

English Studies preliminary teaching programme 2026-7

Specialization studies

The Specialization studies consist of four elective thematic modules offered by the programme.

Completing a module requires students to complete at least three courses from that module.

General line: students complete two modules (for a total of 6 courses)

Teacher line: students complete one module and one additional course, Researching English for Teaching and Learning (total of 4 courses).

Depending on the study unit, different completion methods are available: attend a course with contact teaching, do an independent study option or a book exam.

Language and Society module teaching

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Completion method | Open to exchange students |
|----------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|---|
| ENG-S306 | Language and Identity | 5 | 1-2 | Minna Nevala | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S307 | Language Policy | 5 | 1-2 | Anna Solin | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S308 | Writing and Literacy Across Contexts | 5 | 1-2 | Niina Hynninen | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S309 | Historical Sociolinguistics | 5 | 1-2 | Tanja Säily | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S310 | Posthumanist perspectives on language | 5 | 3-4 | Hanna-Mari Pienimäki | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |

Language and Society module independent study options and book exams

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Completion method | Open to exchange students |
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| ENG-S306 | Language and Identity | 5 | 1-2 | Nevala Minna | Independent study | Not open for exchange students |
| ENG-S307 | Language Policy | 5 | 3-4 | Solin Anna | Independent study | Not open for exchange students |

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| ENG-S308 | Writing and Literacy Across Contexts | 5 | 4 | Hynninen Niina | Independent study | Not open for exchange students |
| ENG-S309 | Historical Sociolinguistics | 5 | 3-4 | Säily Tanja | Independent study | Not open for exchange students |

Discourse and Digital Interaction module teaching

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Completion method | Open to exchange students |
|-----------------|--|------------|-----------|---|--|---|
| ENG-S311 | Pragmatics of Social Media | 5 | 1-2 | Sanna-Kaisa Tanskanen, Ylva Biri | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S312 | Using Corpora to Analyse Discourse | 5 | 1-2 | Turo Hiltunen | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S313 | Annotating linguistic and multimodal data | 5 | 3 | Henna Paakki | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S314 | Generative AI and Language Studies | 5 | 3-4 | Joseph Flanagan | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S315 | Evaluation in Texts | 5 | 3-4 | Carla Suhr | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S316 | <i>Special Option in Discourse and Digital Interaction (two courses offered by other degree programmes)</i> | | | | | |
| NOR-S325 | <i>Corpus linguistics</i> | 5 | 3-4 | Therese Lindström Tiedemann | Contact teaching | - |
| ICE-CM322 | <i>Critical approaches to social media</i> | 5 | 3-4 | Saila Poutiainen (with Sanna-Kaisa Tanskanen and Elina Penttinen) | Blended teaching (contact and distance teaching) | - |

Discourse and Digital Interaction module independent study options and book exams

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| ENG-S312 | Using Corpora to Analyse Discourse | 5 | 1.-15.3.2027; 1.6-31.8.2027 | Hiltunen Turo | General exam in Examinarium | Open for all exchange students |
| ENG-S315 | Evaluation in Texts | 5 | 1-2 | Suhr Carla | Independent study | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S316 | Special Option in Discourse and Digital Interaction | 5 | 1.10.2026-1.5.2027 | Hiippala Tuomo | General exam in Examinarium | Open for exchange students of the study programme |

Literature and Society module teaching

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Completion method | Open to exchange students |
|----------|--|------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| ENG-S318 | Political Shakespeare | 5 | 1-2 | Nely Keinänen | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S320 | Speculative Fiction | 5 | 1-2 | NN | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S321 | Special Option in Literature and Society: Fantastic Literature (fall 2026) | 5 | 1-2 | Christian Schneider | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |

Literature and Society module independent study options and book exams

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|----------|------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| ENG-S317 | Early Modern Text in Context | 5 | 1.9.-30.5. | Salenius Maria | General exam in Examinarium | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S319 | Literature and Ethics | 5 | 1.9.-30.5. | Sklar Howard | General exam in Examinarium | Open for exchange students of the study programme |

Literature and the Mind module teaching

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Implementation method | Open to exchange students |
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| ENG-S323 | Reading Other Minds | 5 | 1-2 | Howard Sklar | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S324 | Poetry and Renaissance Ideology | 5 | 3-4 | Maria Salenius | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |

Literature and the Mind module independent study options and book exams

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| ENG-S322 | Cognitive Literary Studies | 5 | 1.9.-31.5. | Polvinen Merja | Involves a combination of a book exam and research and writing tasks. | Open for exchange students of the study programme |
| ENG-S325 | Shakespeare and Cognitive Poetics | 5 | 26.10.-10.6. | Keinänen Nely | Independent study | Open for exchange students of the study programme |

Teacher-line

Teacher-line students must complete Researching English for Teaching and Learning course

Teacher line teaching

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Implementation method | Open to exchange students |
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| ENG-T305 | Researching English for Teaching and Learning | 5 | 3-4 | Niina Hynninen, Anna Solin | Contact teaching | Open for exchange students of the study programme |

Career Courses

General-line students must complete one career course as part of their studies.

Career Courses are all independent study options

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Implementation method | Open to exchange students |
|----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| ENG-E327 | Traineeship | 5 | 1-4 | Suhr Carla | Independent study | Not open for exchange students |

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| ENG-E328 | Career Planning | 5 | 1-4 | Suhr Carla | Independent study | Not open for exchange students |
| ENG-E329 | International Traineeship | 5 | 1-4 | Suhr Carla | Independent study | Not open for exchange students |

Thesis studies

Thesis studies are recommended for second year of studies.

Student will complete a research design course in linguistics or literature in the first teaching period and then continue on to a thesis seminar which take place during the 2-4 teaching periods

Thesis studies seminars

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Implementation method | Open to exchange students |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| ENG-331 | Research Design in Linguistics | 5 | 1 | Turo Hiltunen and Niina Hynninen | Contact teaching | Not open for exchange students |
| ENG-332 | Thesis Seminar in Linguistics | 5 | 2, 3, 4 | Turo Hiltunen, Niina Hynninen, Tanja Säily & Turo Vartiainen | Contact teaching | Not open for exchange students |
| ENG-333 | Research Design in Literature | 5 | 1 | Nely Keinänen | Contact teaching | Not open for exchange students |
| ENG-334 | Thesis Seminar in Literature | 5 | 2, 3, 4 | Merja Polvinen, Nely Keinänen | Contact teaching | Not open for exchange students |

Thesis studies independent study options

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Implementation method | Open to exchange students |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| ENG-331 | Research Design in Linguistics | 5 | 1-4 | Turo Hiltunen and Niina Hynninen | Independent study | Not open for exchange students |
| ENG-333 | Research Design in Literature | 5 | 1-4 | Nely Keinänen | Independent study | Not open for exchange students |

Computational text analysis

The programme also offers two online courses on computational text analysis which students can take as part of their other studies.

Computational text analysis courses

| Code | Study unit name | Scope (cr) | Period(s) | Teacher(s) | Implementation method | Open to exchange students |
|---------|---|------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| ENG-502 | Working with Text in Python | 5 | No spesific time | Hiippala Tuomo | Online course | Open for all exchange students |
| ENG-503 | Natural Language Processing for Linguists | 5 | No spesific time | Hiippala Tuomo | Online course | Open for all exchange students |