

Bachelor en Cultures Européennes : English Studies

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Why take this programme?

Do you ever wonder about the power and the beauty of the written word? Are you curious about how we use language and why we adapt the way we speak and write to social or cultural circumstances? If you do think about such issues, this study programme may be for you. We offer you the opportunity to specialise in English Literature and Linguistics in an exciting international and multilingual setting. From the beginning of your academic career, you will explore a wide range of topics and approaches, engage in current scholarly debates and investigate the complexities and the intricacies of your chosen field.

What is special about this programme?

The structure of the Bachelor en Cultures Européennes is quite unique: it embeds traditional training in English Studies within a lived interdisciplinary and intercultural framework. Indeed, our team brings together staff from different parts of the world, and our teaching is informed by a variety of academic cultures and methodologies. Moreover, the interdisciplinary framework of the Bachelor is co-organised by the five tracks of the study programme (French and German Studies, History and Philosophy); it provides general introductions to the other BCE and related fields on the one hand, and interdisciplinary training on the other.

Your focus. Your choice!

Our study programme is designed to promote critical and independent thinking as well as a sense of initiative in our students. You will be encouraged to combine your specialisation in English Studies with courses from other fields. What this interdisciplinary focus looks like depends in part on your own study and research interests. The opportunity to shape your own academic path(s) in your specialised track in combination with related fields will help you to acquire the qualities we wish to develop in our students: autonomy, open-mindedness, and flexibility. We strongly believe that these qualities will prove invaluable to you as you advance in your academic career and embark on your professional lives.

What we offer

Our BA programme offers a wide variety of courses in both linguistics and literature, covering different periods, genres and linguistic systems. It comprises 180 ECTS to be acquired over a period of three years. This includes a compulsory semester abroad. Courses are organised into modules that cover the following areas of study:

Language and Linguistics

- English Linguistics
- Language, Society and Power

Literature and Culture

- Text and Context
- Form and Genre
- Criticism and Theory
- Comparative Literature

Interdisciplinary Framework and Related Fields

- German, French and Romance Literatures and Linguistics
- History
- Philosophy
- Film and Media Studies
- Interdisciplinary Lecture Series and Seminars with a variety of focuses

Which opportunities will this programme lead to?

As a graduate of the Bachelor en Cultures Européennes: English Studies track, you will be qualified to pursue a Master degree in English Studies and/or Humanities related fields.

In combination with an MA and a stay abroad in an English-speaking country, you will meet the legal requirements for teaching careers in Luxembourg. Moreover, our focus on critical thinking, presentation skills, and active engagement with text and language will prepare you for careers in journalism and related professions, publishing, communications and public relations, and cultural agencies, among others. In short, you will be attractive for employers looking for good intercultural competences, a broad and reflexive knowledge of culture, the ability to argue convincingly, and a strong sense for the subtleties of the English language.

Admissions requirements

To apply and register for this programme you will need:

- a school leaving qualification awarded or declared equivalent by the Luxembourg Ministry of Education;
- verified language skills in English (Common European Framework: C1)
- verified language skills (B2) in a second language (German or French);
- an A2 level in a third language (German or French) is highly recommended. This is important, because the interdisciplinary framework of our study programme is multilingual.
- to write an admissions essay

For further information, please consult our website: bce.english.uni.lu.

What we expect of you

Our study programme strongly emphasises active involvement and independent discovery. Concretely, this means that

- you will participate actively in group discussions and other tasks set by your tutors during meetings;
- you will take part in group projects and group presentations;
- you will be expected to do research for your written and oral work;
- you will be expected to work to deadlines and to hand in written work on time;
- you will be expected to organise your own time and your own reading; and
- you will be expected to work with academic precision and to pay meticulous attention to details of language and form.

Why do we ask all this of you?

Courses in the English Studies track are seminar-based rather than lecture-based. For you, this means that studying involves commitment and active participation: you will have to prepare for your classes at home, but an important part of the learning is done in class through discussions with your tutors and fellow students.

By opting for this teaching style, we hope to

- enable you to engage with texts, linguistic systems, and their contexts independently; encourage you to develop a critical mind and analytical skills;
- give you a space in which you can develop, express and experiment with your ideas;
- help you to find and develop your own voice in discussions and in writing;
- and provide you with a set of transferable skills, such as gathering and analysing information from a diversity of contexts, constructing a clear argument, and presenting it to various audiences convincingly using a variety of media.

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