

Important information for exchange students who want to take part in English language courses in the Department of English and American Studies

**IMPORTANT – Our courses are NOT general English courses but are instead intended for those studying English language as part of their major or minor. We are NOT part of the *Sprachenzentrum* (Language Centre), which DOES do general English courses. The Sprachenzentrum is a separate department and registration for their courses is entirely separate to ours. To register for their courses, follow the instructions on their website:**

<http://www.uni-kassel.de/einrichtungen/sprz/sprachenzentrum.html>

**Who can take our courses?**

- There are two groups of student who may take our courses. They are:
  - Students whose Kassel ID says “Anglistik/Englisch Austausch”  
OR
  - Students whose Kassel ID says “Germanistik Austausch” or “Fremdsprachen”  
AND who come from Italy, France, or Spain.

**What courses do you offer?**

- International and Erasmus students can **only take English 2 courses**. You cannot take English 1 or English 3 as these are exclusively for students doing their whole degree in Kassel.
- Please look at the Vorlesungsverzeichnis (lecture list) on the university website to find out what each course is about. Click on the course name and scroll down to the bottom of the page to see a description under “Kommentar” or “Beschreibung”. The Vorlesungsverzeichnis is here:

<https://portal.uni-kassel.de/qisserver/rds?state=wtree&search=1&trex=step&root120221=200077%7C194871%7C197507%7C193918&P.vx=kurz>

- Our courses (English 1 – 3) are NOT in order of difficulty. They focus on different skills. This means English 2 is not harder than English 1 or easier than English 3. But **only English 2 courses are available for international students**.

**How many ECTS points can I get for a Sprachpraxis course?**

- 5 ECTS. There are no exceptions to this.

### How many Sprachpraxis courses can I take?

- A maximum of two Sprachpraxis courses per semester.

### I've looked at the Vorlesungsverzeichnis and read the descriptions for English 2 courses and I'd like to take one of them. What do I do now?

- You need to **take a test** so we can see whether your English is at the right level. Our courses cater for students at levels B2 - C1+.

### Do I have to take this test in order to take \*any\* courses in the English department?

- No. This test is *\*only\** necessary if you want to take English **language** courses (=Sprachpraxiskurse) with us. **It is NOT necessary if you only want to attend seminars in literature, linguistics or applied linguistics.**
- Students **must** take the test to be allowed to take part in Sprachpraxis classes.

### Do I have to register to take this test?

- Yes. Please e-mail Charlotte Stevens-Fields ([stevensf@uni-kassel.de](mailto:stevensf@uni-kassel.de)) confirming that you will take part. Please do this by 5pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 at the latest to register for the Placement Test.

### When and where does the test take place?

- Online on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2022
- You will receive a login code and instructions from me by email on the morning of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- You will need to complete the test by the end of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### What does the test consist of?

- It is the Oxford Online Placement Test. It lasts 70 minutes and consists of written questions and a listening exercise.

### When and where do I get my results?

- The results will be sent to you by email once everyone has taken the test.

### What do the results mean?

- If you get 64 points or more, you may attend **English 2 classes**.
- Students who do not take the test, and students who score below 64 points, cannot take English language courses in our department.

### **How do I get a place in a course?**

- **After you receive your results**, contact Fiona Dancy ([fiona.dancy@uni-kassel.de](mailto:fiona.dancy@uni-kassel.de)), giving a choice of three classes (use the ANG numbers, NOT the time / course instructor), and she will place you in one of them. If you need a second course, let Ms Dancy know and she will endeavor to put you in a second course, but this cannot be guaranteed.

### **I have taken the test and got less than 64 points. I still want to do English language courses, what do I do now?**

- Your alternative for English language courses is the Sprachenzentrum (language centre). Please take note, they have their own tests and entrance requirements:

<http://www.uni-kassel.de/einrichtungen/sprz/sprachenzentrum.html>

### **Who do I contact with questions?**

- Contact me, Charlotte Stevens-Fields. ([stevensf@uni-kassel.de](mailto:stevensf@uni-kassel.de))