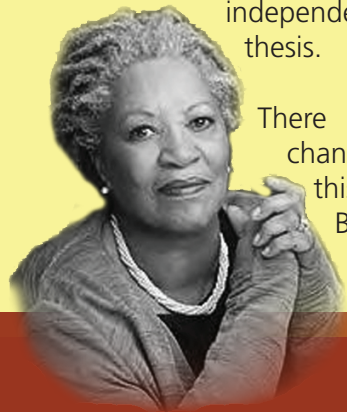


The **MA Intercultural Anglophone Studies** program (**MAIAS**) with a duration of two years is an innovative postgraduate degree for research in **English and American Studies**, offered at the geographical centre of Europe. It is taught in English, and it has enjoyed official quality accreditation (**ACQUIN**) since 2004. The degree program is directed toward advanced scholarly competence. It enables in-depth and theoretically informed study of the literatures and cultures of the English-speaking world, and of linguistic phenomena of English in its varieties around the world. All areas of study emphasize a comparative cultural perspective. A wide range of forms of cultural expression such as literature, film, theatre, music, and popular culture are thematized. The (inter)cultural construction of authors and their works is a relevant issue. From various perspectives, this degree program enables the analysis of complex issues in culture, literature, and language. Students demonstrate their competence toward the end of their studies in an independent and comprehensive thesis.



There are postgraduate exchange opportunities for this program with several British and American universities.



The Campus



Bayreuth is located in northern Bavaria, on the Red Main river in a valley between the Fichtel Hills and the Franconian Jura. It is the capital of Upper Franconia and has a population of 73,000 citizens (2008). The university, one of the youngest in Germany, has about 9100 students.

Web site of **MA program with application procedure:**
<http://www.old.uni-bayreuth.de/departments/anglistik/MAIAS-1.html>

Web site of **Summer University:**
<http://www.sommeruni-bayreuth.de/website/en/sommeruni>

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Module Structure

ANG-M1.1 First level: Major area

Introduction to advanced seminar style

ANG-M1.2 First level: Major area

Theories and methods

ANG-M2 Style and register

Writing skills for presenting complex topics

ANG-M3 Second foreign language

Oral and written communication in a chosen language

ANG-M4 Second level: Major area

Colloquium and research seminar style

ANG-M5 Cultural studies (Anglophone world)

Cultural development of Anglophone regions of the world



In one of the seven branches of the university library



In front of the students' cafeteria

Thematic Core

Anglophone Literary Studies

- British and American literature and culture
- Postcolonial and diaspora studies
- Literature and media

Anglophone Linguistics

- Language, cognition and culture
- English worldwide—varieties of English in their cultural setting
- Corpus linguistics



Bayreuth is culture: Richard Wagner's famous Festspielhaus

Vocational Areas

Academic and scholarly career, internationally oriented cultural institutions, intercultural consultation, public relations, teaching, media and journalism. This MA program benefits from its integration with Bayreuth's focal areas in research. These are especially:

- **Bayreuth Institute for American Studies (BIAS)**
- **Prince Albert Society** (German-British academic, cultural, political relations)
- **Institute of African Studies**
- International doctoral school "**Cultural Encounters**"

Each summer, the University offers an international Summer University to prepare students for studies in Germany and for German language qualification. MA students are welcome to apply for membership, to ease their pathway into the German system.



Students of the International Summer University