Module title: Specialization Seminar1 British Studies (Literary and Cultural Studies)
Abbreviation: 04-EnMA-BLC-SM1-122-m01

Module coordinator: Managing Director English and American Studies
Module offered by: Institute of Modern Philologies

ECTS: 5
Method of grading: numerical grade
Duration: 1 semester
Module level: graduate

Other prerequisites: Admission prerequisite to assessment: regular attendance (a maximum of 2 incidents of unexcused absence) of courses (lectures excluded).

Contents:
The module covers the most important literary and theoretical trends of the 20th and 21st century in-depth, which will be applied on the basis of detailed text analyses. This includes, inter alia, Structuralism, Post-Structuralism, New Criticism, Deconstruction, Gender Studies or New Historicism. Hence, the significance of literary theory in order to understand the processes of creative writing as well as of the academic dealing with literature will be critically discussed and evaluated. Next to the traditional theories, the current state of research (e.g. Queer theory, ecocriticism) will be displayed and discussed, too.

Intended learning outcomes:
After successful completion of the module, students will be able to - read and understand complex theoretical texts in general, - describe complex issues, models, methods, terminologies and theories of literature and to critically reflect and abstract them, - apply literary theories to the analysis of texts in British literature independently, provided that abilities, such as the close reading, will be consolidated. Moreover, they are skilled regarding hermeneutic competencies.

Courses:
- Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

Method of assessment:
a) term paper (approx. 12 to 15 pages) or b) presentation (approx. 30 to 45 minutes) with position paper (approx. 8 pages) or c) written examination (approx. 75 minutes)
Language of assessment: English

Allocation of places:
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Additional information:
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes):
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Module appears in:
Master's degree (2 majors) English and American Studies (2012)
Master's degree (1 major) English-Speaking Cultures (2012)