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Module Code Modulkennung	OrMo
Module titel Modultitel	Orientation Module Orientierungsmodul
Lecture SWS	2
Responsible for the module Modulbeauftragte(r)	John Bateman
Type of module Modultyp	Compulsory Elective Module (s. § 5 Abs. 2 Satz 2 AT MPO)
Credit points Credit Punkte	15
Calculation of student workload (1 CP = 30 hours, see Art. 5 Section 6 AT BPO resp. MPO 2010) Workloadberechnung (1 CP = 30 Stunden, siehe § 5 Absatz 6 AT BPO und MPO 2010)	Calculation of student workload: The module consists of three compulsory courses: a lecture series (3CP) and two overview seminars (each 6 CP). Lecture series: 28 hours of active presence in the course 14 hours of preparation for sessions 48 hours of reading support materials following sessions sum total: 90 hours (3CP) Each overview seminar: 28 hours of active presence in the course 77 hours of preparation and follow-up work 75 hours for preparing the oral presentation, the portfolio or the assignment (final written paper) sum total: 180 hours for each course (6CP) module total: 450 hours (15 CP)
Courses Lehrveranstaltungen	<ul> <li>Courses offered in the area of:</li> <li>British, North American and Postcolonial Literatures</li> <li>Linguistics: Varieties, Medialities and Applications</li> <li>British, North American and Postcolonial Cultural History</li> </ul>
Learning contents Lerninhalte	In this module participants are given an overview of the major research areas of the MA, spanning the three interrelated areas: language, text and media. Basic methodological orientations, similarities and differences across these profile areas 1) British, North American and Postcolonial Literatures, 2) Linguistics: Varieties, Medialities, Applications, 3) British, North American and Postcolonial Cultural History as well as illustrations of objects of analysis are given in a series of illustrative lectures, setting out topics and methods for work currently being pursued by the faculty members participating in the programme. A more in-depth introduction to further fields of specialisation are given in the two supporting overview seminars, which present a range of hands-on as well as theoretical and methodological case studies and foundational literature for the profile areas individually and in cooperation with the other profile areas. Particular attention is paid to the value of interdisciplinary approaches and mixed methods across all of the profile areas as appropriate for particular topics explored. Each overview seminar covers methodological, theoretical and practical aspects important for the individual profile area on offer. The course contents are selected from the current pool of active research work carried out by the faculty members of the programme to ensure a constantly up-to- date and state-of-the-art orientation across the programme as a whole.

Learing outcomes/ competencies Lernziele/ Kompetenzen	In the lecture series essential competences in engaging with the research literature, research methods and research questions across the three profile areas are illustrated and discussed, particularly in relation to one another. The ability to carry out effective mixed methods research is emphasised as an additional targeted competence beyond the discipline-specific methodologies within each profile area. The overview seminars introduce, illustrate and practice methodological competence in the specific areas, analysis and judgement capabilities, presentational skills and requirements specific to each profile, independent scientific work and the ability to work effectively in teams. Additional key competencies concerning the ability to work across disciplines and approaches, and to communicate effectively with various research communities are emphasised. The ability to generalise beyond specific research findings will be practiced and illustrated. The learning outcome for the module as a whole is a good foundational understanding of the individual potential and combined benefits of the three profile areas.
Duration Dauer	Module for one semester
Frequency Häufigkeit	Yearly: winter semester
Type of examination Prüfungstyp	Combination examination
Exam with several components (administered by instructors) Kombinationsprüfung (KP)	
Exam components or prerequisites (type, number) Leistungen (Benennung nach Art und Anzahl)	PL, 1 (research paper, oral presentation or portfolio) SL, 1 (oral presentation)
Graded component of the examination PL = Prüfungsleistung (benoteter Bestandteil einer MP/KP/TP)	
Ungraded component of the examination, coursework SL = Studienleistung (unbenotete Leistung in einer Lehr- veranstaltung bzw. einem Modul)	
Literature Literatur	Literature to be announced at the beginning of each component of the module and regularly updated.