

Duration: **4 semesters**

Language of instruction: **English**

Start of program: **winter semester**



MASTER'S PROGRAM

# American Studies

## Admission requirements

- Bachelor's degree in American Studies or comparable degree
- certificate of English language skills level C1

## Address and deadline for applications

<http://www2.uni-frankfurt.de/35791924>

For more information on the program and admission requirements see <http://www2.uni-frankfurt.de/46555993>

## Documents to be submitted

- a university entrance qualification (e.g. A-Levels) if you are not already enrolled at Universität Frankfurt
- Bachelor's degree certificate; transcript of records
- if the Bachelor's degree has not yet been completed, a transcript of records or equivalent document listing the content of the study program and average grade
- proof of English language skills (level C1 or better)
- you may need to submit other documents depending on your country of origin and your previous education; please see the general information about applying for a Master's degree

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## Course Content

The two-year master's program in American Studies offers a comprehensive range of courses on US-American literature, history, and cultural and media studies. Conceptually, the program combines current research and teaching as well as diverse forms of self-study and academic training. The program aims at fostering the skills relevant to both academic and professional life. The program offers three complementary areas of study and research. "American Literature and Literary Criticism" covers American literature in the broadest sense and the practice of critical analysis. It deals with the reading and being-read of the United States through diverse types of text. "American Culture and Cultural Studies" examines media such as films or images in terms of their cultural significance. The program's third area, "American History and Society," looks at transitions in American society and politics with the examination and evaluation of historical sources.

Combined, these research fields facilitate a critical approach towards the nation, the cultural sphere, and the aestheticized and mediatized conceptualizations of what is known as the "USA". Graduates develop a comprehensive understanding of the terminologies, peculiarities, frontiers, and academic discourses of American Studies. Dynamic educational concepts such as "learning and teaching through research" encourage and enable students to engage in autonomous and creative scholarship. Thus the MA American Studies program prepares not only for a Ph.D. and an academic career but also enables graduates to pursue occupations in areas such as publishing, media, politics, and public relations.

## Curriculum

### 120 CREDIT POINTS

#### MASTER MODULE

The fourth and last semester of the program is dedicated to the master's thesis. Students explore a topic from one of the selected fields of study and display their methodological and theoretical knowledge in a manner that satisfies high academic standards.

#### CORE PROGRAM

Students specialize in two out of three major fields of study; in each field they select two modules.

#### SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The Academic Training module provides students with the opportunity to deepen their oral presentation and writing skills. It also acquaints them with academic forums such as workshops and conferences.

#### BASIC COURSE

The course introduces students to major concepts and current debates in American Studies.

**Master's thesis**  
(30 CP)

**American Literature and Culture**  
(15 CP)

**Media Studies and Cultural Theory**  
(15 CP)

**American Social and Cultural History**  
(15 CP)

**American Literature**  
(15 CP)

**American Culture**  
(15 CP)

**American History**  
(15 CP)

**Academic Training**  
(15 CP)

**American Studies: Literature, History Culture and Theory**  
(15 CP)