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## Incoming exchange students

## Requirements for prospective exchange students in English and American Studies

Thank you for your interest in being a visiting student at the Department of English and American Studies. Before we can accept your nomination, we need to be clear about the goals and expectations of our program.

### English Studies ≠ General English language courses

Our department offers classes that specialize in the scientific analysis of the English language, Anglophone literatures and cultures, as well as in teaching English at secondary and higher levels. **All courses presuppose a good or very good command of academic English in both its written and spoken form.** We do **not** offer general language classes that are meant to improve the students' conversational skills or their language skills on a very general level. Our own practical classes (e.g. *Grammar 1*, *Grammar 2*, *Reading*, *Academic Writing*) aim to professionalize the students' language skills for the purposes of teaching and research. Therefore, if your primary goal is to improve your English, you are kindly asked to enroll in English classes at the university's *Language Centre* (*Sprachenzentrum*, see here: [https://www.uni-jena.de/en/Language\\_Centre](https://www.uni-jena.de/en/Language_Centre)).

### Assessing your background in English Studies

Our courses are organized in a consecutive way, so advanced modules always presuppose a specific set of foundational courses. Therefore, **please send some information on the following two points to [international.iaa@uni-jena.de](mailto:international.iaa@uni-jena.de):**

- which courses from our catalog you are interested in (see here: <https://www.iaa.uni-jena.de/en/erasmus/visiting-students> > "What you can study at our department")

**Send a draft of your learning agreement or a list of courses you would like to take.**

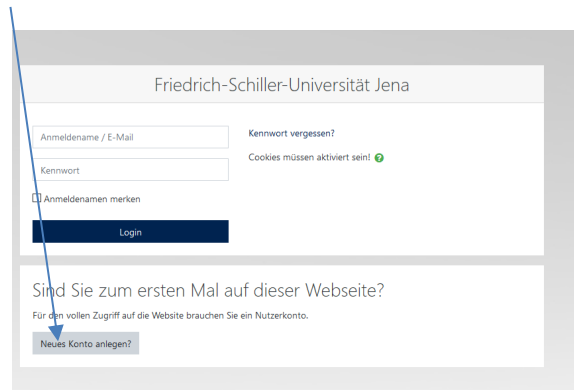
- which subject(s) you study at home (and in which degree program like B.A. or M.A.), and which courses in English linguistics, literary and cultural studies, and language practice you have taken at your home university so far.

**Send a list of your study details and your previous courses and indicate whether they finished with an exam or a term paper/written essay.**

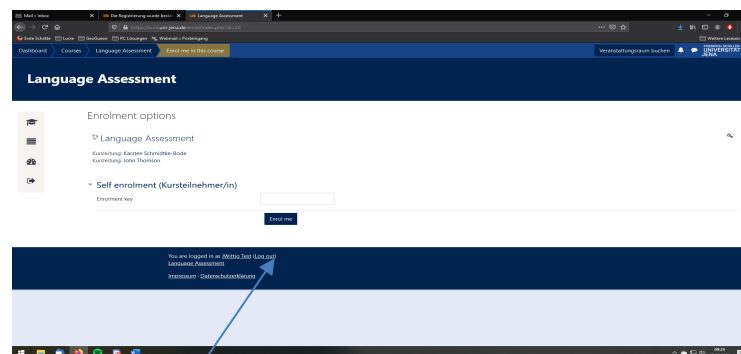
## Assessing your language proficiency

In addition to listing your previous courses, **please complete a quick self-assessment of your level of proficiency in English:**

- Go to <https://kurs.uni-jena.de/course/view.php?id=22>
- You will first be asked to create a guest account on this platform. Please do so by clicking on the grey button “Neues Konto anlegen”:



- You will get a confirmation saying “Danke, ...”. Click on the grey button that says “Weiter”. The next screen should look like this:



- Click on the blue button “Enrol me”. Then type in the **enrolment key: Erasmus**
- On your screen, you should now be able to see “Welcome” and a prompt to start the test.
- Please read the instructions very carefully. The test is **timed tightly (max. 30 minutes)** and must be completed in one sitting, without any help or materials.
- Upon completing the test, you will get immediate feedback on your result. The feedback will only be visible to you and to the staff of our department.
- If you score **below 80%** in this test, taking our classes will be very difficult for you and we would advise you **not** to study at our department.

We’re looking forward to your reply! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [international.iaa@uni-jena.de](mailto:international.iaa@uni-jena.de).

Best regards,

*Dr. John Thomson*