



Fall 2012

Dear SHISU students applying for a Master of Arts dual degree study program in our Faculty:

I.

The first documents that our Faculty needs to prepare an approval process are (a) a letter of application from you describing two research areas you would like to pursue in our program and (b) a letter of endorsement from your major supervisor testifying to your adequate preparation in terms of academic achievement and English proficiency. Document (a) should make it clear how you intend to pursue your chosen research area in the context of either literary works or audiovisual media or language studies/linguistics; you may send it to my e-mail address. Document (b) may be sent by your supervisor as e-mail attachment to my e-mail address, if it is on official letterhead paper and carries a signature; if document (b) is given to you, you may likewise send an e-mail attachment followed by a signed hardcopy original with your full application dossier (by express delivery to me). Please add a CV (vita) at or about the same time. You will find the addresses at the bottom of this page. Both (a) and (b) should be sent to me by 1 April or 1 October if possible. At the same time you should assemble the certified true copies of your qualifications (incl. B.A. diploma, higher education entrance qualification) as required in our 'moveonline' application for admission (web site International Office). And you should complete the 'moveonline' application: <https://uni-bayreuth.moveonnet.eu/moveonline/incoming/welcome.php? language=en>.

II.

As you probably know, you will find the curriculum governing your Bayreuth studies in the Program Agreement, which is available from your program coordinator. Please acquaint yourself with this.

The course types are described in more detail in the Module Handbook, <http://www.anglistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/download/MA-MHB-10-7-Lit.pdf> (for Literature as major area) and <http://www.anglistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/download/MA-MHB-10-4-Ling.pdf> (for Linguistics as major area).

You will find the full and official German regulations governing your Bayreuth studies at the following web site, for *Intercultural Anglophone Studies*:

http://www.uni-bayreuth.de/universitaet/leitung_und_organe/Universitaetsverwaltung/abt1/amtliche-bekanntmachungen/konsolidierteFassungen/2012/2012-008-kF.pdf

III.

Before transferring to Bayreuth, you should choose the seminars and lectures that are relevant for your curriculum. These are announced and described several months before the start of a new lecture period.

For Intercultural Anglophone Studies, course announcements with commentary are published in the “Aktuelles” (News) column, on the right of the web page, at the departmental web site <http://www.anglistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/index.html>. A special section for Intercultural Anglophone Studies is included at the end. Elective seminars (marked PS, HS) may be chosen from all the courses offered in the course commentary. If anything is unclear, you may consult the Moderator, Prof. Steppat (michael.steppat@uni-bayreuth.de).

Please note that for any language courses you will need to register at the beginning of each lecture period in our Language Center. The web site of “Sprachenzentrum” is accessible from the central university home page, section “Universitätseinrichtungen”. The web site includes a chapter explaining the registration procedure: <http://www.sz.uni-bayreuth.de/index.php?id=138>. Late registration is not usually possible.

You should make sure to take note of the short list of Required Reading before you transfer to Bayreuth: http://www.anglistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/Studium/MAIAS/Program_Information/Required_Reading/index.html.

IV.

You will need to provide official evidence of successful completion of your first MA year. You should consult the program coordinator at your home university for this, if you are not sure how to procure such evidence. You should submit it to me early during your study period in Bayreuth.

V.

Several months before you actually transfer to Bayreuth, you should begin to think about your preference for a topic for your MA thesis. You should begin to correspond about this with a possible supervisor, in your chosen area:

Intercultural Anglophone Studies:

(Postcolonial literatures and cultures, English literature) Prof. Susan Arndt, susan.arndt@uni-bayreuth.de

(American literature and culture) Prof. Sylvia Mayer, sylvia.mayer@uni-bayreuth.de or Prof. Jeanne Cortiel, jeanne.cortiel@uni-bayreuth.de

(English linguistics) Prof. Susanne Mühleisen, susanne.muehleisen@uni-bayreuth.de or Prof. Markus Bieswanger, bieswanger@uni-bayreuth.de

If you begin this process only after arriving in Bayreuth, you may find the time assigned for writing your thesis to be very short. Ideally, you should be prepared to register your thesis and begin writing on 1 January, if you are transferring in the fall. If you choose to do this later, you may have less time to complete your thesis or you may not be able to graduate within the academic year.

It is possible to have your thesis co-supervised by a suitably qualified academic teacher from your home university. If you are interested in this option, you should consult your preferred supervisors.

You will find registration forms for your thesis and other degree work as follows:

Intercultural Anglophone Studies:

<http://www.uni-bayreuth.de/pruefungsangeleg/Master-Studiengaenge/interc-angl-stud-Ma/interc-angl-stud-Ma-pso-2010/index.html>

VI.

For application and admission guidance, see http://www.international-office.uni-bayreuth.de/en/02_Documents/index.html.

Admission forms are available at http://www.international-office.uni-bayreuth.de/en/03_Admission/2_Degree_Students/index.html.

For visa and residence guidance, see http://www.international-office.uni-bayreuth.de/en/04_On_Site/index.html.

I wish you a pleasant and stimulating preparation time for your studies in Bayreuth!