University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Master's seminar I, PG_00189323		
Field of study	English Studies		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study
Mode of study	part-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	English
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits	4.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Institute of English and American Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Maria Fengler	
	Teachers	dr hab. Anna Bączkowska, prof. UG dr Marina Ragachewskaya	

Lesson types

Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
Number of study hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	14

E-learning hours included: 0.0

Learning activity and number of study hours

Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan	Participation in consultation hours	Self-study	SUM
Number of study hours	14	1.0	85.0	100

Subject objectives

The aim of MA Seminar I-IV is to support students in the process of writing an MA thesis and prepare them for more advanced research in linguistics or literary studies

The aim of MA Seminar I is to familiarize students with the specifics of research in the selected discipline, to assist them in the choice of the research problem and appropriate methodology, formulation of the preliminary topic of the thesis and development of the preliminary bibliography.

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[FAMU2_U01] Can innovatively perform analytical and interpretative tasks, formulate and solve complex and unusual problems, and set and test simple research hypotheses in the field of English linguistics and research into English literature, using the acquired subject knowledge and linguistic and literary methodological and theoretical approaches.	linnovatively performs analytical and interpretive tasks, formulates and solves complex and unusual problems, as well as poses and tests simple research hypotheses in the subject area covered by the chosen seminar, using advanced knowledge and linguistic or literary methodological and theoretical approaches to prepare the outline of the MA thesis.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[FAMU2_W04] Knows and understands in depth advanced research methodologies and theories in the field of literary studies relevant to the study of English-language literature.	Knows and understands in-depth the advanced research methodologies and theories in literary studies necessary for the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis in literary studies.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[FAMU2_W06] Knows and understands advanced terminology in the field of literary studies, in particular those used in the study of English-language literature.	Knows and understands in-depth the advanced terminology pertaining to the subject matter of the chosen literature seminar, necessary for the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[FAMU2_U10] Can independently plan and implement their own lifelong learning and guide others in this area within the framework of English philology and their chosen field of professional activity.	Is able to independently plan and implement her/his own lifelong learning and guide others in this regard within the framework of the chosen discipline of the seminar (linguistics or literary studies), in particular during the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[FAMU2_W10] Knows and understands to an in-depth extent the advanced methods of analysis and interpretation relevant to English-language literature.	Knows and understands the main development trends in literary studies, especially in relation to the subject matter of the chosen seminar in literary studies.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[FAMU2_W09] Knows and understands to an in-depth extent advanced methods of analysis relevant to linguistics, including, in particular, those applicable to English language studies.	Knows and understands the main development trends in linguistics, especially pertaining to the subject matter of the chosen linguistics seminar.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[FAMU2_W05] Knows and understands advanced terminology in the field of linguistics, in particular those used in English language studies.	Knows and understands advanced terminology applicable to research in the subject area of the chosen linguistics seminar, necessary for the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[FAMU2_W16] Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization in the context of issues related to intercultural linguistic and literary communication and the role of modern technologies in the work of the English philologist.	Knows and understands the concepts and principles of copyright and property protection law applicable to the research work withn the subject area of the chosen linguistics or literature seminar.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[FAMU2_U03] Can properly select sources and evaluate, select, critically analyze and synthesize and creatively interpret information derived from them, in particular in the field of English linguistic and literary studies.	Is able to select appropriate sources and evaluate, select, critically analyze and synthesize and creatively interpret information from them as part of her/his research within the subject area of the chosen linguistics or literary studies seminar, particularly in the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[FAMU2_U04] Can select and apply information and communication techniques (ICT) during the acquisition and processing of information for research and professional purposes within the framework of English Studies.	Is able to select and apply information and communication technology (ICT) when acquiring and processing information while conducting research within the subject area of the chosen seminar and during the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work

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[FAMU2_W08] Knows and understands to an in-depth extent selected issues constituting advanced detailed knowledge in the field of literary studies and English-language literatures.	Knows and understands in in-depth selected issues that constitute advanced detailed knowledge of the subject matter of the chosen literature seminar, necessary for the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
[FAMU2_K01] Is ready to critically evaluate the extent of their knowledge and skills, in particular in the field of English-language linguistics and literature and English.	Is ready to critically assess the extent of her/his knowledge and skills in the subject matter of the chosen seminar.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[FAMU2_K02] Is prepared to recognise the importance of knowledge and skills in English Studies in solving cognitive and practical problems and to seek the advice of a supervisor in their chosen place of work in the event of difficulty in solving problems on their own.	Is ready to recognize the relevance of the knowledge and skills of the selected linguistics or literary studies seminar in solving cognitive and practical problems, and to consult the supervisor in case of difficulties in solving problems independently, especially when working on the outline of the MA thesis	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK3] text preparation/written work [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[FAMU2_K06] Is ready to observe, disseminate and develop the principles of ethics in research work in the field of English linguistics and literature and in professional work.	is ready to observe, disseminate and develop the principles of ethics in her/his research work within the subject area of the chosen seminar, especially during the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK3] text preparation/written work
[FAMU2_K03] Is prepared to make decisions on his / her own and to critically evaluate and take responsibility for the consequences of his / her own actions, the actions of the teams he / she leads and the organizations in which he / she participates, to lead and take responsibility for the group in the performance of tasks within the framework of English studies and in professional practice.	Is ready to make decisions independently and to critically evaluate and accept responsibility for the consequences of his/her own actions and the actions of the teams she/he leads or participates in; to lead and take responsibility for the group, performing research tasks as part of the chosen seminar and developing the outline of the MA thesis.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[FAMU2_U07] Can lead a debate on linguistics and literature within the framework of English Philology, present and evaluate various opinions and positions, and discuss them in English and Polish.	Is able to debate topics pertaining to the subject matter of the chosen seminar in linguistics or literary studies, present and evaluate different opinions and points of view and discuss them.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[FAMU2_W07] Knows and understands to an in-depth extent selected issues constituting advanced detailed knowledge in the field of linguistics, including, in particular, research into the English language.	Knows and understands in-depth selected issues that constitute advanced detailed knowledge of the subject matter of the chosen linguistics seminar, necessary for the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
[FAMU2_U06] Can communicate in speech and writing in English and Polish with diverse audiences on specialized topics in the field of linguistics and literature, also using advanced specialized terminology.	Is able to communicate with diverse audiences on specialized topics within the subject area of the chosen seminar in linguistics or literature, using appropriate advanced specialized terminology.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
[FAMU2_W03] Knows and understands in depth advanced research methodologies and theories in the field of English linguistics.	Knows and understands in-depth advanced research methodologies and theories in English linguistics and/or its sub-disciplines, necessary for the preparation of the outline of the MA thesis as part of the chosen linguistics seminar.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work

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<tr><td>Subject contents</td><td>Students develop advanced skills in linguistic or literary analysis and interpretation relevant to the topic of the seminar; they learn to work individually and in groups working on presentations, discussing research results, and developing their individual research projects.

Students learn to write an academic text, learn the rules of formatting such a text, collect data, review the literature on the subject, apply research methodology appropriate to a given topic, formulate and verify research hypotheses and how to present the obtained research results (verbal and visual).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Prerequisites and co-requisites</td><td>Knowledge of English at at least C1 level.

STUDENTS MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 66% OF THE CLASSES TO PASS THE COURSE, UNLESS THEY HAVE OBTAINED THE DEANS APPROVAL TO FOLLOW AN INDIVIDUAL STUDY PLAN.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>active participation in seminar discussions</td><td>51.0%</td><td>25.0%</td></tr>
<tr><td>presentations of the literature on the subject and research results</td><td>51.0%</td><td>25.0%</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Work placement</td><td>Not applicable</td></tr>
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