

How to choose my specialization/minor?

In this section, we try to help you with the specializations issue. What and when to choose? What steps you need to take? How does it work in Neptun?

Please read the following guide regarding your programme.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES BA

This BA programme requires 180 credits to complete for graduation, from which 2x50 credits are specializations or minors.

During the English and American Studies BA, students have to complete two 50-credit specialization modules or a 50-credit specialization and a 50-credit minor programme:

1. English OR American specialization
2. Differentiated Studies (1 from the 5 specializations) **OR** a [minor programme](#) of 50 credits

If the certain specialization/minor **requires an application process**, students have to participate in it.

Specializations have to be registered in Neptun by the student at the end of the first year of the BA (even if they do not require an application interview).

Please find the detailed description of the process below.

1. English or American specialization? (50 credits each)

This is the first decision to make.

When?

By the end of the first semester (December-January).

First-year students are invited to apply for the American specialization by a Neptun/email message in December. Those, who apply have to participate in an interview in December/January, and complete other requirements. The Department of American Studies chooses the most appropriate candidates, who will be contacted about the further steps (what courses to take in 2nd semester, etc).

Those who are not accepted for the American specialisation should do the English specialization.

IMPORTANT: Official registration for the specialization happens in Neptun only at the end of the first year (in May-June). Both the American and the English specializations have to be registered in Neptun by the students.

2. Minor – A 50-credit package of another study programme

If you are interested in taking a minor instead of a specialization from your study programme, please. **check the [MINOR PAGE on the Faculty website](#) + contact your international or study coordinators for further discussion**

2.1 Differentiated Studies - Specialization of a certain field (50 credits each)

This is the second decision to make.

When?

In the second semester of your studies (in May).

Please note that it takes at least 4 semesters to complete the Differentiated Studies specialization, so calculate like this.

The School of English and American Studies offers 5 different specializations regarding specific fields with 50 credits.

- Pick-and-choose (does not require special application, anybody can take it)
- English in the Media (requires special application)
- English in Business (requires special application)
- Film and Culture (requires special application)
- English Translation Skills (requires Hungarian language knowledge + special application)

In the case of the last 4, the number of students admitted to the programmes is 16 students each year for each specialization. The specializations offer 10 courses, 5 credits each that participants have to take in 4 semesters.

The last 4 specializations also have to be recorded in Neptun by the students at the end of the 1st year (in June).

SPECIALIZATION AND MINOR REGISTRATION

The application for SEAS students has 2 main steps:

1. You must apply within SEAS if you would like to have one of the following specialisations: *English in the Media, English in Business, Film and Culture, English Translation Skills****
2. Every first-year student has to record in Neptun whether the English or the American specialization was chosen (this choice has already been made, and accepted by SEAS).
 - 2.1. Students who do a different specialization than the Pick-and-choose have to register for the chosen specialization in Neptun after being accepted by the School of English and American Studies. Check the process of application below.

*****1. Fill in the online application form at SEAS (May).**

In this form, you will be requested to submit **a link to your CV** (Google drive link or online Europass — find some tips [HERE](#)) **and a letter of motivation of 300 words**. In the letter of motivation please indicate your experience and why you have chosen the specialization.

2. Attend an oral entrance exam (May-June).

Notification about the exact date and time of the oral exam and further details on the exam will be sent after the application, as there are differences in the exam procedures among the specializations.

Further information on the specializations: [SEAS website](#)