Tübingen University
Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477. These have been the University of Tübingen's guiding principles in research and teaching ever since it was founded. With this long tradition, the University of Tübingen is one of the most respected universities in Germany. Recently, its institutional strategy was successfully selected for funding in the Excellence Initiative sponsored by the German federal and state governments, making Tübingen one of Germany's eleven universities distinguished with that title of excellence. Tübingen has also proven its status as a leading research university in many national and international competitions – in key rankings Tübingen is listed among the best universities for the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as for Science and Medicine.

With its broad spectrum of subjects, the University of Tübingen provides a wealth of opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. And such close cooperation on research extends beyond the University and around the world. The University of Tübingen has joint research projects at all levels with other institutions of higher education, with research institutes and with industry.

The University's excellence in research offers optimal study conditions to students who come to Tübingen, combined with the opportunity to emphasize individual interests along the way. The attractive study environment is reinforced by many additional services, such as the Language Centre, interdisciplinary lectures in the Studium Generale and the state-of-the-art University Library. The University motto speaks for itself: attempto – I dare!
This 5-year program will enable students to achieve excellence in academic English, linguistic analysis, cultural studies, as well as the interpretation and evaluation of literary texts.

We pride ourselves on offering our students a wide variety of courses and programs ranging from Beowulf (the only complete Germanic epic) and Shakespeare to contemporary American and British novels, photography and film.

The program, commencing every winter semester, may be studied as a major or minor subject under the regulations of the GymPO II. It consists of five core aspects:

- Academic English
- Cultural Studies
- Didactics
- Linguistics
- Literary Studies

The teaching program is comprised of an academic and a didactics part.

The academic part focuses on the study of language and literature, the latter being designed to impart the methods and knowledge of literary and cultural analysis. The study of language is concerned with its history, its systems (grammatical, lexical) and language as a means of communication (Pragmatics, Syntax, Social and Psycholinguistics, Language Acquisition and Development).

To combine the academic knowledge with the demands of the classroom is the most important aspect of didactics. Students will be introduced to methods of teaching language and literature, empirical research in the field of education, and concepts for analysing and planning lessons in language and literature.

This course of study prepares you for teaching English to students of secondary schools and ends with a state examination (Staatsexamen).

All students of English are strongly recommended to spend a period of time in an English-speaking country. This is an invaluable opportunity for students to improve their language skills and to immerse themselves in a different culture and academic environment.

We offer our students the opportunity to partake in established exchange programs with universities in the United Kingdom, North America, Ireland, India, and Australia.

Details of the respective exchange programs (e.g. Erasmus, PAD and University of Tübingen Exchange) can be found on our website.

The pre-requisites for studying English under the regulations of the GymPO II are:

- a good command of spoken and written English
- a high standard of German
- Latin (Kleines Latinum) or a modern Romance Language (GER B2)
- an interest in language, literature, and culture
- an interest in teaching

Further details and an obligatory self-evaluation questionnaire can be found on our website.

Information about the application procedure at Tübingen University can be found at: www.uni-tuebingen.de/de/1579