

Institut für Anglistik / Amerikanistik

Information Sheet for Students and Employers

Compulsory School Internships in the BA and Master of Education

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General Guidelines

Students studying BA and Master of Education degrees at the University of Oldenburg who intend to qualify as English teachers for all types of government schools in the state of Lower Saxony **must** complete three compulsory school internships in total during the course of the two degrees. **One** of these internships may be completed in another country as long as the preparatory and post-internship courses are attended in Oldenburg.¹

The three internships are:

- 1) *Allgemeines Schulpraktikum* - general school internship (undergraduate; six weeks)
- 2) *Fachpraktikum*- [teaching] subject internship
- 3) *Forschungs- und Entwicklungspraktikum* - research and development internship.

The latter two internships are to be completed concurrently during the graduate MEd degree.

The requirements for these internships are listed below.

Guidelines for the general school internship (ASP)

a) The internship should last for a minimum of **five** weeks.

b) Students are not required to spend the internship gaining experience in teaching any particular subject (although students are obviously welcome to work in their degree subject areas). The main aim of the internship is to give students a better sense of what it means to be a teacher and to allow them to get to know different aspects of the profession. However, opportunities for supervised and/or independent teaching are encouraged.

c) Credit for the internship is awarded in the Praxis modules as follows:

- Module assessments – 9 ECTS (credit points).

The module assessment varies and can include lesson planning, a report on the teaching experience, or the generation and exploration of a research question.

d) The overseas institution needs to certify the satisfactory completion of the internship.² (Note that supervising teachers will not be paid.)

¹ This regulation is laid out in the *Sechste Änderung der Prüfungsordnung für den Studiengang Master of Education (Gymnasium) an der Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg (MPO – Gym) vom 05.09.2014*, p239. Document available at http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/uni/amtliche_mitteilungen/dateien/AM2014-03_08-6Aenderung_MPO_MEd_Gym.pdf

² An English-language version of the ASP certification is available at

Guidelines for the [teaching] subject (FP) internship and the research and development internship (FEP)

- a) The internships are of minimum seven weeks duration, made up of:
- Two weeks research internship at school (focusing on one of the student's degree subjects)
 - Five weeks teaching internship at school (focusing on the student's second degree subject)
 - One week preparation and post-processing of each internship
- b) Credit for the internships is awarded as follows across two Praxis modules:
- Preparatory courses for [teaching] subject internship in Oldenburg – 3 ECTS (credit points)
 - [Teaching] subject internship – 6 ECTS
 - Research and development internship – 3 ECTS (1 ECTS for a lecture course in Oldenburg; 2 ECTS for a research project.)
- c) Grading for the internships (taken together) is weighted as follows:
- 75% [Teaching] subject internship , assessed via a written report on experiences in the classroom
 - 25% Research and development internship, assessed via a research paper.
- d) The [teaching] subject internship involves:
- Attendance at school every school day (15-20 hours/week)
 - Observation of different classes at different levels taught by the mentoring teacher and other members of staff
 - Preparation and teaching at least one lesson a day from the second week on (a lesson plan must be prepared for mentoring teacher each time)
- e) The research project for the research and development internship involves:
- Planning, carrying out and evaluating an empirical research connected with classroom practice and teaching foreign languages
 - Formal presentation of the results of the project
 - Written summary of the research (including the planning, process and results)

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