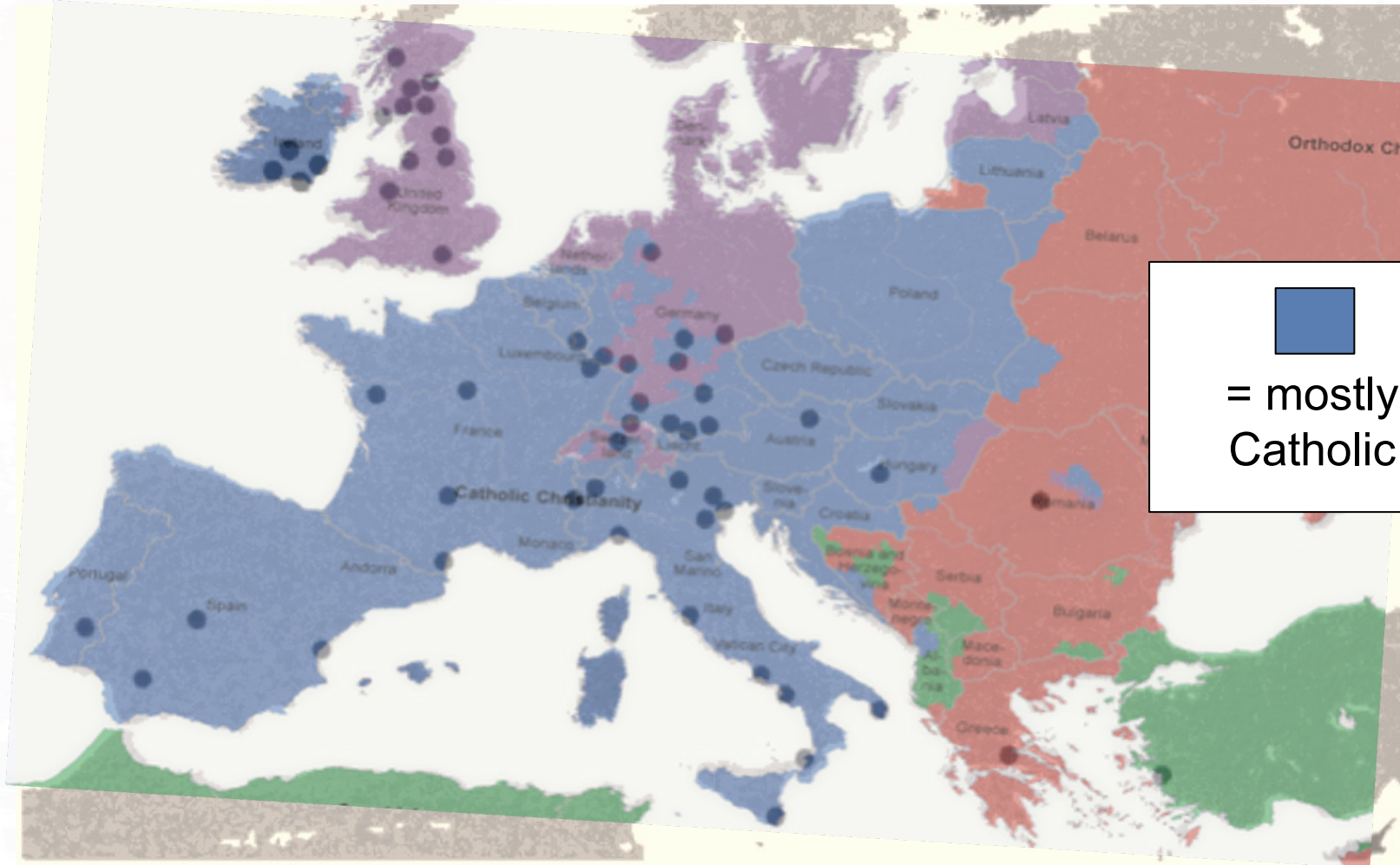


# Literary Studies: The Gothic



“If I cannot inspire  
love, I will cause fear!”

from Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*



## ***Gothic Novels: Settings (1770–1840)***

→ Influence on  
stereotypes?

from: Moretti, *Atlas of the European Novel* (16)

Second map: [http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/23/Europe\\_religion\\_map\\_en.png](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/23/Europe_religion_map_en.png)

# Aspects of ‘Othering’ in *Dracula* (1897)

“JONATHAN HARKER’S JOURNAL  
(*Kept in shorthand*)

3 May. *Bistriz*. – Left Munich at 8.35 p.m. on 1st May, arriving at Vienna early next morning; should have arrived at 6.46, but the train was an hour late. Buda-Pesth seems a wonderful place, from the glimpse which I got of it from the train and the little I could walk through the streets. I feared to go very far from the station, as we had arrived late and would start as near the correct time as possible. The impression I had was that we were leaving the West and entering the East; the most Western of splendid bridges over the Danube, which is here of noble width and depth, took us among the traditions of Turkish rule.” (3)



Gary Oldman als Dracula in  
*Bram Stoker's Dracula* (1992)

# Lord of the Rings

*'Three Rings for the Elven-kings under the sky,  
Seven for the Dwarf-lords in their halls of stone  
Nine for Mortal Men doomed to die,  
One for the Dark Lord on his dark throne  
In the Land of Mordor where the Shadows lie.  
One Ring to rule them all,  
One Ring to find them,  
One Ring to bring them all and in the  
darkness bind them  
In the Land of Mordor where the Shadows lie.'*





# Master Programs: Brief Overview

**English Literature  
and/or Linguistics**

***as Major: 90 ECTS***

***as Minor: 30 ECTS***

**Mono-Master in  
Literature**

***120 ECTS***

**Mono-Master in  
Linguistics**

***120 ECTS***



# Minimum Requirements for *Lehrdiplom*

## - **English as first or only teaching subject**

- at least 45 ECTS in English 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
- “Language Skills for Teachers” (3 ECTS) + stay abroad (min. 6 months)

## - **English as second teaching subject**

- at least 30 ECTS in English at Master Level
- overall, at least 21 ECTS each in English Literature and in English Linguistics
- “Language Skills for Teachers” (3 ECTS) + stay abroad (min. 6 months)

# Bsp. für Masterstudium: Short Internships

Title	Partner
Cultural Mediation	Artlink, Büro für Kulturkooperation
Englischspr. Bücher einer historischen Kinderbuchsammlung	Schweizerisches Institut für Kinder- und Jugendmedien SIKJM
Konzeptualisierung einer Schnitzeljagd für Sprachmuseum	Sprachpanorama Laufenburg
Kulturvermittlung und Übersetzung	Cabaret Voltaire
Literaturausstellung	Strauhof Zürich / Litar Zürich
Manuscripts and Monks on Wikipedia	Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen
Vermitteln der indigenen Kulturen Nordamerikas	Nordamerika Native Museum NONAM



# Useful Services

- Psychological Counseling Services: [www.pbs.uzh.ch/en.html](http://www.pbs.uzh.ch/en.html)
- Disability Office: [www.disabilityoffice.uzh.ch/en.html](http://www.disabilityoffice.uzh.ch/en.html)
- Student Financial Aid Office: [www.studienfinanzierung.uzh.ch/en.html](http://www.studienfinanzierung.uzh.ch/en.html)
- Akademischer Sportverein: [www.asvz.ch](http://www.asvz.ch)
- General Student Advisory Services: <http://www.studienberatung.uzh.ch/en.html>





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# International Contacts: Research

- memberships: international linguistic, literary & historical societies
- Events & Conferences
  - November 2019: The Figure of the Terrorist in Literature, Film, and Media
  - May 2021: Migration and Contact
- guest lectures, workshops & teaching at and from other universities

+ faculty- and university-wide agreements

# International Contacts: Exchange



Aberdeen



Manchester



Plymouth



Sheffield



Dublin



Barcelona



Cluj



Helsinki



Jena



Tampere



Vienna



London



Warwick

## Outside Europe



Halifax (Canada)



Auckland  
(New Zealand)

## European Partners



## English Department – The Swiss Centre of Irish Studies @ the Zurich James Joyce Foundation

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### The Swiss Centre of Irish Studies @ the Zurich James Joyce Foundation

The Swiss Centre of Irish Studies @ the Zurich James Joyce Foundation (SCIS-ZJFF) was established on May 1, 2019 and aims to:

- reflect and strengthen the unique role of the [Zurich James Joyce Foundation](#) as a cultural landmark and place of research of international importance;
- increase the visibility of Irish Studies at Swiss universities and beyond;
- promote interdisciplinary collaborations within Switzerland, between [individual scholars](#) as well as with [partner institutions](#) (e.g. the world-renowned [Stiftsbibliothek in St. Gallen](#));
- facilitate scholarly exchange with members of European networks, as well as academics working across the globe.

In July 2019, the Swiss Centre of Irish Studies @ the Zurich James Joyce Foundation was accepted as a member of the [European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies \(EFACIS\)](#).



The Swiss Centre of Irish Studies

#### Contact

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#### Embassy of Ireland, Switzerland



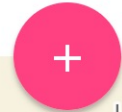
An Roinn Gnóthaí  
Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Department of  
Foreign Affairs and Trade



# Switzerland in Irish Poetry

Sponsored by the Embassy of Ireland, Switzerland – More at <https://www.es.uzh.ch/switzerlandinirishpoetry>

[www.es.uzh.ch/switzerlandinirishpoetry](https://www.es.uzh.ch/switzerlandinirishpoetry)





## English Department – UZH Alumni English Studies

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Past Projects

Donations

### ES Alumni Student Fund

The ES Alumni Student Fund was established in May 2016, to celebrate the English Department's 125-year anniversary as well as the founding of → [UZH Alumni English Studies](#) (named "Alumni Chapter English Studies" until May 2017).

**Note: All information is subject to change without prior notification. Support will be granted based on the criteria outlined at → [www.es.uzh.ch/en/alumni/esalumnistudentfund/applicationguidelines.html](http://www.es.uzh.ch/en/alumni/esalumnistudentfund/applicationguidelines.html) , as funds allow.**

#### Purpose

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;
- the → [Blueprint Masquerades](#) (English Department drama group);
- small travel bursaries (e.g. for field work, or to attend an academic conference);
- the → [Shakespeare Week](#) ;
- course-related excursions (max. CHF 50.- per student).

An overview of projects supported by the ES Alumni Student Fund is available in the subsection on → [Past Projects](#) .

Students wishing to apply for support can consult the section on → [Application Guidelines](#) .

**UZH alumni**  
**english studies**

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#### Becoming a Member

Simply use the [UZH Alumni Portal](#) and choose "Alumni Chapter English Studies" in the drop-down menu.

#### ES Alumni Student Fund: Donations

Donations to the [ES Alumni Student Fund](#) are highly appreciated. Please contact us via [email](#) or use the [donation form](#).



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# Some Career Options



Kultur



Tourismus



Journalismus



Werbung



Diplomatie



Archiv und Verwaltung



QuereinsteigerIn



# Further Information

- Lehrdiplom:

[https://www.ife.uzh.ch/de/llbm/lehrdiplom\\_fuermaturitaetsschulen.html](https://www.ife.uzh.ch/de/llbm/lehrdiplom_fuermaturitaetsschulen.html)

- Career Brochure: Alumni Portraits (by Fachverein Anglistik FAVA):

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/bachelor/prospective.html>



## Sprache Literatur Wissenschaft

Das Portal der Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaften stellt Studium und Forschung der Philologien in der Schweiz aus verschiedenen Perspektiven vor.

# English Studies: Lectures & Study Presentation

- 11.15–12.00 (room KO2-F-150)

## Linguistics:

- **Wed: Prof. Dr. Olga Timofeeva**
- **Thu: Prof. Dr. Simone Pfenninger**



- 14.45–15.30 (room KOL-F-117)

## Literature

**Prof. Dr. Michael C. Frank**



9.45–10.30

**Dr. Martin  
Mühlheim**

The Bachelor  
Programs in  
English Literature  
and Linguistics





## Welcome to the English Department!

The UZH English Department is housed in two historic buildings, close to the UZH main building.

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