# Overview: Publishing Processes Module B.Eng.811/M.EP.12 in the Anglophone Literature and Culture Division

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#### module structure:

- course or self-study unit on structures and workings of the publishing industry; students have to pass the course/self-study unit but it does not carry any credits
- practical part of the module: a study of how Penguin and another publishing company interact with their audiences, as regards the presentation and mediation of newly published titles and backlist titles; their reactions to public events, politics, ...; students have to hand in an observation portfolio for which credits are awarded (6 credits for the module)

#### prerequisites:

- formal prerequisites: none
- informal prerequisites: an interest in learning about the basics of the publishing industry; readiness to engage with non-academic ideas about literature; willingness to critically reflect on theories and their relations to day-to-day work aspects

## register for:

The module has two parts:

- a course or self-study unit, which you have to register for in FlexNow (B.Eng.811.Tn/M.EP.12.Tn),
- and the portfolio, for which you also have to register in FlexNow (B.Eng.811.Mp/M.EP.12.Mp). The two do not necessarily have the same instructors.

#### registration deadlines:

- for the course: usually at the end of the course
- for the self-study unit: end of the semester
- for the portfolio report: Usually there are two or three registration deadlines per semester. Choose the one that suits you best.

## register with:

- for the course: your course instructor
- for the self-study unit: Dr. Reitemeier
- for the portfolio report: if you have taken a course, Prof. Schaff; if you have completed the self-study unit, Dr. Reitemeier

# type of exam / number of words:

- course: to be announced by the instructor; this part has no exam per se but regular attendance is required
- self-study unit: portfolio entries (in total around 1,500 words)
- observation report: 3000 words, ungraded

#### content of exam parts:

- course: ask your course instructor about what they require you to do for the course; regular attendance
- self-study unit:
  - reflecting on the roles and activities of the different stakeholders in publishing;
  - o observation practices.
- portfolio report:
  - o outline of observation results and conclusions;
  - reflection on how your hands-on experience compares to what you learnt in the course/self-study unit or course.

style sheet:

As for every academic paper handed in for a course in the Anglophone Literature and Culture division, students are expected to use the division style sheet.

assessment:

The exam is ungraded. Students are expected to show - a concise description of the observation results;

- a good understanding of the theoretical text/s used;

- a critical engagement with the ideas from the course/self-study unit. Grammatical correctness and a good academic style are expected.

grading scheme: The module is ungraded.

options for appeal: Within a month of the publication of the result, students can lodge an

appeal against the grade if they consider the result inadequate (§ 20

par. 1 Allgemeine Prüfungsordnung für Bachelor- und

Masterstudiengänge). The Faculty's Exams Committee will then

request a clarification of the grade and, if necessary, submit the report

to another supervisor for re-assessment.