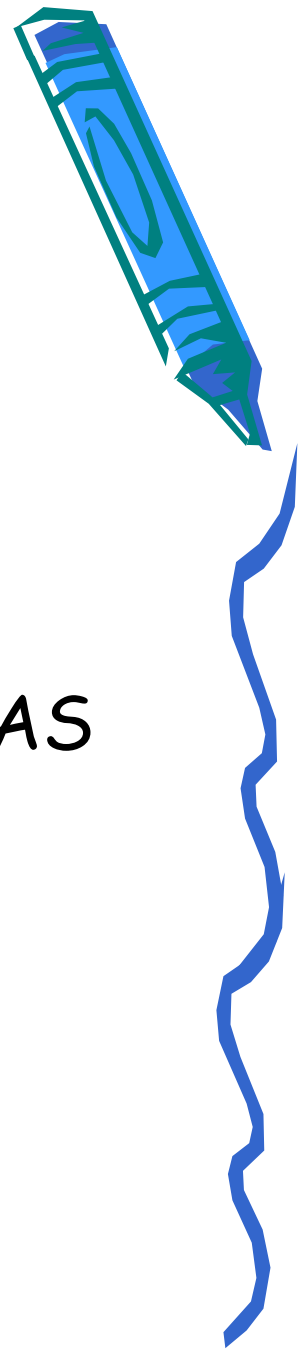


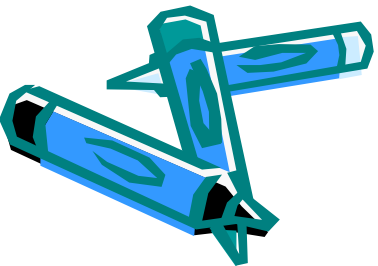
Department of English and American Studies

Bachelor's Degree Students
Orientation





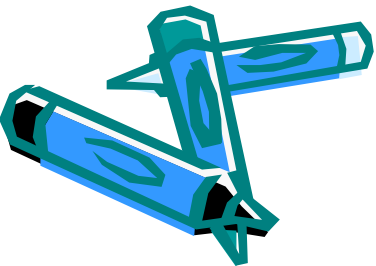
- Welcome to the Department
- Jeffrey A. Vanderziel
 - Department Head
- Today's program:
 - General orientation
 - Bachelor's degree program in the DEAS
 - Your questions
- But first, I have a couple of questions for all of you



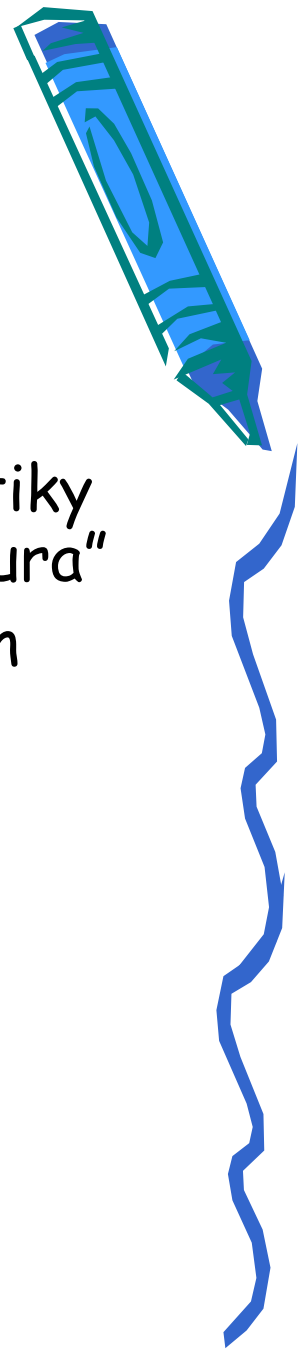
Basic sources of information



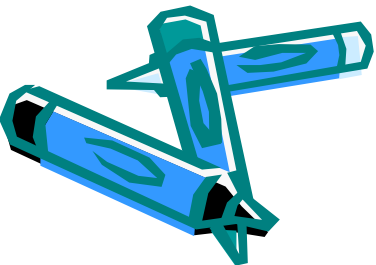
- Studijní a zkušební řád pro studenty bakalářských a magisterských studijních programů
 - http://www.muni.cz/general/legal_standards/study_examination_regulations
- Department of English web site
 - <http://www.phil.muni.cz:8088/wkaa>
- Study Department - 1st Floor, Bldg. C, A. Nováka campus



Degree-program requirements

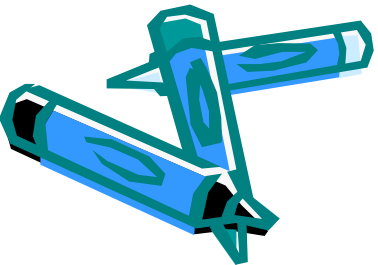
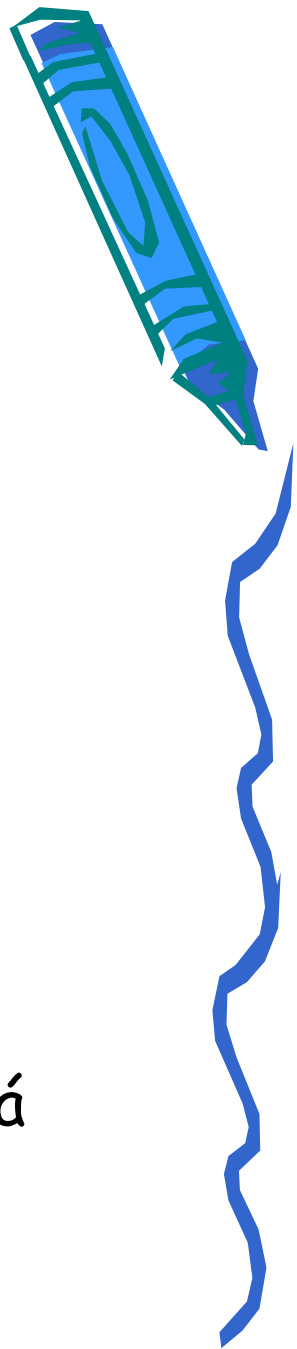


- "Studijní program 2007-2008, Katedra anglistiky a amerikanistiky, obor anglický jazyk a literatura"
- An updated, electron version of this booklet in both Czech and English at:
 - <http://www.phil.muni.cz:8088/wkaa/w-studium>
- Don't forget the:
 - University-wide requirements:
 - Physical education and a second foreign language
 - Faculty-wide requirement
 - Philosophy



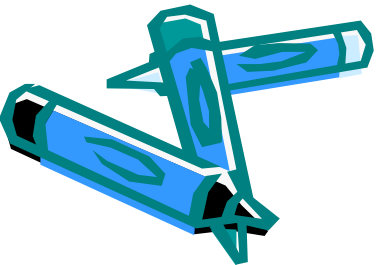
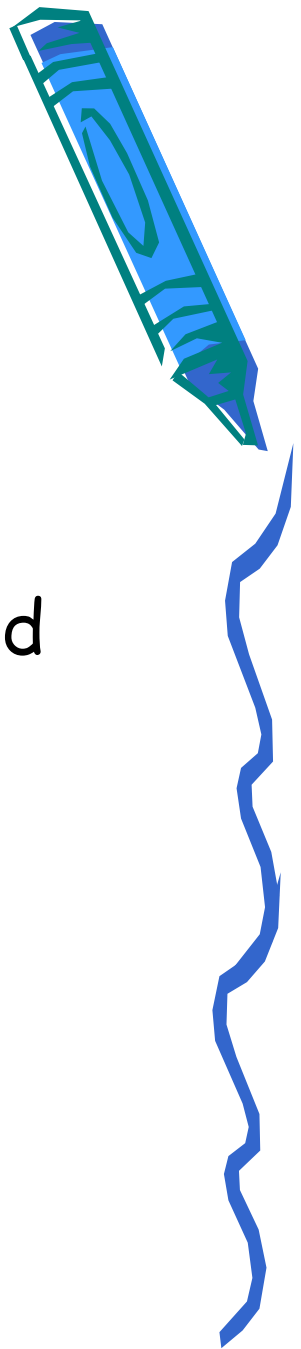
Department Office

- 3rd Floor, Building G
 - Gorkého 7
- Studies Adviser Mr. Tomáš Hanzálek
 - Office Hours:
 - Tuesday, 1300-1430
 - Wednesday, 1000-1130
 - Thursday, 1300-1500
 - *Please respect these hours.*
- Department Secretary Bc. Michaela Sochorová



Self-Access Centre

- 3rd Floor, Building G - Gorkého 7
- Reference Library
- Lending of video and audio cassettes and DVDs
- Copier
- Three computers and a printer and scanner
- Opening hours will be available soon



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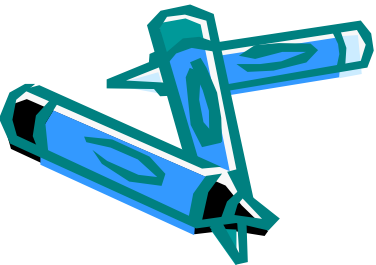
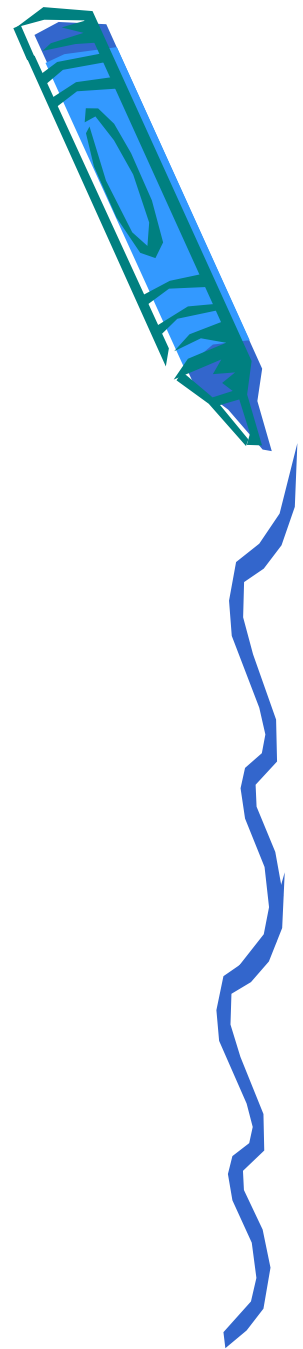


- Are you **RESPONSIBLE** and familiar with **BASIC PC APPLICATIONS**?
- Do you want to **WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT**?
- **DO YOU HAVE TIME DURING THE WEEK**?

DON'T HESITATE!!

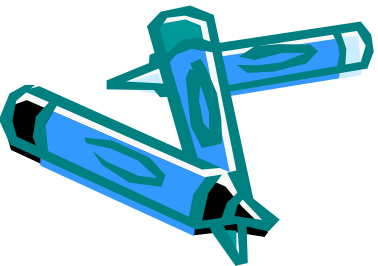
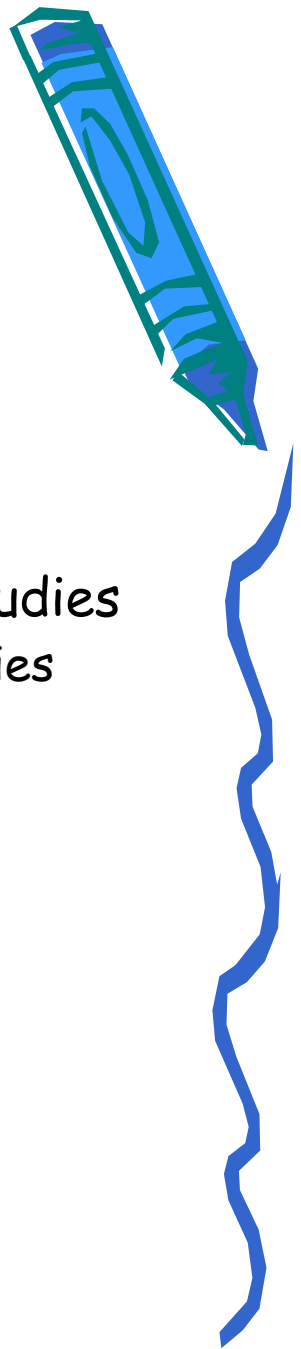
CONTACT THE HEAD LIBRARIAN:

JAKUB ZDRAŽIL (75511@mail.muni.cz)

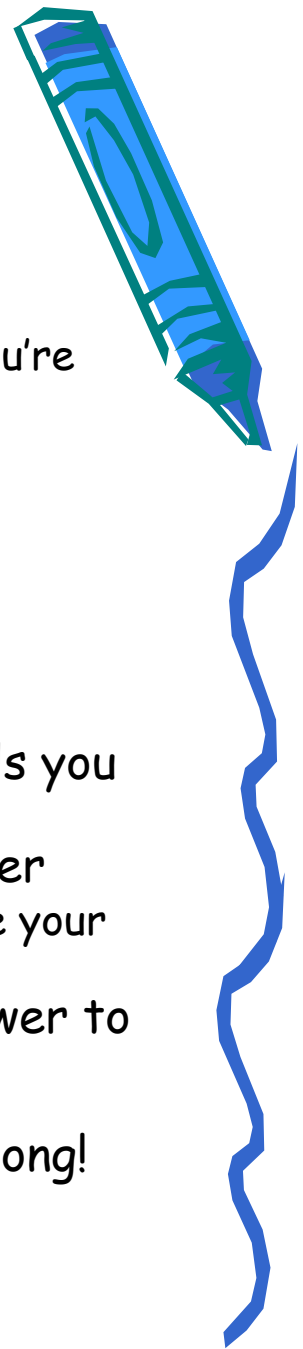


Critical Resources

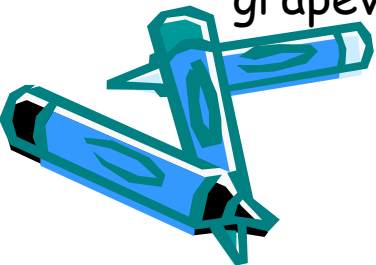
- Information System
 - <http://is.muni.cz>
 - Administrative system for all aspects of your studies
 - Course registration, grades, controlling your studies
- ELF
 - <http://www.phil.muni.cz/elf>
 - E-learning portal of the Faculty of Arts
 - Most courses in the English Department use it
 - You should learn to use it as soon as possible



How are my studies in the English Department going to be different from secondary school?

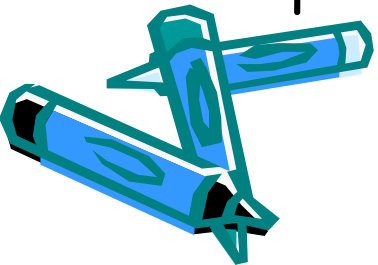
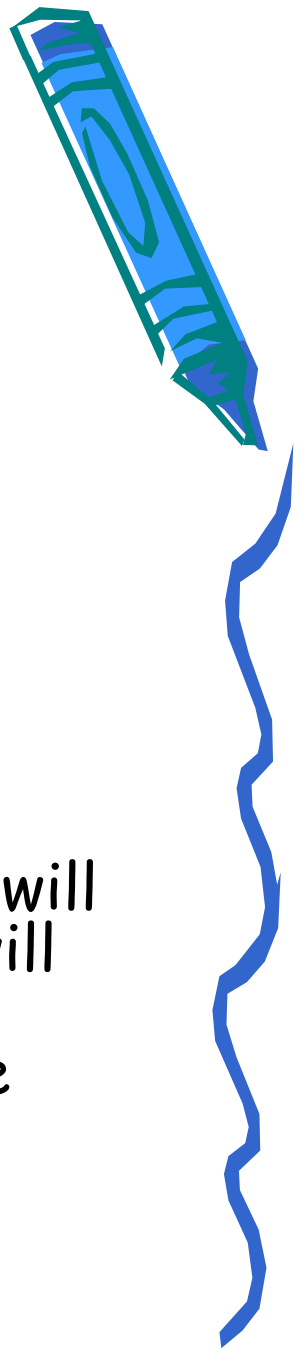


- You will not be spoon fed
 - You must keep track of everything and make sure you do what you're supposed to do
- You are expected to work independently
- Your teachers are not your parents
 - We are all adults here and we expect that you will behave appropriately
- Your success (or failure) is entirely up to you
- Your success will be based not on how many facts you can memorize but on how you synthesize and analyze the materials you read and the lectures and seminars you attend
- You must read and study continuously throughout the semester
 - "Cramming" for a few days before your exams will only guarantee your failure
- If you do have questions, we are here to help you find an answer to them. **Don't hesitate to come and ask.** Remember that information you hear from your colleagues or "through the grapevine" may not be completely accurate or may even be wrong!



Cheating and plagiarizing

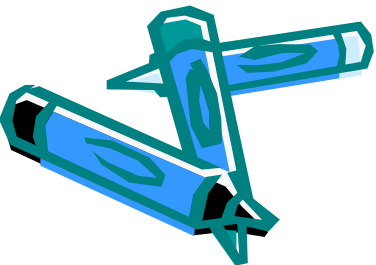
- What is cheating?
 - 1a: to practice fraud or trickery; b: to violate rules dishonestly <cheat at cards> <cheating on a test>. (Merriam-Webster definition)
- What is plagiarizing?
 - *transitive verb*: to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own; use (another's production) without crediting the source. (Merriam-Webster definition)
- Neither are tolerated in this Department, this Faculty or this University
- If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing, you will automatically fail the course in question. You will also be sent before the Faculty Disciplinary Commission with a recommendation that you be expelled from the University.



Your first year of studies

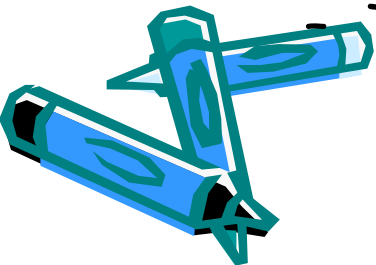
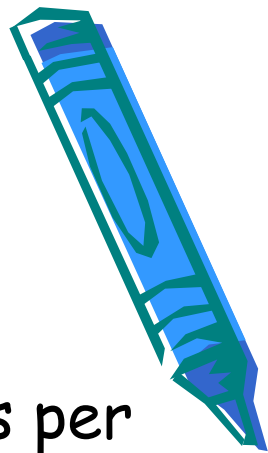


- All courses offered in our Department are taught in English
- Compulsory introductory courses
 - Three of four major subfields:
 - Literature
 - Cultural Studies
 - United States and United Kingdom
 - Linguistics
 - The fourth, translation, is covered in Introduction to Translation is offered in the 2nd year
- Language courses:
 - Practical English (two semesters, 2 hours per week)
 - English Grammar (two semesters, 1 hour per week)
 - Phonetics and Phonology (1 semester, two hours per week)



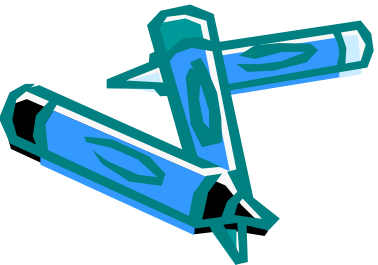
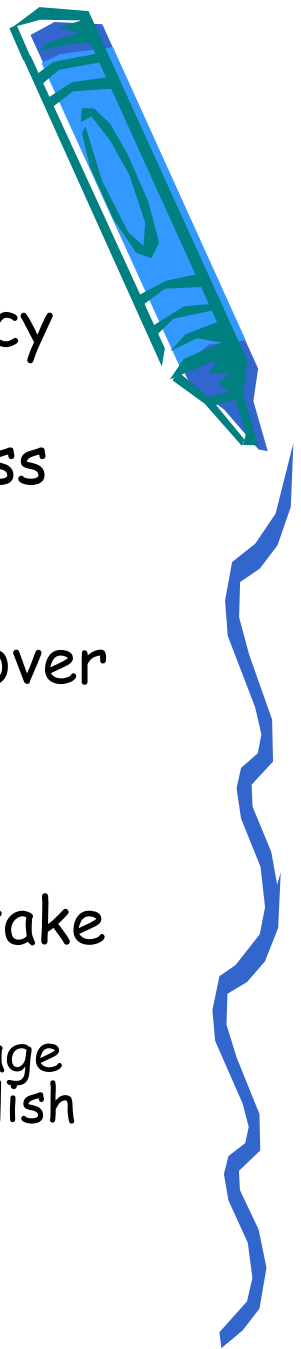
BE WARNED

- This is not a language school
- This year you will have on average four hours per week
 - For some of you this is not enough
 - Study outside of class/university
 - Self-study at home
 - Attend a language school
- You should think of every class in the English Department as an English lesson.
 - Listen to your teachers, the vocabulary they use and the way they speak.
- After 1st year, practical English no longer focuses on course books
 - Two compulsory one-semester courses
 - Academic Writing
 - Spoken Fluency



Qualifying Exam

- At the end of the 1st year there is a proficiency exam in English
- In order to continue your studies you must pass this exam and each of its sub-tests
- Your score on the Qualifying Exam will also include results of the continuous assessment over the two semesters of the Practical English courses
- If you fail the exam, you may resit it the following June, but you will not be allowed to take other courses in the Department until then
 - We recommend that you spend that year at a language school or spend the time abroad improving your English



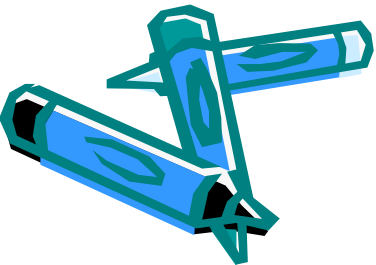
Scheduling

- Register for both the seminar and seminar groups
 - For example, AJ01001 Practical English plus seminar group B
- You may not take other courses in the Department as the courses you are currently doing are prerequisites for them
 - Please deregister from any course in our department that begins AJ1 or AJ2.



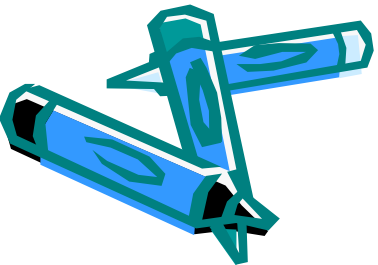
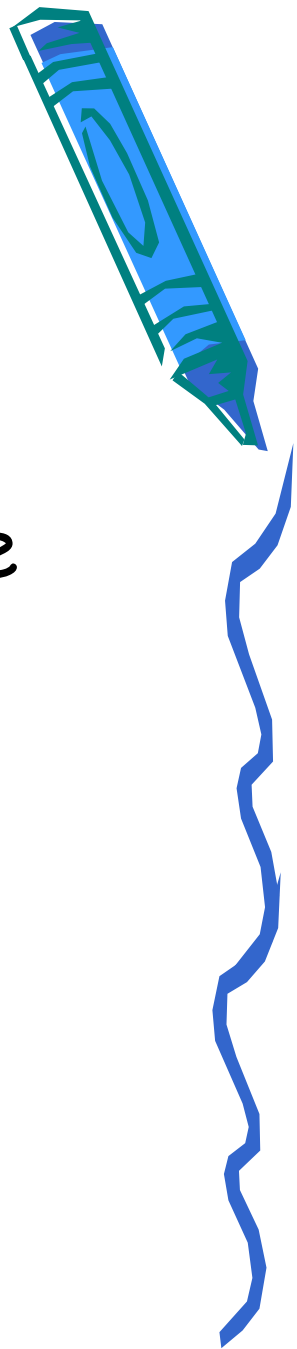
Credits

- According to university regulations
 - Minimum of 15 credits per semester
 - This applies to all credits accumulated in all degree programs you may be studying
 - Norm is 30
- Single-subject students
 - Start accumulating credits outside the Department now ("C" credits)
- Make sure you take into account the possibility that you might fail a course



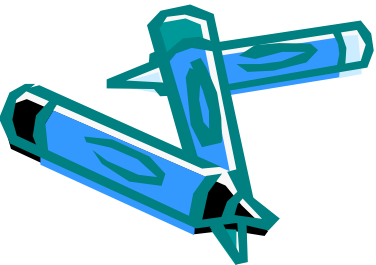
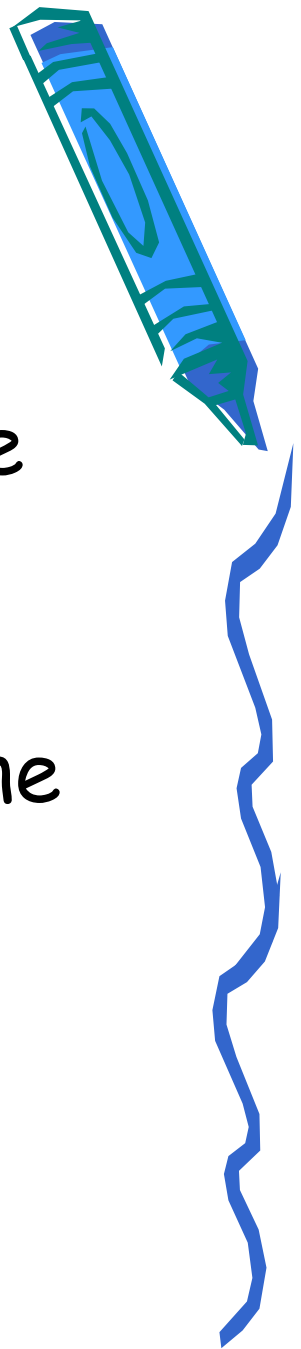
2nd and 3rd Years

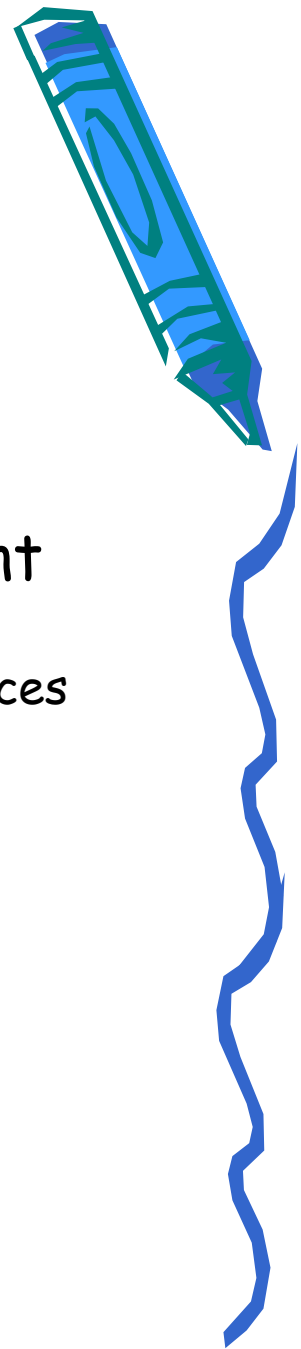
- Study requirements based on selecting courses from each of the four subfields
 - Literature
 - Cultural Studies
 - Linguistics
 - Translation



How long should my studies take?

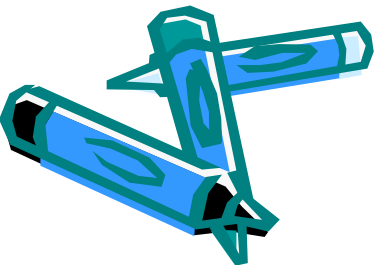
- The normal period of study for the Bachelor's degree is 3 years (6 semesters)
- It will take the average student one or two additional semesters





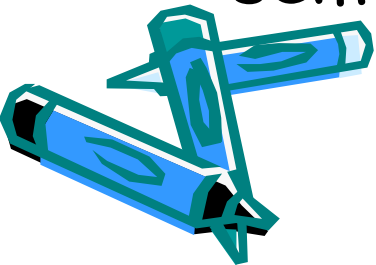
Extracurricular activities

- Your university experience isn't limited to the classroom (or the pub)
- Three student organizations in the Department
 - Gypsywood Players
 - Theatre group with more than 40 years of performances
 - English Students Club (ESCape)
 - <http://www.phil.muni.cz/angl/club/>
 - Bohemian-Moravian William Shakespeare Students' Society
 - <http://www.cmssws.cz/>
- There will be presentations from ESC and BMWSSS after this main presentation



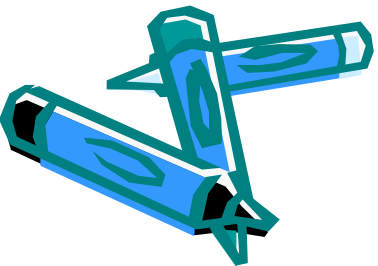
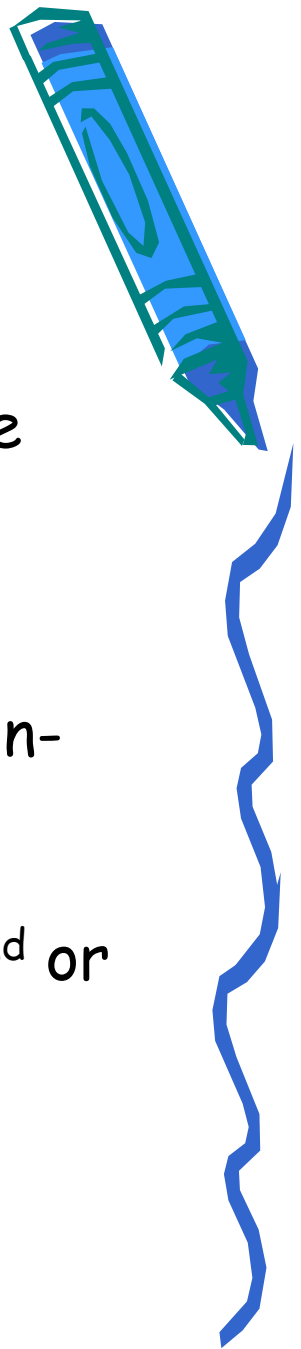
Your future

- Terminal Bachelor's degree studies
- Continuing towards a Master's degree
 - Non-teaching degree (English Language and Literature)
 - Single and double-subject (2 years)
 - Teaching degree (Teaching English Language and Literature for Secondary Schools)
 - Single-subject (2 years)
 - Double-subject (3 years)
- Admissions to the non-teaching degree are possible in both the autumn and spring semesters



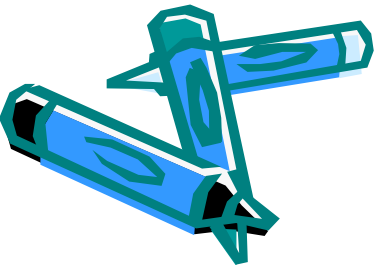
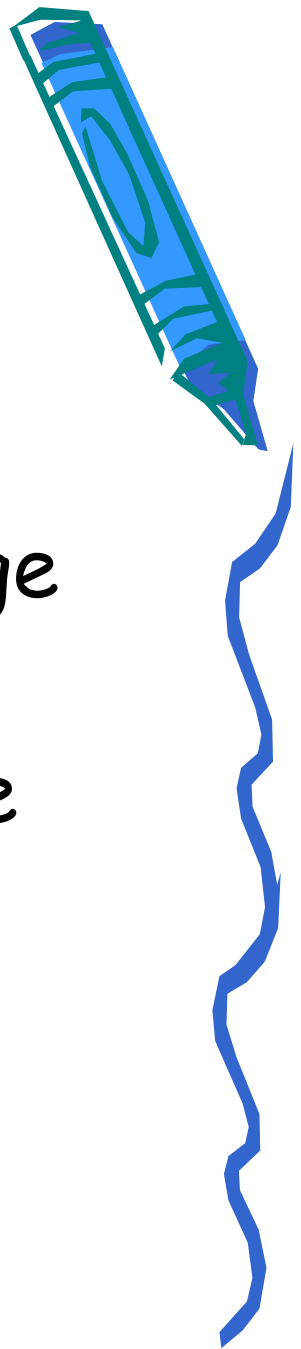
Teaching qualifications

- Teaching qualifications are only offered at the Master's-degree level
- Some combinations are only teaching, e.g.
 - Geography, Mathematics, Physical Education, Civics
- Some can be studied for either teaching or non-teaching degrees
 - French, German, Latin, Czech, History, etc.
- Introductory course on teaching offered in 2nd or 3rd year of Bachelor's degree studies



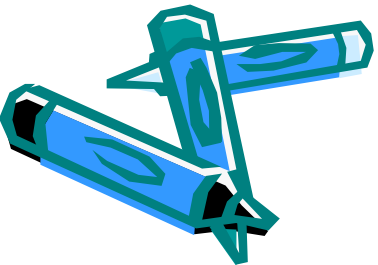
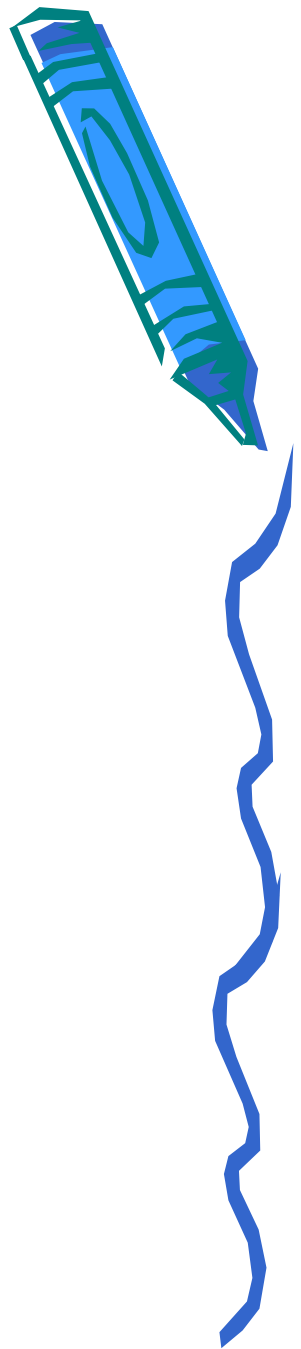
Staying informed

- Read your email regularly
- Check out the department web page
Check the IS on a regular basis
- Look at the bulletin boards outside
the department office



Mobile Phones

- Must be turned off whenever in a classroom
- Have respect for your fellow students and teachers

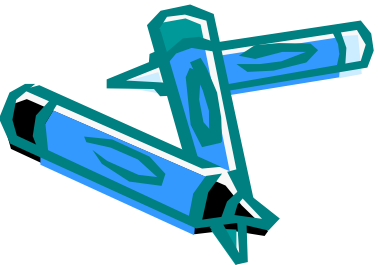


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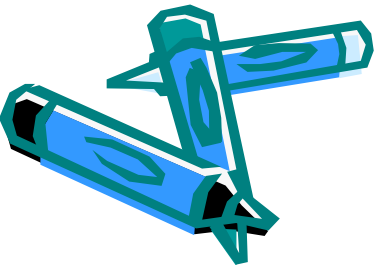
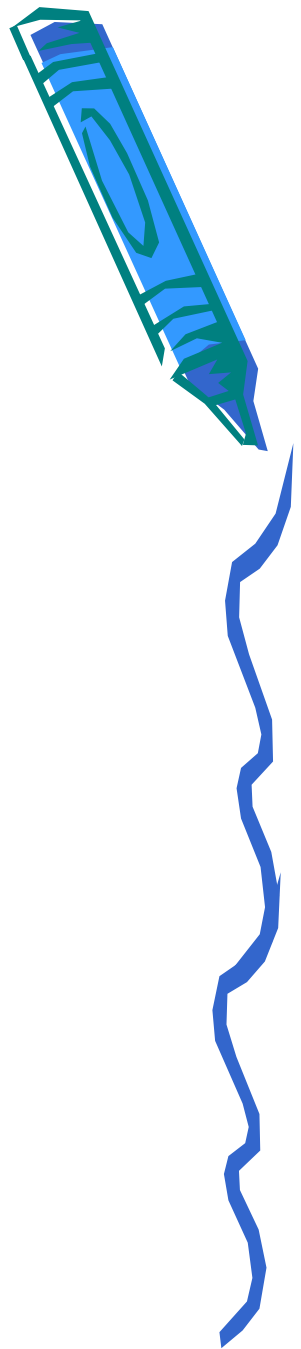
- Being admitted to study here is a major achievement
 - We accept fewer than one in five applicants

BUT BE WARNED

- Completing your studies here is even more difficult
 - More than 25% of you will fail to complete your studies here



Any questions?



GOOD LUCK!!

