


AMI Module Information Sheet

1. General Information

 UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE	Faculty of Arts and Humanities Department of English I
Module title: Aufbau Modul (AM) I Sprachpraxis	
Semester: SoSe25	
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2. Module Description

AMI consists of three elements:

- 1) the Rhetorical Skills II (RSII) course
- 2) the Academic Writing II (AWII) course and
- 3) the end-of-module exam (*Modulabschlussprüfung*, MAP).

After successfully completing the three elements, you will receive 6 Credit Points (CP), which amounts to 180 hours of preparation, class participation, revision and exam preparation.

RSII builds on the foundations laid in Rhetorical Skills I and focuses on further developing students' oral and aural skills in a variety of contexts. Emphasis will be placed on facilitating discussion about current issues in the English-speaking world. We will work with different authentic materials, both textual and audiovisual, enabling students to improve their use of idiomatic English. Written assignments will allow students to conduct further independent research into the topics discussed in class and demonstrate their ability to communicate in English in a number of formats. Equally, the opportunity to present on a topic of their choice will enable students to refine their presentation skills in preparation for the AMI end-of-module exam. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to reflect on the work they produce as well as to give constructive feedback and feed-forward to their peers.

AWII builds on the foundations laid in Academic Writing I and will focus on further developing students' analytical and critical thinking skills. Emphasis will also be placed on producing coherent, cohesive texts, and expressing ideas clearly and precisely in an appropriate academic style. As in Academic Writing I, students will not only improve their own writing skills, but will also further develop the key transferable skills of evaluating and giving feedback on others' work.

The end-of-module exam covers the content of both classes and is a combined written and oral exam. You must register for the exam on KLIPS with your AWII teacher. For details, see below.

3. Module Concept

Requirements: Students must have successfully completed the modules BM1 and BM2 and have passed the end-of-module exams before taking the AMI courses.

Attendance is mandatory in all seminars taught in the English department. A rate of absence higher than 20% will result in deregistration from class. For details and further information, see:

<https://anglistik1.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/studium-pruefungen/teilnahmeverpflichtung>

Assignments: To receive credit for the classes, you must complete the mandatory assignments as indicated below (section 5 & 7).

4. Main learning outcomes

By the end of the RSII course, students should be able to...

- speak in English in a range of different situations;
- listen actively and take notes;
- complete a variety of writing tasks and incorporate feedback on their writing;
- use vocabulary accurately;
- communicate confidently in English, focusing on discussions and presentations;
- work collaboratively;
- detail and discuss current issues in the English-speaking world.

By the end of the AWII course, students should be able to...

- conduct independent academic research;
- produce well-structured, cohesive texts;
- identify, evaluate and summarise the claims and arguments of a variety of texts;
- position their argument in the wider discourse of the topic, acknowledging other perspectives;
- utilise relevant, current evidence from reliable sources to support their argumentation;
- integrate the words and ideas of others into their writing while avoiding plagiarism;
- reflect on the writing process using feedback and their own observations;
- synthesise arguments into a persuasive position;
- employ formal, academic English at CEF level C1.

5. Mandatory course assignments (*Studienleistungen*)

Assignments		Deadlines
RSII	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the completed oral presentation handout for the AMI exam• written assignment(s) to include in your AMI exam portfolio• additional mandatory assignments, cf. course schedule	cf. course schedules
AWII	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• written assignment(s) to include in your AMI exam portfolio• additional mandatory assignments, cf. course schedule	

Use of AI: unless a task explicitly asks students to employ an AI tool (such as ChatGPT) in order to solve a task and practise skills related to the use of generative AI tools, the use of any such systems is prohibited. Please note that any use of AI outside its requested use is plagiarism, see:

https://anglistik1.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/fileadmin/anglistik1/Geschaeftsfuehrung/pdf/Merkblaetter/MB_plagiat.pdf

6. End-of-module exam

The AMI end-of-module exam is a combined written and oral exam which comprises 15% of your final grade in English.

First Exam Period		Deadlines
14.07.25– 25.07.25	KLIPS Registration (with your AWII teacher)	14.04.25 – 26.05.25
	Internal registration (link below)	26.05.25
	Portfolio Submission (link below)	27.06.25, noon
Second Exam Period		Deadlines
22.09.25– 25.09.25	KLIPS Registration (with your AWII teacher)	04.07.25 – 15.08.25
	Internal registration (link below)	15.08.25
	Portfolio Submission (link below)	05.09.25, noon

Link for internal registration and portfolio submission: https://www.ilias.uni-koeln.de/ilias/goto.php?target=crs_4248173_rcodexVgDvGzUAj&client_id=uk

Please note: The exam date on KLIPS is a placeholder and your actual oral exam will be on a different day. Further, the exam weeks indicated above are subject to change depending on the number of candidates. First phase registration is recommended.

Written component (portfolio):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The portfolio must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a completed and signed cover page ○ a table of contents ○ 4 pieces of typed work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 completed presentation handout (template available on ILIAS) - 1 longer composition from AWII (essay or literature review) - 1 piece of work as assigned by your RSII teacher - 1 piece of work as assigned either by your AWII or RSII teacher • All pieces of work should be typed and revised based on the feedback you receive from your instructor(s) before submission. • Plagiarised portfolios will not receive a grade and you will fail the exam. • Your portfolio must be submitted as a pdf via ILIAS (link above). Late submissions will not be accepted. • If you do not submit a portfolio, you are not permitted to take the oral exam and will fail the overall exam.
Oral component:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The oral exam typically comprises two candidates, possibly three, who each give a five-minute presentation that must be related (but NOT identical) to a piece of work in the portfolio, followed by a ten-minute discussion.
Oral exam procedure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two teachers present, an examiner and an observer. • Your AWII teacher is the main examiner. • Candidate A holds a 5-minute presentation (prepared speech); Candidate B ideally takes notes. • Candidate A & B discuss A's presentation topic for 10 minutes. • Candidate B holds a 5-minute presentation (prepared speech); Candidate A ideally takes notes. • Candidate A & B discuss B's presentation topic for 10 minutes

Duration of oral exam:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes per candidate (approx. 30 minutes for a two-candidate exam and 45 minutes for a three-candidate exam) • Please note: Short notice cancellations and/or no-shows will result in changes to the schedule. You may be moved to the next available oral examination as a third candidate if your partner does not turn up. These exams take longer so please ensure that your availability exceeds your official time slot on the day of your exam.
Date of oral exam:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The schedule will be made available two weeks before exams begin.
Grading:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AMI MAP combined exam has one overall grade. • Candidates will receive their overall grade individually at the end of the oral exam. • Important: Please note that your co-candidate's performance does not impact your grade.
If you fail the exam/do not show up:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you fail/do not show up on the day without a valid reason, you will have to submit a revised portfolio with different pieces of work and choose a new topic for the presentation for your next attempt.
In the event of illness:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please <u>immediately</u> inform your examiner and Dr. Gabel should you not be able to take the oral exam. • Submit a doctor's note along with the "<i>Außerordentliche Abmeldung von Modulprüfungen</i>" form to your AWII teacher/examiner within seven days. • If you cannot take the oral exam for a valid reason, you are allowed to resubmit the same portfolio and choose the same presentation topic for your next attempt.
Nachteilsausgleich:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information on academic accommodations ("<i>Nachteilsausgleich</i>") can be found here: https://inklusion.uni-koeln.de/informationen/nachteilsausgleich/index_ger.html • If you are eligible for academic accommodations, please inform us as early as possible and follow the instructions indicated here: https://anglistik1.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/studium-pruefungen/modulpruefungen
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7. Course Schedule

Please go to the ILIAS group that accompanies your specific course and access the course schedule.