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BM2 Module Information Sheet

1. General Information

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Module title: 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. We will introduce the concepts of categories and functions and will define, describe and analyse words, phrases and clauses. We will discuss English verbs and their classification and examine different types of clauses in English.

PP offers a general as well as a language-specific introduction to phonetics and phonology and provides practical training in phonemic transcription. We will analyse 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, features of connected speech, syllable structure, and phonotactic constraints. We will discuss differences between British and American English with respect to pronunciation and analyse interference effects on pronunciation from German native speakers.

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

Prerequisites: We assume that your English language skills are of level B2 (as certified by your high school diploma). If you feel your language proficiency is not yet at that level, please take a look at the B2 level handout on ILIAS.

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.

In-class Exercises: During our sessions we will discuss questions that relate to the chapters and work on the in-class exercises together. Model solutions to the in-class exercises are successively provided on ILIAS Friday at 12:00 (noon).

Self-study Exercises: Both scripts contain self-study exercises to consolidate your knowledge. Model solutions to these self-study exercises are provided in the scripts.

Online Exercises: After each chapter, complete the corresponding online exercises by Friday 12:00 (noon) provided on your course schedule. We can discuss open questions in the following session. The correct answers to the online exercises are provided by ILIAS. The link to these exercises can be found in the ILIAS folders. 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 12:00 (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.

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 mock exams are provided by ILIAS. The link to these exercises can be found in the ILIAS folders. Click on it and log in with your ILIAS name and password.

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.
- 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 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 …

- analyse the English language with the help of theoretical tools.
- are able to process and apply linguistic reasoning to data.
- transfer their knowledge to their own everyday usage of the English language.
- practice their analytical skills essential in the study of English.
- develop their precise and systematic thinking central to academic work.

5. Mandatory Course Assignments (*Studienleistungen*)

Assignment		Description	Deadline
I	GR: Mandatory Assignment I test PP: Mandatory Assignment I test	Go to the online exercise & mock exam server and take both tests in the folder "Mandatory Assignment I" until you have achieved at least 60% in both.	06.11.26: 12:00 (noon)
II	GR: Mandatory Assignment II test PP: 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.	27.11.26: 12:00 (noon)
III	GR: Mandatory Assignment III test	Go to the online exercise & mock exam server and take the Grammar test in the folder "Mandatory Assignment III" until you have achieved at least 60%.	08.01.27: 12:00 (noon)
	PP: Mandatory Assignment III 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.	

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 (recommended).

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	**17.02.2027, 10:45**	S 91/93; Philosophikum	25.11.26 – 06.01.27
II	**24.03.2027, 10:15**	S 91/93; Philosophikum	30.12.26 – 10.03.27

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 computerized items and 20 PP handwritten transcription). You need at least 60% (48 points) to pass the exam.

Make sure that you know your ILIAS name and your ILIAS password by heart. Otherwise, you will not be able to sit the exam. Arrive well 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 picture ID to your seat. Without a valid picture ID, you are not allowed to take the exam. You may also bring a bottle of water to your seat, but it may never be placed on the desk. 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.

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.

Further information on academic accommodations ("Nachteilsausgleich") 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, "Vorgehen bei Modulprüfungen mit Nachteilsausgleich".

7. Course Schedule

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