



UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Department of Foreign Languages

Program Board meeting 11 September 2024, 12:15-14:00

Seminar Room M, Sydneshaugen skole

Present: Bente Hannisdal (main coordinator and coordinator linguistics), Astrid Haas (coordinator literature), Christine Fagg (student representative), Anette Lyngsgård (student representative), Aud Solbjørg Skulstad (coordinator didactics), Kimberly Skjelde, Kristian Rusten, Mona Hosseini, Elizabeth Fairhead, Hild Elisabeth Hoff, Jerzy Nykiel, Eleni Solstad (secretary)

13/24 Approval of agenda

Approved, no comments.

14/24 Approval of minutes (program board meeting 4 June 2024)

Approved, no comments.

15/24 Information items

1. The exams for ENG120(L) and ENG122 are on consecutive days, which is unfortunate. The administration has tried to change the dates multiple times. The university central administration is responsible.
2. Course evaluations. No comments.
3. New requirement: two examiners for all exams in courses of 15 credit points. External examiners are required only for MA/BA theses and appeals.
4. York spring 2025: information meeting for students this semester.
Comment: We should have a meeting in January as well, so that the årsstudium students have access.
5. Literature has decided to discontinue participation in the Fulbright program. A lot of administration work with Fulbright.
6. KVIK223 (Literature, Culture and Gender) is a 10 credits course that runs every three years. One of the 200-level literature courses is offered. But now that these courses are 15 credits, we have to offer a reduced version in spring 2025. Literature has already started planning, they will run it together with ENG226/266 but with fewer sessions and a shorter paper.

16/24 Items for discussion

1. Should we admit MA students from outside the EU/EEA? Limited resources to check all the applications, but of the 28 that applied in the spring, none were qualified and with valid financing. These slots come in addition to the ordinary MA slots. The number must be set before the other numbers, as the deadline is much earlier. Most agree that we should admit a limited number of qualified applicants, especially now when we have decreasing student numbers. But we must make the requirements very clear. It is also important that a first screening is done by the faculty administration (the admission office).
2. Resit exams (kontinuasjoneksamen) must be offered not only to students with valid absence (which is what we wanted), but also to those who failed. The faculty proposes that resits should be open for all students. An expanded resit exam involves an enormous amount of extra admin work. If we cannot limit the resits to students with valid absence, it is better to go back to midterm exams, at least for school exams. These involve much less admin work and are safer and more predictable for the students. We should nevertheless let the faculty know that we would prefer the limited resits, and we should strongly recommend to the students that they take the exam in the teaching semester.
3. Specialisation at 200 level: should we allow students who followed the old BA model (with linguistics and literature at 200 level), to complete their grade if they have all 30 credits in one discipline? Yes.

17/24 Items for approval

1. New names of the literature courses at 200 level

New names:

ENG226(L) English (American) literature and culture I

ENG266(L) Term paper in English (American) literature and culture I

ENG228(L) English (British or colonial/postcolonial) literature and culture II

ENG268(L) Term paper in English (British or colonial/postcolonial) literature and culture II

Approved, no comments.

2. Changes in the course description for ENG350

New text:

Required previous knowledge

Bachelor degree with specialization in English, or the equivalent.

All 60 credits of coursework have to be completed before submitting the master's thesis. For students at the master's programme in English (not the Lektor

programme) at least 30 credits of the coursework must be in the same discipline as the master's thesis.

Approved. Comment: remove "the" before "equivalent".

3. Changes in the course description for ENGMAU641 and ENGMAU642

New text:

Obligatorisk undervisningsaktivitet

Frammøte til samlingane er obligatorisk.

I tillegg må studentane levere utkast til alle mappeelementa (eitt munnleg innlegg og to skriftlege oppgåver)

Approved, with the added sentence: "som dei får tilbakemelding på frå faglærar".

4. Changes in the course description for ENGMAU644

New text:

Krav til forkunnskapar

Studentane må ha avlagt eksamen i litteraturemnet og språkemnet som blir tilbode på studiet, samt emna Engelsk fagdidaktikk, og Vitskapeleg metode og erfaringsdeling.

Approved.

18/24 Other business

No other business.