

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 the English language as part of their major or minor. We are NOT part of the *Sprachenzentrum* (Language Centre), which DOES offer general English courses. The Sprachenzentrum is a separate department and registration for their courses is entirely separate from ours.

To register for their courses, follow the instructions on their website:

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

Frequently Asked Questions:

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.

Who can take Sprachpraxis courses?

- 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 courses 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&root120232=176344%7C219036%7C222641%7C222669&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**.

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** (see below) 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** in the Department of English and American Studies.
- Students **must** take the test to be allowed to take part in Sprachpraxis classes.

How can I take the placement test?

- Sign into the University of Kassel's Moodle site using your University of Kassel account. If you don't have a University of Kassel account, please contact your advisor (exchange@uni-kassel.de) to get one. Next, join the course titled "[Placement Test](#)". The password to join is as follows: Good luck!. In this course room, you will find the practice placement test. **The real placement test is hidden until you have completed the practice test at least once.**
- You can complete the test **at any time before April 16th**. Once you have started the test, you have **a maximum of 30 minutes** to complete it. You can only take it **once**.

What does the placement test consist of?

- Our placement test is a C-test, which is a fill-in-the-blank test that involves adding the missing letter(s) in a text. You are required to take the practice placement test before taking the real placement test. You can take the practice placement test as often as you like. **You can take the real placement test only once and have 30 minutes once you have started it.**

When and where do I get my test results?

- Feedback will appear on your screen immediately after you have submitted your answers in Moodle. If you earn enough points, the feedback in Moodle will tell you how to sign up for our courses. If you forget what the feedback was, you can always go back into the Moodle room to reread it when reviewing your results.

I have taken the test and did not get enough points to take your courses. 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?

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