

Thinking about taking a major course English (= LK Englisch)?

Here's some info that might help with your decision! (If you are already annoyed by the fact that this info sheet is in English and contains a lot of text, this course is not for you 😊)



The ideal prerequisites for taking a major course English

- You genuinely like the English language and enjoy using it/learning about it
- You are already good (or maybe even very good) at English
- You are skilled in dealing with texts in English (comprehend, extract info, analyze language etc.)
- You are interested in topics that concern the English-speaking world and maybe even try to keep up with what is happening there
- You have opinions and are able (and willing) to express them, especially with regard to politics or social issues
- English already plays a role in your daily life because of media you consume (movies/shows/books) or people you talk to (or follow/have subscribed to on social media...).
- Obviously not all of these need to apply to you, but the more boxes you check, the better! 😊

What topics will we be dealing with?



With regard to the topics, major and basic courses are almost exactly the same! However, the aspects that are looked at within each topic do differ. Furthermore, the major course is taught **5 lessons a week**, which means that we will be able to go into much *more detail* than in a basic course. Topics include **English-speaking countries** (e.g. *UK, US, Nigeria*), **important authors** (e.g. *Shakespeare*), **literary genres** (e.g. *Dystopian fiction*) and **general issues** such as *globalization*.

What will we be doing?

Probably nothing that you haven't done before in English class, but a lot more of it – **especially reading!** If you don't like to read, you should consider other options.

Furthermore, we will...

- watch videos/movies
- look at cartoons, statistics and other visual materials
- listen to podcasts or radio shows
- act out scenes from plays
- and much more.

Due to the fact that we will also have to take exams, **writing will be a big part of what we do**. There is little difference to a basic or major course German but you will obviously have to do all of it in English!

What will you get credit for/How will you be graded?

in class	in tests
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- oral participation- effort in individual in-class assignments (e.g. writing various texts, completing worksheets)- presentations (e.g. PowerPoint)- individual contribution in group work- constant use of English language- ... nothing you don't already know 😊	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- correct use of grammar and vocabulary (60% → content accounts for 40%)- ability to adequately deal with and produce a variety of text types (summary, analysis, comment, letter to the editor) <p>General info about written test formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- all tests consist of <u>two</u> parts<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A: Reading/writing (summary, analysis, comment/recreation of text)○ B: Listening <u>or</u> mediation
Noticeable progress with regard to use of increasingly complex sentence structures and elaborate vocabulary is expected and will also be graded.	

The most important thing in any case is that you **enjoy English**, that you are **motivated** and **willing to make a continuous effort!** If this is you, we hope to see you next year! 😊

