



English SLK

Orientation Week Programme 2026

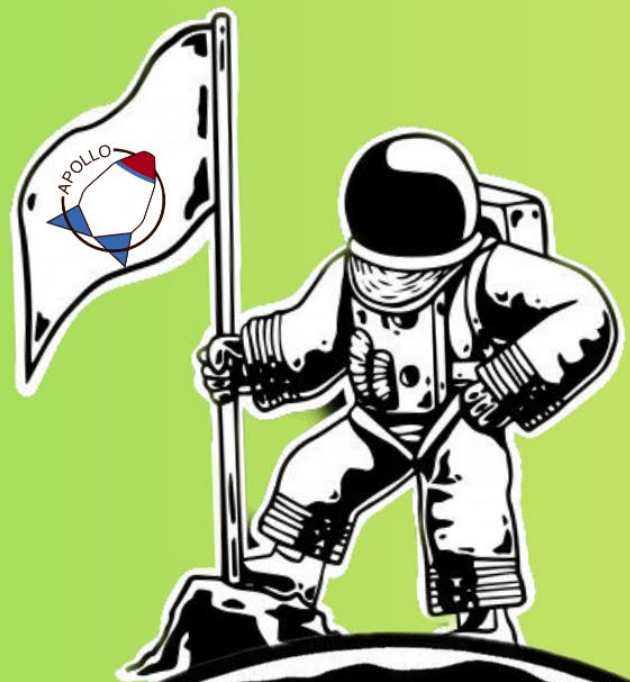


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Welcome by Peter Mortensen, Head of Department

The summer of 1988 was memorable in many ways. The Reagan presidency was winding down, and the Iran-Iraq war came to an end; the Soviet Union dominated the Seoul Olympic Games; NASA scientist James Hansen testified to the U.S. Senate that humans had initiated a process of global warming; moviegoers could enjoy Bruce Willis in *Die Hard* and Eddie Murphy in *Coming to America*; N.W.A. shocked listeners with their debut album *Straight Outta Compton*, and Bobby McFerrin gave birth to an immortal earworm when he released "Don't Worry, Be Happy".

For me, a recent graduate from Aabenraa Statsskole, it was a time of difficult decision-making. I knew that I wanted to move to Aarhus, and I was pretty sure that I wanted to study a modern language subject, but I was torn between German, French and English. For reasons that I can no longer fully recall, I ended up choosing English, starting out in September '88 with forty or so likeminded youngsters.

I am glad that I did so, and I am just as glad that you have made the same choice so many years later! Aarhus is a top-tier university, and English has been a subject here ever since our university was founded in 1928 as *Universitetsundervisningen i Jylland*. We are a really big Department, with lots going on. Your degree programme combines courses in Literature, Linguistics, and History/Society/Culture (and Media). But you will find that the Department also includes degree programmes in Business Communication and Intercultural Studies, meaning that our routines and practices are always getting hit by fresh ideas. We have about 1,000 students on our books at any one time. You will be taught by internationally known researchers from Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, India, Ireland, the UK, the USA, and even Denmark. You will get to meet exchange

students from an even wider range of countries and very possibly go and study a semester abroad yourself. You will hear many accents, and experience English as a truly spectacular set of cultures: from Beowulf to Beyoncé and beyond.

The Department is known for its inclusivity, hard work, team spirit, and a sense of fun. This is partly thanks to the staff (both academic and administrative), but at least as much down to the students: whether they are running a host of activities throughout the year in a range of student organisations, directly shaping Departmental policy in the *Uddannelsesnævnet*, or welcoming new recruits, as you are about to experience, at the beginning of the academic year.

We hope that 2026-2027 will be a fairly peaceful academic year, not disrupted by global pandemics or other disasters. But we are living in a period where the world is turned upside down by Covid 19, by resurgent debates about gender, race, class and species, by new technologies like generative artificial intelligence, by war and a rapidly shifting balance of geopolitical power, and, behind it all, by the global crisis of the environment. Do things like literature and linguistics matter alongside all of this? You bet. More than ever.

So, congratulations, thanks for joining us, and I look forward to seeing you during the introductory events and in many years to come.



Welcome to BA students

Dear new BA students,

We are very happy to welcome you to English at Aarhus University. As a student at the English Department, we are sure you have some amazing years ahead of you – and we are here to give you the best possible start.

We are the ones responsible for the organization of the orientation week 2026, and we have been working since February to prepare a great programme for you – your first days inside the red walls of Nobelparken. During these days you will meet your new fellow students and classmates, and you will have many opportunities to get to know each other at the social events we have arranged for you throughout the week. You will also get to know your tutors and get the possibility to ask them any questions you might have regarding life at the English Department and the whole concept of being a university student!

Additionally, you will hear presentations from students and professors which will give you an idea of the courses you will attend during your first two semesters at the English Department. Here you will also get a chance to ask any questions you might have. We have also arranged for a range of different internal organizations to come and tell you about all the other things you can get involved in when you are a student at the English Department – and you do not want to miss out on that. You will also hear presentations from

collegiate bodies such as our student counselors, exchange coordinator, etc.

The daytime programme is very relevant for you to get an understanding of your courses, IT, etc., whereas the evening programme is more social. The orientation week is voluntary, and you can attend whatever parts of the programme you wish. As a university student, it is your own responsibility to purchase course materials and to know how to get to class, how to work the IT, and how to find your exam dates. These are, however, all things we will help you figure out during the orientation week.

We hope you will find this pamphlet useful in preparing you for your years to come at the English Department. We, and the entire tutor team, are ready to guide you and to help you from the very first day of the orientation week!

If you have any questions or special requirements, or if you simply want to get in touch with us before orientation week, please do not hesitate to write us via: apollo.engelsk@au.dk

Good luck!

From your 2026 head tutors:

Søren Stokkendal Servé,
Sofie Madsen,
Laura Hampen Storgaard,
and Emma Volf Skole



Welcome to BA minor

Dear Minor students,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the English department at Aarhus University! We encourage all of you to seize this opportunity and participate in the orientation week. As more experienced students, you are most likely already accustomed to life at university. However, the English Department offers unique learning experiences, with a slightly different approach to the structure of classes, exams, academic advisor and instructor sessions, assignments, and social organizations.

During orientation week, you will gather important information about studying at the English Department and also have the valuable opportunity to build relationships. The orientation week is a fantastic way to get to know your fellow minor students, as well as major students and tutors. We recommend you take this chance to connect with the people you are going to share the next two semesters with, fostering a sense of belonging and community.

This is why we have put together a programme with activities only for the minor students, such as breakfast and different hangouts, as well as activities

where you will be mixed with the major students, such as the treasure hunt on Tuesday.

No matter which programme you are coming from you will have the chance to learn about the many different academic and social organizations we offer at the English Department. There is something for everyone, like our Friday Bar (Esperanto). Further information can be found in the pamphlet and during the orientation week.

We hope you will find this pamphlet helpful in preparing you for your time at the English Department. We, and your tutors, are ready to guide you and to help you from the very first day of orientation week!

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Meet your Head Tutors



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Emma Volf Skole, Public Relations Officer (5th semester)
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Meet your Tutors



Oliver Møller Pedersen (7th semester)



Jens Lynggaard-Bach (9th semester)



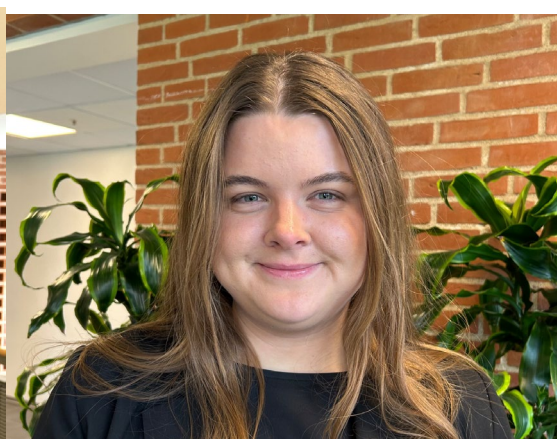
Emilie Kornum (7th semester)



Charlotte Christensen (7th semester)



Carl-Emil Schjøtt Kramshøj (3rd semester)



Minna Petersen (11th semester)



Camilla Thiemer Brasch (3rd semester)



Isabella Brooks (7th semester)



Michelle Aagaard Børgesen (9th semester)



Emma Kousgaard Olsen Bräuner (5th semester)



Mark Madsen (3rd semester)



Thor Roar Nørgaard Nielsen (9th semester)



Jolin Tran (7th semester)



Emma Staub (5th semester)



Frederikke Lohse-Lind (5th semester)



Kristian Brauner Kjeldsen (7th semester)



Rasmus Iwersen (7th semester)



Emma Marie Hedegaard (3rd semester)



Mads Skovgaard (5th semester)



Thea Myklebust (5th semester)



Laura Kvium (5th semester)



Morten Andreasen (5th semester)

Practical Information

We will begin our first day with registrations, which will take place at Jens Chr. Skous Vej 2, on Monday August 24th in front of building 1485 (see photo below for reference).



If you find it difficult to locate the building, we recommend using the app **AU Find**, which is free and available for both iOS and Android, and it is easy to use as well!

If you plan on taking the bus to Nobelparken, you should get off the bus at the stop Aarhus Universitet/Nordre Ringgade or Aarhus Universitet/Randersvej. If you take the *letbane* to the university, the stop is called Aarhus Universitet.

You can also bike or drive to the university. You can only park your car for four hours at a time, and there are limited spaces available. It is likely to be more busy than usual due to the new semester start and several orientation weeks being conducted at the same time.

Important dates during your first semester:

24 th - 28 th of August	Orientation Week
31 st of August	Semester Start
23 rd of September	Pubcrawl
30 th of October – 1 st of November	Hyttetur
20 th of November	Yule Ball

Practicalities of the Orientation Week

The orientation week programme involves both indoor and outdoor activities. On the days we will be outside, we recommend that you bring your own lunch and snacks, as we have not scheduled longer breaks to order food. If you still want to order food, you are welcome to do so. However, we ask you to make sure that you will be back on time so the programme will not be delayed.

Please dress according to the weather forecast on the days when we are outside.

Hyttetur

Every year Head Tutors and tutors arrange a *hyttetur* for all first semester's students. Further information will be given during the Orientation Week. The *hyttetur* will apply the same alcohol policy as the Orientation Week with alcohol-free activities such as study-related and team-building activities and games throughout the day, followed by social dinners and fun activities in the evenings. The *hyttetur* takes place from October 30 to the 1st of November and is an excellent opportunity to get to know one another across the different groups - so don't miss it!

Teams and Instagram

We would also like for you to join this year's Teams group which you should already have been added to. You will find the Teams group here: [Generel | ARTS Engelsk \(SLK\) | Bachelor 2026](#) If asked for a code, it is: **te1do30**

This is our main way of contacting you during the orientation week and important information will be posted there both during and after the orientation week itself. We recommend that you download the Teams app so you don't miss any important notification.

If you do not have or do not use Teams or Instagram, get in contact with one of your Head Tutors so we can notify you if there are any last-minute changes to the programme.

You can also follow Apollo on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/apolloengelsk> and Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/apollo_engelsk/.

Contact

There are several ways to get into contact with us before and during the orientation week. You can contact us in the Teams group we mentioned in the section above, you can send us an e-mail at apollo.engelsk@au.dk or contact one of your head tutors directly by using the contact information provided in the section "Meet Your Head Tutors".

Expenses During the Orientation Week

Being a university student means that you will be eligible to receive SU. Many of you will just have moved to Aarhus when it is time for the orientation week and being concerned about the expenses is only natural.

As a university student you will have to purchase books and course materials which might be on your curriculum. Your official and final curriculum will be available on Brightspace on the individual course pages. The course books will be the most expensive things you purchase during the orientation week, but as mentioned in "Curriculum and Books" on page 20, there are cheaper ways to buy the books.

All activities during the time from 08:00-16:00 in the orientation week programme are completely free to take part in.

During the evening programme, we have arranged social events which may include expenses for dinner. On Monday evening, we have arranged a dinner for all new students and tutors at Studenterhus Aarhus (there will be no other dinners as part of the orientation week programme).

The price for dinner is 110 DKK, which must be transferred to:

Reg. nr.: 7268 Kontonr.: 0001221742 on **Friday the 21st of August at the latest.**

Please write your full name with the transfer and specify if you have any dietary restrictions (allergies, vegan, vegetarian, etc.). Should you run out of room in the limited text-part of the transfer, please just put in your name and then send one of your head tutors a separate message with any dietary restrictions.

No matter your financial situation, we can assure you that you will be able to take part in the orientation week programme. If you are worried, please contact one of your head tutors!

Alcohol Policy

We will comply with the university's alcohol policy, which states that there is no alcohol involved during the daytime programme (before 16:00).

We have striven towards creating a programme where everybody feels comfortable and welcome, and where you can participate in the activities no matter if you drink alcohol or not.

Important to Bring

On all days, you will need to bring something to drink, perhaps some snacks, and your own lunch. It is a good idea to bring lunch from home for the Treasure Hunt Tuesday, as you won't be guaranteed time to stop and buy food. Remember, if the sun is out, you will need plenty of water!

Monday, we ask you to bring your computer as we will be introducing you to the IT-systems at AU, including the wi-fi, websites, and systems that you will be using during your education. You will also be asked to fill out a study group questionnaire! More information about this will be given on Monday.

The party on Friday evening will involve dressing up. **The theme is "I showed up to the wrong party"**. It is optional to dress up, but we hope that you will do so with us! All the tutors have already started planning their outfits!

Orientation Week Programme*: BA Students

MONDAY 24/8

09:30-10:00: Registration in building 1485-123 (Jens Chr. Skous Vej 2)

10:00-10:30: Welcome by the Head of English & your Head Tutors

10:30-11:00: Visit from Studievejlederne (Student guidance counsellors)

11:00-12:30: Get to know your seminar groups

12:30-13:00: LUNCH BREAK

13:00-14:30: IT-introduction in your seminar groups (bring your computer, please)

14:30-15:00: Introduction to study groups + study group questionnaire

Evening: 18:30-00:00: Dinner and *hygge* at Studentarhus Aarhus, Nordre Ringgade 3

TUESDAY 25/8

09:30: Meet up at Mølleparken

10:30-12:00: Treasure Hunt around the city

12:00-12:30: LUNCH BREAK

12:30-14:00: Treasure Hunt around the city

14:00-14:15: Meet back up in groups at Mølleparken

Evening: 20:00-00:00: Party at Guldhornene

WEDNESDAY 26/8

You have the day and evening off!

Get some rest, buy your books, call someone you love, and we will see you again Thursday.

THURSDAY 27/8

09:00-09:15: Meet up in Nobelsalen building 1485-123 (Jens Chr. Skous Vej 2)

09:15-10:00: Brain Box: Presentations from student organizations and the like

10:00-10:15: BREAK

10:15-11:15: Brain Box continuation

11:15-12:00: LUNCH BREAK

12:00-13:30: Panel Discussion with students and professors! Ask away!

13:30-13:45: And the winner is...!

Afternoon (optional): 16:00 - 20:00: Picnic, games and good times in the Botanical Garden (in case of bad weather Boardgame-hygge in Studenterbaren)

FRIDAY 28/8

09:00-10:00: Breakfast and teambuilding with your seminar groups! (1483-220, 228 and 251)

10:00-12:00: Tour of AU and Nobelparken

12:00-12:30: BREAK

12:30-13:30: Visit from Arts Karriere

13:30-14:00: Meet in your seminar groups for the reveal of study groups and evaluation

Evening: 19:00-00:00: Theme Party "I showed up to the wrong party!" in Esperanto building 1482-147.

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Useful Locations

Studenterhus Aarhus

Studenterhus Aarhus is a student organization for all students in higher education in Aarhus. They are situated in Studenternes Hus and run Studenterbaren, The Student Café, and the beautiful Yellow Terrace and Stakladen.

Address: Nordre Ringgade 3, 8000 Aarhus

Esperanto Friday Bar

Esperanto is the Friday Bar for the various language studies at Aarhus University – including English! It is a place for everyone, whether you want to play a board game or just enjoy an end-of-the-week beer. They are usually open from 16.00-00.00 each Friday.

Address: Jens Chr. Skous Vej 4, 8000 Aarhus C, build. 1482 – 147

Det Kgl. Bibliotek

The Royal Danish Library is the biggest library at Aarhus University. They accommodate things like the library garden, a multifunctional room with, e.g., massage chairs and table tennis, a really good canteen, and lots of reading rooms and study zones. They are open from 08.00-18.00 Monday to Friday and 10.00-16.00 on Saturdays.

Address: Victor Albecks Vej 1, 8000 Aarhus

SU Office

The SU office can help you with any questions regarding SU applications, taking leave, extra monthly grants, and getting your SU when studying abroad. They have office hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 09.00-12.00, and you can

find their contact information via: studerende.au.dk/su/kontakt

Address: Frederik Nielsen's Vej 5, 8000 Aarhus C, build. 1448

Jane's Office

If you ever feel completely lost and don't know where to look for an answer regarding your studies, exams, or anything else connected to the university, you can always ask the English Department's best secretary, Jane Lücke Didriksen. If she doesn't know the answer, she will most likely be able to guide you to whoever can help you.

Address: Jens Chr. Skous Vej 4, 8000 Aarhus C, build. 1481 – 439

Nobelparken's Canteen & Deli

This is the canteen closest to where you will be doing most of your studies. The canteen is where you can get coffee and something to eat during the *Rusuge* and during your studies.

Address: Jens Chr. Skous Vej 4, 8000 Aarhus C, build. 1481

English Writing Centre, IKK.

The English Writing Centre offers free academic writing support in the form of counseling, workshops, and freewriting sessions. You can come to us for help with brainstorming, researching, drafting, revising, grammar, or referencing. We will try to guide you through your writing processes and help you develop your skills as a writer.

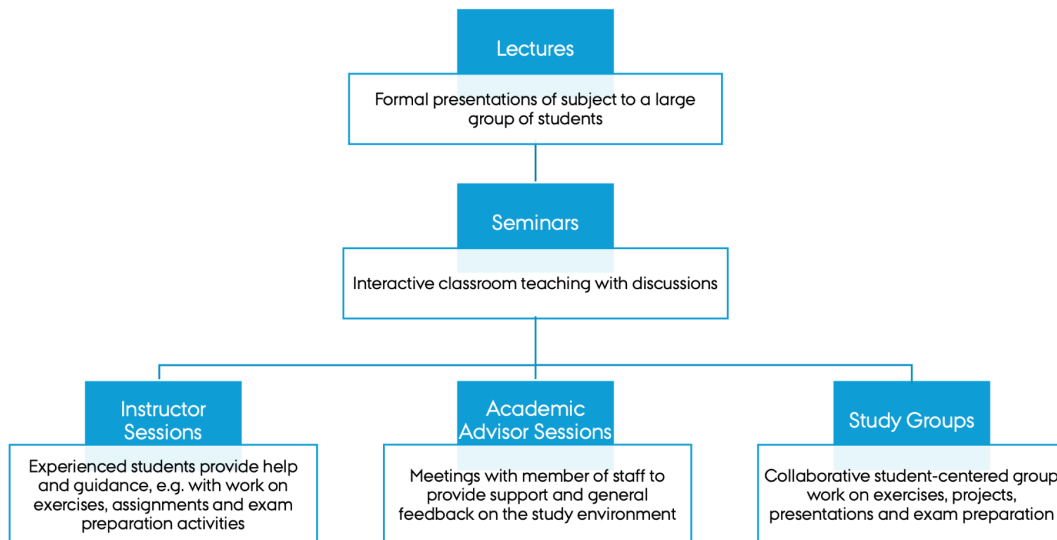
Address: Jens Chr. Skous Vej 4, 8000, Aarhus C, building 1481 - 356.



Studying at the English Department

Teaching Structure

TEACHING STRUCTURE at the Department of English



Studying English involves a range of learning activities in groups of different compositions and sizes, as illustrated in the diagramme above.

1st Semester Courses

In your first semester, you will have three courses: Literature in English 1, English Linguistics 1, and History, Society and Culture 1. In this section, some of your professors from each course will introduce the subject to you. During your first semester, your studies will be structured into 2 hours of lectures as well as 3 hours of seminars in each of your courses every week. Every hour you will have a 15-minute break. At the English department, we work with the academic quarter, which means that if your seminar or lecture is set to take place from 8, it will begin at 8.15. Likewise, if your lecture or seminar is set to take place at 12, it will begin at 12.15 and so on. However, it is still a good idea to show up in advance so you can get your favorite seat. You can check your schedule at: mitstudie.au.dk

History Society and Culture 1: The United Kingdom, Ireland and the Commonwealth (Mark Eaton)

The aim of this course is to expand your knowledge of the history, society and culture (HSC) of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), the Republic of Ireland, as well as of selected aspects of British imperial history and the contemporary Commonwealth, with a particular focus on Canada. You will draw on primary and secondary sources – just as you have been doing in the Gymnasium. The course aims to improve your ability to assess and interpret various political, economic, social and cultural processes in the development of the UK and Ireland as well as in relation to selected Commonwealth topics. Furthermore, it provides a foundation equipping you to take the second semester course ‘HSC 2: American History and Society’, as well as providing you with significant context for ‘Literature in English 2: Literature in Time’. You will start to see clear parallels between these courses in the second semester. Therefore, it is a very good idea to take good notes, not only because these will be very useful in the second semester courses, but also to achieve a greater understanding of the many diverse topics in this course.

The exam will be a 7-days exam. It will take the form of a set take-home assignment, which will require the students to answer 1 out of several question options in 5-7 standard pages. We strongly advise you to show up for the lectures, seminars, and instructor sessions, since you learn by doing and practicing.

Literature in English 1: Form and Genre (Dominic Rainsford)

The objective of this course is to give you knowledge of major aspects of literature, literary genres, and literary analysis with special reference to literature in English. Furthermore, it will provide you with the ability to apply this knowledge to the oral and written analysis and discussion of specific literary texts. Last but not least, it will provide you with competence in critical thinking and argumentation in a wide range of contexts. You will be working with a broad selection of British, American, and postcolonial texts from various periods, and with genres including poetry, prose fiction and plays, tragedy and comedy. The knowledge and competences acquired in this course are a good base for the next literature course to come, which was mentioned previously in relation to History, Society and Culture – again, you will see links between the two courses when you reach 'Literature in English 2 – Literature in

Time'. You should prioritise reading the material for this and other literature courses before the lectures and seminars, as this will enable you to participate actively and make the whole experience more productive and enjoyable.

The exam will take the form of a written take-home assignment on a topic of the student's choice of 5-7 standard pages – the topic naturally has to be relevant to the academic content of the course and you need an approval from the course teacher. Since it is a topic of your own choice it is a good idea to think topics through as you read along during the semester.

English Linguistics 1: Levels of Language (Míša Hejná and Sten Vikner)

In this course, you will be familiarized with phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, and syntax of the English language. The course has two sections: On one hand, Phonetics and Phonology and on the other, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics and Pragmatics I. In Phonetics and Phonology, we will use analytical tools that will enable us to describe the phonetic and phonological properties of the sounds of varieties of English. We will cover aspects of vowels, consonants, voice quality, and what's known as prosody. This may be something you have not had much experience with so far. Morphology, Syntax, Semantics and Pragmatics I builds upon aspects you are likely to have come across in the Gymnasium, as it is focused on the meaning and structure of words, phrases, clauses, and sentences in English.

The exam takes the form of an individual, set take-home assignment that includes questions on English phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, and syntax. The duration of the exam will be 9 hours. We strongly advise you to show up for the lectures, seminars, and instructor sessions, as this course is a clear case of both *learning by doing* and *practice makes perfect*.

Curriculum and Books

We recommend that you don't buy your books before the orientation week but instead buy them at semester start when you will have access to the complete curriculum set by your professors. During the orientation week, your tutors will help you find your books and take you to "Stakbogladen", where you will be guaranteed to find everything you need.

Booklist*

History Society and Culture 1

- McCormick, J. (2023). *Contemporary Britain*. 5th edition. London: Bloomsbury.
- All other sources will be available on Brightspace or otherwise online.

Literature in English 1

- Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice*. Ed. Donald Gray & Mary Favret. 4th ed., W. W. Norton, 2016. Norton Critical Editions. ISBN: 9780393264883.
- Greenblatt, Stephen, General editor. *Norton Anthology of English Literature*. **Shorter 11th ed.** Vol. 2, Norton, 2024. ISBN: 9780393603118. (Also used for LE2 in Spring 2027).
- Levine, Robert, general editor. *The Norton Anthology American Literature*. **Shorter 10th ed.**, W. W. Norton, 2022. 2 vols. ISBN: 9780393892291. (Also used for LE2 in Spring 2027).
- Shakespeare, William, *Twelfth Night*. Edited by Natasha Korda, W. W. Norton, 2025. Norton Critical Editions. ISBN: 9780393264258.
- Spiegelman, Art. *The Complete Maus*. Penguin Books, 2003. ISBN: 9780141014081.

English Linguistics 1

- Arts, Bas. 2011. *Oxford Modern English Grammar*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780199533190.
- Bohn, Ocke-Schwen & Tim Caudery. 2020. *The Sounds of English*. Department of English, Aarhus University. (available at Stakbogladen).
- Haegeman, Liliane, and Jacqueline Guéron. 1999. *English Grammar: A Generative Perspective*. Oxford: Blackwell. ISBN: 9780631188391.

***Please note that the booklist may be subject to change. Your professors may change the booklist before the semester begins, so before you buy your books, please check the curriculum provided on Brightspace, which will have the complete lists.**

Where can I buy my books?

- **Stakbogladen** is the university bookstore where you are sure to be able to find all of your course books. They make sure to order the right editions and the right books for each of your courses. Students get a 10% discount when they show their student card. It is the easiest place to get your books. Stakbogladen usually has a book package with all of the books for your courses in a bag at a discount. Stakbogladen is located at Frederik Nielsens Vej 4, 8000 Aarhus C.
- It is also an option to buy your books **online**. Here, **saxo.com** and **bookdepository.com** have most of your course books at decent prices. If you order your books with another student, you can split the delivery costs. The books might take a little longer to get to you as many students are ordering books for university at the same time as you.
- You can also buy your books **used**, usually in fairly good conditions and for a good price, depending on the state and edition of the books. At the English Department, we have a group called **Books for Sale (English Department, Aarhus University)** on Facebook, where many students sell and buy their books.

The costs for books amount to around **2000 DKK**, so be sure to save up around that amount. This might seem like a lot to spend on books for your first semester, but you will need most of them for your second semester as well. You also don't need to buy all the books straight away – check your lesson plan and see which books you need for each week!

Libraries

You may want to borrow books for your exams or other things during the semester. At Nobelparken, we have the Nobel Library, where you will find nice librarians ready to help you find all the books you need. The Nobel Library can be accessed 24/7 with the use of your Student ID card. You also have the option to go to Det Kgl. Bibliotek. You can only enter Det Kgl. Bibliotek during their opening hours. They are open from 08.00-18.00 Monday to Friday and 10.00-16.00 on Saturdays.

The library is an academic library, which offers you online as well as physical access to academic literature and information. All students have access to this. For more information about the AU library, visit: library.au.dk

In the near vicinity of the library, there are study spaces accessible 24/7. These include reading rooms, study carrels, book scanning, printing, and group work rooms. After the normal opening hours of the university, you only need your study card to access these areas.

AU Studypedia

[AU Studypedia](#) is an academic tool available for use during the entirety of your education. On studypedia you can find a lot of good advice and tools to help you be a university student, e.g., study habits, techniques to take notes, the formalities of writing papers etc. AU Studypedia has a whole section catered towards new students where you can find exercises and tips on how to get started as a university student, look at [AU Studypedia for new students](#).

Places to study

At Nobelparken, there are many locations for you to sit down. Either in your study group, with your friends or by yourself to read and do your assignments. There are plenty of oases fit for studying in the entrance building of Nobelparken, where you will also find the canteen. There are study rooms in building 1461 by the Nobel Library and you can also go to Esperanto Friday Bar's room, which is used as a study location when it is not being used as a Friday bar. The Nobel Library is accessible 24/7 with the use of your student ID card. Esperanto is located in building 1482, room 147.

Study Groups

When you start as a student at the English department, you will be assigned a study group which you will be working in for the duration of your first year at the university. The study groups are a great way to make new friends as well as help each other out with the readings and assignments you have for each week. During the orientation week, you will hear much more about study groups and what they are used for. After the orientation week, there will be a workshop for you and your study group to take part in as well.



Nobelparken. Photo: Søren Kjeldgaard

Student Organizations

Apollo: Engelsk Tutorforening

Apollo is an organisation you will become familiar with on your very first day – look for the rocket! We are the ones who plan and carry out The orientation week for English Language, Literature and Culture BA major and minor students. The members of Apollo, better known as your tutors, are selected in the spring and they spend months preparing to give you the best welcome to the English Department and to welcome you to your new life as a university student.



We encourage you all to apply to be a part of next year's tutor team! Follow along on our Facebook page, [Apollo: Engelsk Tutorforening](#) or Instagram: [@apollo_engelsk](#), where we keep you updated on all things Apollo.

Anglia: Engelsk Kultur- og Fagudvalg

Anglia is the voice of the students. We deal with both social and academic aspects of the English degree programme. We will be available throughout your time at the English department for questions and concerns. In addition to the political work, Anglia also hosts various smaller and larger events, such as the annual Yule Ball and the End of Semester Party in the spring. Meetings are held every two weeks during the semester. They are announced on Facebook and all students are welcome to join. As first-semester students, your opinions are highly valuable to us, as we're very curious about your first impressions as a student at the English department and we're always looking for new, creative event ideas. Furthermore, as is customary for our anglophile department, there's always tea, coffee, and cake at meetings. Being a member of Anglia is your opportunity to influence the student life and politics of the English degree programme. It is also a great way to meet students from other years. You can contact Anglia on Facebook, [Anglia: Engelsk Kultur- og Fagudvalg](#) or Instagram [@auanglia](#).



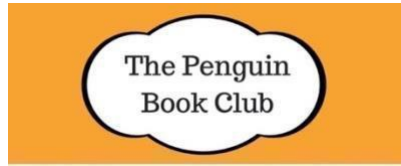
Esperanto Friday Bar

Are you looking for great company, cheap drinks and awesome music? Look no further! We are the Friday bar for the European languages at Nobelparken! Our venue is also known as 'espe', and during the weekdays, you will most likely find yourselves here, either doing homework or just socialising. This is what we are all about! Espe is for everyone and we love to have fun. You are more than welcome to come to one of our meetings and join the bar - we'd love to have you. We are open almost every Friday from 16:00 to midnight and being a member means helping us close the bar 2 times per semester and you are welcome to have a go at it behind the bar! We are famously known for our inventive theme bars, open arms and big smiles! If you want to know more, you can contact us on Facebook, Esperanto Friday Bar or Instagram: [@auesperanto](#) - We look forward to seeing all of you :) !!!!!.



Penguin Book Club

The Penguin Book Club is a club for all the book lovers at the English Department at Aarhus University. We meet a few times during the semester to discuss a piece of literature. You can expect great discussions, good company, and amazing cake.



Wilhelm Screen Film Club

Wilhelm Screen is a film club for students at the English department. About once a month we host events where we watch all kinds of movies - everything from sci-fi to animation - and have fun together. In the past, we have hosted horror movie marathons for Halloween, all-night Oscar events, and sometimes we invite teachers from the department along to talk about their research and the movies we watch. The film club is always open for any suggestions for future events, and often post straw polls to include their fellow students in their decision-making. You can find out more about future events by joining [The Wilhelm Screen Film Club](#) on Facebook or Instagram @wsfc_au.



Esperantunes

Esperantunes is a choir for students from AU's various language studies. The choir is a community for students who just like to sing together and make sweet music. We rehearse every week in the Nobelsal and we are always open to welcome new singers. Our repertoire covers a wide field of songs from new pop songs to older hymns in both Danish and English. In the months before Christmas, we always spend a lot of time rehearsing various Christmas tunes as it is a proud tradition that we perform at the annual Yule Ball in the English department. Esperantunes is always open for new members, and you don't have to have any prior choir experience. If you want to give the choir a try, you can contact us on Facebook: [Esperantunes: Kor for Engelsk, Tysk, Spansk og Fransk](#).

KAF: Kandidatforeningen for Engelsk ICS and SLK

KAF is a small cozy organisation with the purpose of creating and hosting academic and social events for the master students at the English department. We are a group of students from 6th-10th semester, and we work to promote cooperation, fellowship, and networking for the master students. We are also a part of the work when the Alumni-newsletter is made for the graduating master students. We are always happy to welcome new members and ideas and cannot wait to see you when the time comes. Enjoy the orientation week!



ARTSrådet

ARTSrådet is the student council of the entire faculty of Arts at Aarhus University. Here, we try to solve a wide range of problems that students across the faculty encounter. We engage in student politics and fight for the rights and well-being of the students we represent. We work to ensure a good time for students at Arts — before, during and after your studies!

If you have any questions regarding our work or you need help getting your voice heard, you are welcome to contact us. Additionally, as we are a voluntary organization, we are always looking for new energy!

**Humbug**

Humbug is your team who represents the students from ARTS in the annual *Kapsejls*, which takes place every year during spring. Apart from that, Humbug also organizes a variety of different social events that are open for all students of the faculty, such as parties, bingo and other events. Humbug consists of students from English, Spanish and many other departments across the faculty. Being a part of the team means that you will get close to people from other departments and thus is a great way of socialising! So if you think that this sounds like something for you, this might just be the community for you!



Collegiate Bodies

Studienævnet (SN)

The Board of Studies of the School of Communication and Culture

The board of Studies (Studienævn, SN) is an elected body that manages and monitors the quality of the courses and exams in its degree programmes in collaboration with the director of studies and the AU studies administration. The SN has nine academic staff members and nine student members. The current SN members for English is:

- Andrea Carla Forsyth
- Anne Schjoldager

For further information about the SN, please check: [Studienævnet ved Institut for Kommunikation og Kultur](#)

Uddannelsesnævn (UN)

The Degree Programme Committee for English

The SN of the School of Communication and Culture has appointed nine degree programme committees (uddannelsesnævn, UN). The aim of the UN is to develop and ensure the quality of its degree programmes, to collaborate with the academic staff and the students as well as to discuss and make academic recommendations for the university management and the SN. Each UN has six academic staff members and six student members. The current student members and substitutes of the UN for English are (from April 2026):

- Andrea Carla Forsyth (UN-næstforperson og Studienævnsrepræsentant)
- Lærke Orup
- Imke Van Bentum
- Nanna Dalsgaard Pedersen
- Sine Lindskov Simonsen
- Kristine Vinther Skov Andersen

For further information about the UN, please check: [Kommunikation og Kultur - uddannelsesnævn \(UN\)](#)

Studenterrådgivningen

As a student at English, you can get counseling free of charge for study-related subjects such as study-related stress, examination anxiety, and perfectionism. We offer individual sessions, group sessions and workshops, either in our rooms in Aarhus or online. Note that some of the group sessions and workshops only are offered in Danish. Book time for a session or get more information at srg.dk.



Studying Abroad

*“It’s a big and beautiful world and I have the chance to go see it, to participate in it”.
(a former exchange student)*

Studying abroad is an integral part of the fourth semester of the English BA Degree Programme. It offers students an opportunity to develop academic, professional and personal competences while studying at one of our partner universities. Students get exposure to new and diverse ways of teaching and learning. In addition, results from all examinations taken abroad will be transferred to each student’s transcript here at Aarhus University.

The courses you select will build upon your existing knowledge, interests and studies. In many cases, you may get access to English literature and language, history, society and culture related topics not currently on offer at Aarhus University. This works both ways however and accounts for why so many foreign students select the Aarhus campus as their *Number One* exchange destination! You can choose among partner universities within Europe, primarily in Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales or overseas at locations such as Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand and more. Going on exchange to partner universities means that you do not have to pay tuition fees and there will be grants available to help support travel expenses to your host university.

The Department of English welcomes many new incoming exchange students each semester. Several of them may be attending the same classes as you, so feel free to chat with them about their home universities. You can also volunteer to be a *Welcome Buddy* for some of these students at a later stage during your studies.

Information meetings about studying abroad for the Spring 2028 semester will take place during October and November this year, so you will have lots of time to prepare and eventually pack! In the meantime, why not get started and find out more at

AU Guide to Going on Exchange: [“Grib Verden. Rejs Ud”](#)

Ann Carroll-Bøgh, Arts Internationalisation: engacb@au.dk

IT Tech Systems

As a student at Aarhus University, you have – besides Teams – access to a variety of IT platforms, where you will find information about classes and life at AU (like your AU-mail, Brightspace and Study.au.dk). It might be difficult for you to manage them in the beginning but rest assured that you will learn how to navigate and use them quickly. During your orientation weeks, we will introduce you to all of them, in weeks 34 and 35 the Aarts team will be doing introductions of everything. Below you can find a brief introduction to the most important systems:

- [Mitstudie](#) is the main entrance for your classes, information about your study and as self- service systems. Here, you will find your weekly schedules, Outlook, important messages, links for sites and systems, and much more relevant to your studies. Log onto Mitstudie, from there you can get access to everything else you need.
- [Brightspace](#) is a learning management system, where your lecturers will upload materials and other relevant information for your courses.
- [Studieselvbetjening \(STADS\)](#) is the place where you can view your exam results, order exam prints etc. This is also where you sign up for courses and exams when it becomes necessary during your education.
- [Studieportal ARTS](#) is where you can find all relevant information about teaching, exams, rules, counselling and more.
- [Eduroam](#) is the Wi-Fi we use on AU. Before you can use it, you have to install the network onto your devices.
- [Zoom at AU](#) – in situations where it is necessary to make teaching online or to conduct online examinations, zoom is the primary technical solution on AU. You have to use the official AU Zoom and not the free version. Use AU's guide to video conferences on Zoom.
- [Software for Students](#) – as a student, you can get a lot of free software or software at a discount. <https://studerende.au.dk/en/it-support/m365>
- [IT-support](#) – if you are experiencing any technical issues, you can get help at Arts IT-support. During the first few weeks, they might be a little busy – so please be patient.
- [Wiseflow](#) – An online system for exams. Wiseflow is a digital exam and assessment platform. It is where you will be handing in written exams and receiving your assessment. You will receive more information on the platform as your first exams draw nearer.

Counseling and Guidance

If you at any point during your studies find yourself in need of help, guidance, inspiration or counseling, we have certain places where you can seek the help in the form you need it – no matter how far along you are in your education.

- [Studievejledningen](#)
Every line of education has student counselors called “Studievejledningen”. These counselors are fellow students hired to help and guide other students. The student counselors have a duty of confidentiality, and you can talk to them about anything – rules, formalities in your course of study, doubts about your studies, personal challenges and much more. You will meet your student counselors during your orientation week and in the following weeks as they will have various presentations for you, e.g. about working in study groups.
- [Specialpædagogisk støtte \(SPS\)](#)
At “Specialpædagogisk støtte”, you can get information and guidance about support for students with a disability or special needs, e.g., dyslexia, mental illness, ADHD, chronic pains, and hearing or visual handicaps. You can contact SPS right away, also if you are in doubt about whether you fit their target group.
- [Studenterpræsterne](#)
The Student chaplains in Aarhus offer conversations and conversation groups for students no matter their faith and religion. They also have a quiet room at Aarhus University where you can come to pray, meditate, or find peace and quiet. The Student Priests also arrange debates and lectures.
- [Studenterrådgivningen](#)
The student counseling services are experts in short term therapy for students in higher education. They can help you if you are challenged by exam anxiety, perfectionism, stress etc.
- [SU-kontoret](#)
At SU-kontoret, you can find guidance on your personal SU relations.
- [Arts Karriere](#)
Arts Career is your career centre as a student at Arts. Here, you can get individual counselling and participate in a lot of different events held all year round.
- [AU Elitesport](#)
AU Elite Sport helps those of you who play elite sports while you study.
- [AU Iværksætter](#)
AU Entrepreneur helps those of you who dream of entrepreneurship, and who want to develop your own business while you are studying.

- [Exchange and study abroad](#)
Study abroad AU is where to read about studying abroad and help for those who are interested in an exchange.

Zero Tolerance

At AU we put emphasis on treating each other with respect and decency, and we have zero tolerance for harassment, bullying, violence, and discrimination in all forms.

If you experience anyone behaving unacceptably towards you, there is someone you can contact, and AU encourages you to seek help and counselling.

You have different options you can read about on AU's policy here: [Have you experienced offensive behaviour or harassment?](#)



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Useful Information

Mitstudie.au.dk

This is your digital study environment. A single point of access, where you only have to log on once to gain access to, for instance: your timetable, messages in Brightspace, your registered courses, your academic regulations, and study diagram, messages from your study portal, etc.

The Study Portal

A very useful place where you can find relevant information about courses, exams, exemptions from regulations, studying abroad, Arts Career, and anything else related to being a student at AU in the Faculty of Arts and the Department of English. Find the study portal via studerende.au.dk

Timetables

You can find your timetable via: <https://timetable.au.dk/schedule>

Academic Regulations

The academic regulations are the legal foundation for your degree program, and they tell you what you need to learn each semester, and how this will be done. They also describe the rules which apply to your

degree program. You are responsible for keeping up to date with these rules. The academic regulations can be found via the study portal: go to studerende.au.dk under "Faculties", you should choose "Arts", then "English". You then need to click on "Academic Regulations" and choose your academic regulation. Make sure to look at the one called "English, Bachelor's Degree Programme (2026)".

AU Course Catalogue

In the AU course catalogue, you can search for specific programmes or courses. It allows you to read more about your courses and their curriculums, and it comes in very handy when you need to choose elective subjects later in your studies. The course catalogue can be found via: kursuskatalog.au.dk.

Exam Dates and Grades

You can find your exam dates via your Study Portal under "Exam" and "Exam Dates". Your grades will be on the self-service STADS, which you can also reach through mitstudie.au.dk. Through STADS you can also register and deregister for exams.

Exchange

English BA students have the opportunity to go on exchange during the 4th semester, (Spring 2028). Therefore, it is important that you consider beforehand whether you would like to study abroad as the application deadline will be at the end of your first semester. There will be information meetings in October where exchange coordinator Ann Carroll-Bøgh will answer all your questions. You can read more online on the Arts Study Portal at studerende.au.dk under "[Study Abroad](#)".

Student Counselors

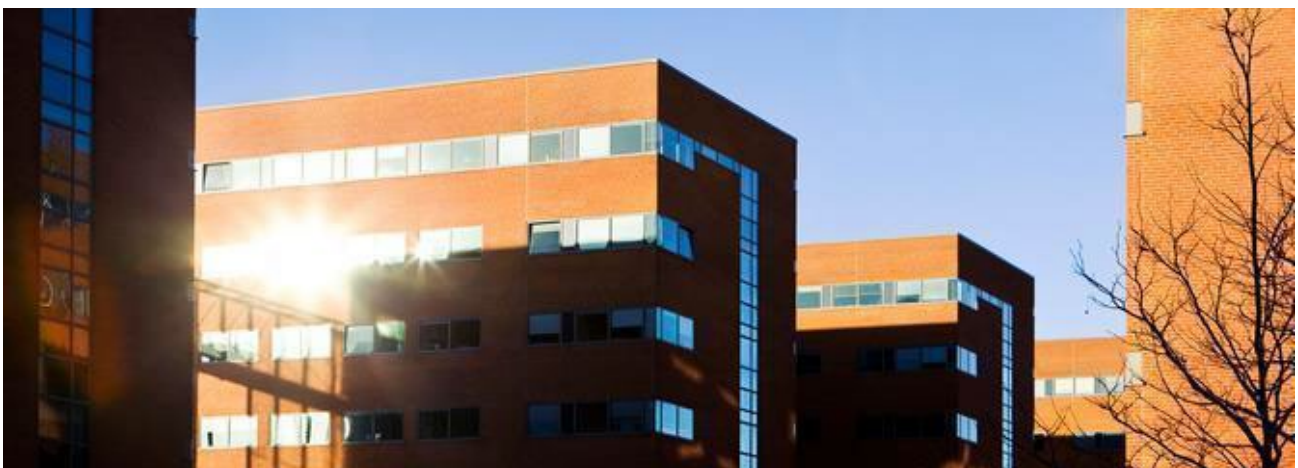
The student counselors' main task is to help you if you have any troubles – whether it is with your studies or on a more personal level. You can either send them an email or schedule a meeting with them, and they will do their best to help you or send you in the right direction to get the help you need. To find their emails and office hours go to studerende.au.dk under "Counseling", "Student Counselor".

Student ID

Your student ID will prove that you are enrolled at AU and it is especially important to bring with you to exams. The ID card also functions as a key card and will give you access to buildings outside of normal hours. Order your ID card at mitstudie.au.dk when you have been assigned a personal student number. You will need a photo of yourself.

Time

University is a lot to take in and will require a lot of time and energy from you. Our advice is to try and prioritize your time well so you will both be able to keep up with your studies and have fun! If you structure your time well, there should be time for everything and maybe you will even join one of our student organizations? Being a student is a full-time job where you are expected to use 820 hours per semester on your university work. In your 1st semester in particular it is recommended that you don't use too much time on a part-time job. You will probably need time to get used to the amount of studying, participating in activities on campus and getting to know people.



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Last Pieces of Information and Reminders

We hope we have made a thorough and helpful pamphlet for you. However, if you did not find the answer to something, please do not hesitate to contact the head tutors – we are here to help you! Should you have any concerns about taking part in the orientation week, please also contact one (or all) of your head tutors.

Due to GDPR regulations, we are required to inform you that photos will be taken throughout the orientation week. Should you prefer not to be photographed, please contact your head tutors. That is no problem at all.

Remember:

- Please join our Teams group: [Generel | ARTS Engelsk \(SLK\) | Bachelor 2026](#) which you should already have been added to, to stay up to date about the orientation week and keep in touch with your peers and organisations after orientation week!
- You need to be at Jens Chr. Skous Vej 2, in front of building 1485, on Monday the 24th of August at 09.30 for registration. Again, we recommend downloading the app AU Find to assist you in finding your way around the university.
- Bring your computer on **Monday** as we will have an introduction to technology and how to connect to the internet!
- Join the Monday Dinner at Studenterhus Aarhus! To secure your place at the dinner, please transfer 110 DKK to Apollo before Friday the 21st of August. Write your full name with the transfer and if you have any dietary restrictions (allergies, vegan, vegetarian, etc.). Transfer to: Reg. nr.: 7268 Kontonr.: 0001221742

That was all from us for now.

We can't wait to meet you for the orientation week and spend some great days with you!

Once again: if you have any concerns about the orientation week, or if you need any guidance, we strongly urge you to get in contact with one of your head tutors or to write to us at the Apollo e-mail: apollo.engelsk@au.dk

**Love from
The Apollo 2026 Tutor Team**

