

## Overview: Internship Module B.Eng.813/M.EP.12b in the Anglophone Literature and Culture Division

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- module structure:
- course or self-study unit on aspects of the literature industry (e.g. publishing books; marketing and mediating authors; author/readership relations; commodity character of books; using theories and ideas from the sociology of literature); students have to pass the course but it does not carry any credits
  - internship (8-12 weeks; around 300-320 hrs of internship work); students have to hand in an internship report for which credits are awarded (12 credits for the module)
- prerequisites:
- formal prerequisites: none;  
informal prerequisites: an interest in learning how the literature and culture industry works from within; readiness to engage with non-academic ideas about literature; willingness to critically reflect on theories and their relations to day-to-day work aspects
- register for:
- The module has two parts:
- a course, which you have to register for in FlexNow (B.Eng.813.Tn/M.EP.12b.Tn),
  - and the internship report, for which you also have to register in FlexNow (B.Eng.813.Mp/M.EP.12b.Mp). The two do not necessarily have the same instructors.
- registration deadlines:
- for the course: usually at the end of the course
  - for the self-study unit: end of the semester
  - for the internship report: Usually there are two or three registration deadlines per semester. Choose the one that suits you best.
- register with:
- for the course: your course instructor
  - for the self-study unit: Dr. Reitemeier
  - for the internship report: if you have taken a course, Prof. Schaff; if you have completed the self-study unit, Dr. Reitemeier
- internship can be completed with ...:
- any kind of institution or organisation that has close connections to the literary and culture industries: publication houses, literary festivals, author house museums, theatres, literary journals, lectorates, editors, audiobook producers, (literary) archives, literary museums, ... - if in doubt, ask Prof. Schaff.
  - help with finding internship positions can be requested from the Internship Counsellor (mailto: literature.industry@phil.uni-goettingen.de).
- type of exam / number of words:
- course: to be announced by the instructor; this part has no exam per se but regular attendance is required
  - self-study unit: portfolio entries (in total around 1,500-2000 words)
  - internship report: 4000 words, ungraded
- content of exam parts:
- course: ask your course instructor about what they require you to do for the course; regular attendance
  - self-study unit:
    - thinking of books as commodities, not art;
    - aspects of the publishing industry, possibly also of the fields of cultural production;
    - aspects of whatever area the internship deals with (e.g. heritage, museums, tourism, ...)

- observation practices. The final part is a project outline for the internship.
- internship report:
  - outline of internship activities;
  - brief descriptions of projects worked on;
  - reflection on how your hands-on experience compares to what you learnt in the course/self-study unit
  - reflection on the connection between the theoretical and the practical sides of the literature industry

style sheet: As for every term paper handed in for a course in the Anglophone Literature and Culture division, students are expected to use the division style sheet.

assessment: The exam is ungraded. Students are expected to show

- a concise explanation of their activities and projects;
- a good understanding of the theoretical text/s used;
- a critical engagement with the ideas from the course/self-study unit;
- a corresponding insight into how the literary industry deals with authors, texts, readers, and literature generally;
- a reflection of the intern's role and position in this;
- thoughts on the connections found (or not found) between the theoretical ideas and the day-to-day practice encountered during the internship.

Grammatical correctness and a good academic style are expected.

grading scheme: The module is ungraded.

options for appeal: Within a month of the publication of the result, students can lodge an appeal against the grade if they consider the result inadequate (§ 20 par. 1 Allgemeine Prüfungsordnung für Bachelor- und Masterstudiengänge). The Faculty's Exams Committee will then request a clarification of the grade and, if necessary, submit the report to another supervisor for re-assessment.