

# Course descriptions

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## STATE EXAM DESCRIPTION

<b>Academic year:</b> 2025/2026	
<b>University:</b> Comenius University Bratislava	
<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Education	
<b>Course ID:</b> PdF.KAJL/M-ANGšt010/16	<b>Course title:</b> Didactics of English language and literature
<b>Number of credits:</b> 3	
<b>Educational level:</b> II.	
<p><b>Course requirements:</b></p> <p>Course condition requirements: The State Examination in Didactics of English Language and Literature, its conditions and procedural aspects are regulated by the Internal Regulation No.1/2020 of the Study Regulations of the Faculty of Education, Comenius university, and the Internal Regulation No.5/2021 of the Study Regulations of Comenius University.</p> <p>A student may take the state examination (a) after obtaining at least such number of credits for the completed courses which, after adding the credits for the successful completion of state exam, would meet the minimum credit requirements (b) after successful completion of compulsory courses, compulsory elective courses and elective courses in the composition determined by the study programme, except for the state examination, and (c) without disciplinary proceedings being conducted against him/her. The student receives 3 credits for successful completion of the state examination in didactics of English language and literature.</p> <p>Assessment According to the Internal Quality Assurance System for Higher Education of the Comenius University, the student shall be evaluated in particular on the demonstration of the ability to integrate the knowledge, skills and competences specified in the graduate's profile.</p> <p>The overall evaluation of the student's oral exam is a combination of the partial evaluations of the oral exams from the individual subject of the state examination and reflects the overall level of the student's insight in the field, the ability to synthesize and correlate knowledge, critically analyse information, apply theoretical knowledge and solve problems. Students are assessed based on the level of their knowledge, skills and competencies relevant for the exam questions in which they are tested.</p> <p>The assessment is awarded on a scale: A (excellent - outstanding), B (very good - above average standard), C (good - normal reliable work), D (satisfactory - acceptable results), E (satisfactory - results meet the minimum criteria), Fx (inadequate).</p> <p>A student is graded FX if he/she has only met the assessment requirements at a level less than 60% of the overall highest possible level of completion of the course requirements for the state examination.</p>	
<p><b>Learning outcomes:</b></p> <p>Learning outcomes / objectives and learning outcomes: The learning outcome is in accordance with the Long-term Plan of the CU/PdF, the mission and strategic objectives of the CU/PdF, in accordance with the description of the field of study, in</p>	

accordance with the NKR/SKR/DD, in accordance with the profile of the graduate, in accordance with the learning objectives and learning outcomes in individual subjects of the study plan of the study programme and other relevant documents.

**Class syllabus:**

The aim of the state examination in didactics of English language and literature is to test the level of knowledge, skills and competences specified in the graduate's profile, with emphasis on the ability to synthesize and practically apply the theoretical didactic knowledge acquired in the previous subjects. Each question is accompanied by a problem task or case study related to the relevant thematic area, where the student demonstrates his/her understanding of causal relationships and contexts, his/her level of flexibility of pedagogical-psychological thinking and the ability to apply theoretical knowledge to solve a specific teaching problem.

The content of the state examination in the didactics of English language and literature is based on the compulsory subjects M-ANGde-002 Didactics of the English Language (profile subject), M-ANGde-004 Current Trends in the Didactics of the English Language, M-ANGde-005 Psychological Aspects of Foreign Language Learning and M-ANGde-018 Didactics of the English Language for Primary Learners. Students can further deepen their knowledge, skills and competences in the offered compulsory elective courses: M-ANGde-029 Didactics of English Language for Pre-primary Learners, M-ANGde-030 Didactics of Grammar and M-ANGde-021 Didactics of English Language for Adults.

Students will present their knowledge, skills, competences as well as the level of communicative competence in English through a guided discussion with the members of the committee on various topics which are generated for the student automatically, while in the next part of the discussion the student practically solves an assigned problem or case study related to the respective topic area.

**State exam syllabus:**

**Recommended literature:**

The recommended literature is listed in the documentation of the profile subjects.

**Languages necessary to complete the course:**

English, Slovak

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<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Education	
<b>Course ID:</b> PdF.KNJL/M-NEMšt010/16	<b>Course title:</b> Didactics of the German language and literature
<b>Number of credits:</b> 3	
<b>Educational level:</b> II.	
<b>State exam syllabus:</b>	
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<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Education	
<b>Course ID:</b> PdF.KAJL/M-ANGšt009/16	<b>Course title:</b> English language and literature
<b>Number of credits:</b> 3	
<b>Educational level:</b> II.	
<b>Course requirements:</b> Course completion requirements: The English Language and Literature State Examination, its conditions and procedural aspects are regulated by the Internal Regulation No.1/2020, the Study regulations of the Faculty of Education of Comenius university and by the Internal Regulation No.5/2021 of the Study Regulations of Comenius University. A student may take the state examination (a) after obtaining at least such number of credits for the completed courses which, after adding the credits for the successful completion of state exam, would meet the minimum credit requirements (b) after successful completion of compulsory courses, compulsory elective courses and elective courses in the composition determined by the study programme, except for the state examination, and (c) without disciplinary proceedings being conducted against him/her. The student receives 3 credits for successful completion of the state examination in English language and literature. Assessment According to the Internal Quality Assurance System for Higher Education of Comenius University in Bratislava, the student shall be evaluated in particular on the demonstration of the ability to integrate the knowledge, and level of skills and competences specified in the graduate's profile. The overall grade for the oral examination is a combination of the partial oral exam evaluations in given subjects. It reflects the overall level of the student's insight in the field, the ability to synthesize and correlate knowledge, critically analyse information, apply theoretical knowledge, reveal the causes of problems, and propose solutions. Students are assessed based on the level of their knowledge, skills and competencies relevant for the exam questions in which they are tested. The assessment is awarded on a scale: A (excellent - outstanding), B (very good - above average standard), C (good - normal reliable work), D (satisfactory - acceptable results), E (satisfactory - results meet the minimum criteria), Fx (inadequate). A student is graded FX if he/she has only met the assessment requirements at a level less than 60% of the overall highest possible score for the state examination.	
<b>Learning outcomes:</b> Learning outcomes / Objectives and learning outcomes: The learning outcomes are in accordance with the Long-Term Plan of Comenius University/Faculty of Education, the mission and strategic objectives of Comenius University/Faculty of Education, in accordance with the description of the field of study, in accordance with the NKR/SKR/DD, in	

accordance with the profile of the graduate, in accordance with the objectives and learning outcomes in individual subjects of the study programme and other relevant documents.

**Class syllabus:**

Course outcomes of subject (content):

The state examination consists of two components, namely 1. English language and 2. literature.

1. The aim of the English language examination is to test the students' ability to synthesize and practically apply the theoretical linguistic knowledge acquired in the compulsory courses of study. The content of the state examination is based partly on the compulsory course M-ANGde-001 English lexicology and mainly on the compulsory course M-ANGde-006 contrastive linguistics, which is directly related to the objectives and content of the individual linguistic disciplines in the Bachelor's and Master's degree. In addition, it enriches students' knowledge and the ability to compare and contrast languages. The further development of the skills to analyse authentic texts is also possible in the compulsory elective courses M-ANGde-013, Linguistic Analysis of Text I (which focuses on general linguistic and lexical analysis) and M-ANGde-014, Linguistic Analysis of Text II (which focuses on general linguistic, morphological and syntactic analysis of texts).

Students will present their knowledge, skills, and competencies through a practical analysis of an authentic text, whereby the number of student's oral test task will be generated for the student, indicating the type of analysis required (lexical, morphological or syntactic) of the attached text.

In the linguistic analysis, students will focus on some of the following areas:

Lexical analysis of the text:

- Various word-formation processes (affixation, conversion, compounding, shortening, etc.)
- Semantic changes (metaphor, personification, metonymy, euphemisms/dysphemisms, etc.)
- Formal and semantic relations among words (homonymy, homophony, polysemy, synonymy, antonymy, etc.)
- Multiword units - collocations and idioms
- Stylistic classification of words (neutral, formal, informal, etc.)

Morphological analysis of the text:

- Analysis of phrases (NP, VP, AdjP, AdvP, VP)
- Grammatical categories of nouns (number, gender, case)
- Usage of articles (generic, specific and unique reference)
- Linguistic characteristics of adjectives and adverbs
- Linguistic characteristics of verbs and verb phrases
- Time, tense, aspect, voice, mood
- Modal and primary auxiliary verbs

Syntactic analysis of the text:

- Clause elements
- Types of sentences
- Word order and variations on clause types
- Negation of sentences
- Complex sentence analysis, relative and conditional clauses
- Reported speech
- Pro-forms and ellipsis

2. The aim of the state examination in literature will be to test students' ability to synthesize and practically apply the theoretical knowledge of literature acquired in the compulsory courses M-ANGde-003 Modern English Literature and M-ANGde-007 Modern American Literature. Students can further deepen their knowledge and skills in the compulsory elective courses M-ANGde-015 Working with Literary Text and M-ANGde-017 English Minority Literature. Students will first characterize a selected literary period, genre, and theme, and then demonstrate their knowledge, interpretive-analytical skills, and relevant competencies through readings from the works of these

authors. At the same time, they will present strategies for using the literary text in the pedagogical process.  
The theses synthesize the knowledge acquired in the various literature-oriented courses.

**State exam syllabus:**

**Recommended literature:**

The recommended study literature is listed in the information sheets of the respective courses.

**Languages necessary to complete the course:**

English, Slovak

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<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Education	
<b>Course ID:</b> PdF.KPg/M-VUZšt009/15	<b>Course title:</b> Master`s thesis defence
<b>Number of credits:</b> 14	
<b>Educational level:</b> II.	
<b>Course requirements:</b> Prerequisite subjects: none Prerequisites for successful completion of the course: The state examination, its conditions and procedural aspects are regulated by the Internal Regulation No.1/2020 Study Regulations of the Faculty of Arts of Charles University, as well as by the Internal Regulation No. 5/2021 Study Regulations of the Charles University. A student may take the state examination (a) after obtaining at least the number of credits necessary for the proper completion of studies after obtaining credits for successful completion of the last state examination and (b) after successful completion of compulsory courses, compulsory elective courses and elective courses in the composition determined by the study programme, except for the state examination and (c) without disciplinary proceedings being conducted against him/her. The student receives 14 credits for the successful defence of the diploma thesis (credits counted in the VUZ study plan). According to the VP 23/2021 Internal Quality Assurance System for Higher Education of the Charles University in Bratislava, the student is evaluated in particular: - Demonstrate the student's ability to integrate knowledge, manage complexity, and formulate decisions with incomplete or limited information, while still embracing the social and ethical responsibilities associated with the application of their knowledge and decisions; - Demonstration of the ability to communicate conclusions, findings and rationale clearly and unambiguously to both expert and lay audiences; - elaboration of the chosen topic at the level of a scientific study with a representative selection of literature, with appropriately chosen scientific procedures, hypotheses/research questions that can be verified. At the same time, the thesis must make a contribution to the specific field. The rating is awarded on a scale: A 100 - 91% (excellent - outstanding results), B 90 - 81% (very good - above average standard), C 80 - 73% (good - normal reliable operation), D 72 - 66% (satisfactory - acceptable results), E 65 - 60% (sufficient - results meet minimum criteria), Fx 59% or less (insufficient). A student is evaluated with the FX grade if he/she has fulfilled the requirements for the grade only at a level not exceeding 60% of the total highest possible level of fulfilling the requirements for passing the subject of the state examination - defence of the diploma thesis. In the same way, a student shall be evaluated with an FX if he/she has submitted a thesis in violation of paragraph 7 of Article 56 of the Internal Regulation of the University of Bratislava No. 23/2021 or has submitted a thesis that does not substantially meet the requirements according to paragraph 1 (d), paragraph 2 (d) or paragraph 3 (d) of Article 56 of the Internal Regulation of the University of Bratislava No. 23/2021 Internal Quality Assurance System for Higher Education of the University of Bratislava.	

<p>The details and specifications of the requirements of the final theses for the individual teacher study programmes in combination (approbation) will be specified in the respective Study Programme Descriptions.</p>
<p><b>Learning outcomes:</b></p> <p>The learning outcome is in accordance with the Long-term Plan of the CU/PdF, the mission and strategic goals of the CU/PdF, in accordance with the description of the field of study, in accordance with the NKR/SKR/DD, in accordance with the profile of the graduate, in accordance with the learning objectives and learning outcomes in individual subjects of the study plan of the study programme and other relevant documents.</p> <p>The student is able to elaborate the chosen topic at the level of a scientific study with a representative selection of literature, with appropriately chosen scientific procedures and hypotheses/research questions that can be verified. The thesis makes a contribution to the relevant field of study</p>
<p><b>Class syllabus:</b></p> <p>Brief outline of the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contribution of the thesis to the field of study, depending on its nature and degree of study. The evaluation of the thesis takes into account whether the student adequately treats the chosen topic at the level of a scientific study with a representative selection of literature, whether the chosen scientific procedures are adequate and appropriate, and whether he/she adequately works with hypotheses that can be verified. The thesis should make a distinct contribution to the relevant field of study in which the student has completed the degree programme;</li> <li>2. Originality of the thesis (the thesis must not be plagiarized, must not infringe the copyrights of other authors), the documentation for the defence of the thesis as a subject of the state examination includes originality protocols: from the Central Register and Theses, the results of which are commented on by the supervisor and the opponent in their opinions;</li> <li>3. Correctness and correctness of citation of used information sources, research results of other authors and author teams, correctness of description of methods and working procedures of other authors or author teams;</li> <li>4. Compliance of the structure of the thesis with the prescribed structure defined by the Internal Regulation No. 2/2018 Directive of the Rector of Charles University in Bratislava;</li> <li>5. Respecting the recommended scope of the thesis (the recommended scope of the thesis is usually 50 - 70 standard pages - 90 000 to 126 000 characters including spaces), the adequacy of the scope of the thesis is judged by the supervisor;</li> <li>6. Linguistic and stylistic level of the work and formal editing;</li> <li>7. The manner and form of the thesis defence and the student's ability to respond adequately to comments and questions in the supervisor's and opponent's reports.</li> <li>8. In the study programme focused on the teaching of art-educational subjects, the presentation of artistic outputs and performances may be part of the final thesis and its defence.</li> </ol>
<p><b>State exam syllabus:</b></p>
<p><b>Recommended literature:</b></p> <p>Recommended reading: according to the focus of the thesis topic</p>
<p><b>Languages necessary to complete the course:</b></p> <p>Slovak language, in case of language specialisations also the language of the respective subject specialisation</p>
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