



# BM2 Module Information Sheet

## 1. General Information

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<b>Module title:</b> Basic Module (BM) 2 "Sprachpraxis – Beschreibung und Analyse"		
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## 2. Module Description

BM2 consists of three elements:

- 1) the course "Grammar: Description, Analysis and Practice" (GR)
- 2) the course "Practical Phonetics and Phonology" (PP) and
- 3) the end-of-module exam (*Modulabschlussprüfung*, MAP).

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

GR offers an introduction to English grammar. We will describe and analyse the structure and underlying rules of the English language. Basic concepts and terminology in syntax and morphology are explained and illustrated. First, we will introduce the concepts of categories and functions and will define, describe and analyse words, phrases and clauses. Then, we will turn to English verbs and their classification before investigating nouns and noun phrases. Finally, we will examine different clause types in English.

PP offers a general as well as a language-specific introduction to phonetics and phonology. We will start by analysing the organs of speech and the articulation of speech sounds. We will survey various phenomena that characterise the sound structure and pronunciation of English, e.g. allophonic and allomorphic variation, syllable structure, phonotactic constraints and features of connected speech. We will discuss differences between British and American English with respect to pronunciation and analyse interference effects on pronunciation from German native speakers. The course will also provide practical training in phonemic transcription.

The MAP covers the contents of both GR and PP and is a digital exam that takes place at university. You will have to answer computerised questions and do a handwritten phonemic transcription. You must register for the exam on KLIPS. For details see below.

### 3. Module Concept

**Assignments and Attendance:** To receive credit for the classes, you must be registered on KLIPS and must submit the mandatory assignments as indicated in the table in 5 below. To be best prepared for the MAP, attend the courses regularly, come to class well-prepared and participate actively. Additionally, use the different types of exercises.

**Script:** GR and PP are each accompanied by a script. Both documents as well as all other material are provided on ILIAS. Read the relevant chapter of the script indicated in your course programme BEFORE the session. The study questions given at the beginning of each chapter guide your reading process and highlight the most important aspects. Both scripts contain exercises to consolidate your knowledge. Model solutions to these exercises are provided in the scripts.

**In-class Exercises:** During our sessions we will talk about the study questions and/or clarify your questions. The remaining class time will be spent working on the in-class exercises together. Model solutions to the in-class exercises are successively provided on ILIAS Friday at 12 noon.

**Online Exercises:** We provide you with plenty of online exercises. Use them to review the content of our classes and test your learning progress (after each chapter, complete the corresponding online exercises).

**Mock exams:** Practise for the exam with the help of the mock exams. They reflect what is expected in the MAP. The type of questions that you find in the online exercises and in the mock exams will be used in the final exam. The correct answers to the online exercises and mock exams are provided by ILIAS. The link to these exercises can be found in the ILIAS folders. Simply click on it and log in with your ILIAS name and password.

**Transcription:** A central part of the PP course is to develop your skills in phonemic transcription. Chapters 1-5 provide you with the necessary tools to phonemically transcribe a text. Subsequently, you upload one transcription each week by Friday, at 12 noon. This is the best preparation for the transcription part of the exam. Proceed as follows:

- 1) Prepare a handwritten phonemic transcription (chapter 11 of the script).
- 2) Scan your transcription.
- 3) Upload your transcription as one pdf (!) file onto ILIAS.

After submission, you have access to a model transcription. Compare the model transcription with your version and make the necessary corrections yourself. The PP teachers will choose one submitted transcription each week and correct it. This anonymised model correction will be made available on ILIAS to all students and you can gain valuable insights from studying it. If you do not want your transcription to be chosen for this model correction, indicate this on your transcription.

### 4. Main learning outcomes

**By the end of the GR course, students ...**

- are familiar with basic linguistic concepts in the area of syntax and morphology.
- identify important phenomena of English grammar.
- describe these grammatical phenomena using the terminology of a specific theoretical framework.

- analyse and formulate rules for these grammatical phenomena.
- distinguish between categories and functions.
- differentiate and categorise types of words, phrases and clauses.
- distinguish between different verb forms and subcategories of verbs.
- analyse the structure of noun phrases.
- name and analyse different types of English clauses.
- have improved their own English grammar skills.

**By the end of the PP course, students ...**

- have practical skills in phonemic transcription (Standard British/American English).
- recognise and use the symbols that represent the sounds of English (IPA).
- describe and categorise consonant and vowel sounds in a linguistically precise manner.
- are familiar with the systematic and idiosyncratic principles and rules of English pronunciation.
- analyse restrictions and variations of the English language.
- identify and explain phonological phenomena such as allophones, allomorphs, stress and syllable structure.
- understand interference effects of German on (their own) English pronunciation.
- increase their phonological and general language awareness.
- enhance their own use and pronunciation of English.

**By the end of both courses, students ...**

- describe English linguistic data in a scientific way.
- analyse the English language with the help of theoretical tools.
- apply their knowledge to their own everyday usage of the English language.
- use English more confidently.
- pass the end-of-module exam.

**5. Mandatory course assignments (*Studienleistungen*)**

**If you do not complete the mandatory assignments, you will be removed from the Grammar and Phonetics and Phonology class on KLIPS and will no longer have access to the materials on ILIAS. If you are retaking the classes, download all material before the first deadline or simply complete the assignments for practice.**

Assignment		Description	Deadline
I	GR: online exercises chapter 2	Go to the online exercise & mock exam server and complete both online exercises that relate to chapter 2 in the GR and PP class.	25.10.2024, 12 noon
	PP: online exercises chapter 2		
II	GR: Mandatory Assignment II test	Go to the online exercise & mock exam server and take both tests in the folder "Mandatory Assignment II" until you have achieved at least 60% in both.	29.11.2024, 12 noon
	PP: Mandatory Assignment II test		
III	PP: Transcription	Go to the online exercise & mock exam server, transcribe the text in the folder "Mandatory Assignment III" and upload your handwritten phonemic transcription as one pdf.	13.12.2024, 12 noon

## 6. End-of-module exam

The BM2 end-of-module exam is a digital exam taken at university. Each term there are two dates to take the exam. You must register for the MAP on KLIPS and without registration you cannot sit the exam. This semester the MAP takes place on:

MAP	Date/Time	Place	KLIPS registration
I	<b>05.02.2025, 11:15</b>	S 89/91/93	13.11.24 – 25.12.24
II	<b>26.03.2025, 10:45</b>	S 89/91/93	01.01.25 – 12.03.25

We strongly recommend you take the exam on the first date and use the second date if you fail the first attempt. In this case, you can only register on KLIPS after the results of the first exam have been published. Usually, this takes 3 to 4 weeks. There is no limit to the number of times you may take the exam (*keine Versuchsrestriktionen*), but failed attempts (grade 5.0) will show on your transcript of records. Once you have passed the MAP with a grade of 4.0 or better, you cannot retake it. The grade counts towards 5% of your overall grade in English. The exam slot covers 2 hours: 90 minutes for completing the exam plus circa 30 minutes for administrative purposes. The number of points you can obtain in the exam is 80 (40 GR, 20 PP content and 20 PP transcription). You need at least 60% (48 points) to pass the exam.

Please arrive 15 minutes in advance and wait at the glass door that leads to rooms S 91 and S 93 in the Philosophikum (building 103). Once you enter the rooms, leave your jackets and bags in the front, switch off your mobile phones and smartwatches and store them in your bag. Only take a pen and your student ID to your seat. Without a valid picture ID, you are not allowed to take the exam. Please make sure that you know your ILIAS name and your ILIAS password. Otherwise, you will not be able to sit the exam. After the exam has started, you are not allowed to leave the room unless you must go to the restroom. If you do not need the allotted 90 minutes, please remain quietly in your seat until everyone is finished. If you are ill on the day of the exam, please get a doctor's note and submit this together with the form "Außerordentliche Abmeldung von Modulprüfungen" to [mapbm2-es1@uni-koeln.de](mailto:mapbm2-es1@uni-koeln.de).

In the third week of teaching, we will talk about MAP details in our PP classes (not in GR), so please attend this session. Information on the exam can also be found here: <https://anglistik1.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/index.php?id=27605>.

If you are eligible for academic accommodations (*Nachteilsausgleich*), please let us know as soon as possible and follow the instructions indicated here: <https://anglistik1.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/studium-pruefungen/modulpruefungen>.

## 7. Course Schedule

Please go to the ILIAS group that accompanies your specific GR and PP course and access the course schedule in question.