American Studies @ Tübingen

Tübingen University
Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477. These have been the University of Tübingen’s guiding principles in research and teaching ever since it was founded. With this long tradition, the University of Tübingen is one of the most respected universities in Germany. Recently, its institutional strategy was successfully selected for funding in the Excellence Initiative sponsored by the German federal and state governments, making Tübingen one of Germany’s eleven universities distinguished with that title of excellence. Tübingen has also proven its status as a leading research university in many national and international competitions – in key rankings Tübingen is listed among the best universities for the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as for Science and Medicine.

With its broad spectrum of subjects, the University of Tübingen provides a wealth of opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. And such close cooperation on research extends beyond the University and around the world. The University of Tübingen has joint research projects at all levels with other institutions of higher education, with research institutes and with industry.

The University’s excellence in research offers optimal study conditions to students who come to Tübingen, combined with the opportunity to emphasize individual interests along the way. The attractive study environment is reinforced by many additional services, such as the Language Centre, interdisciplinary lectures in the Studium Generale and the state-of-the-art University Library. The University motto speaks for itself: attempto – I dare!

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Profile

The wide variety of courses in this Master’s program ranges from those on America’s colonial past and early literary culture to those covering contemporary themes in race, class, gender, religious, ethnic, and regional studies.

We pride ourselves on offering students an interdisciplinary curriculum which emphasizes student autonomy, and academic collaboration and exchange.

The program consists of four core aspects:

- American Literature and Culture
- Interdisciplinary Profile
- Research
- Practice

Within this structure, students are exposed to the fundamental theoretical framework of American Studies while completing collaborative and independent research projects.

Each year, our department welcomes a number of esteemed guest professors from international universities. Teaching lectures and seminars, our guests bring new and innovative research and perspectives to students of American Studies.

All students of American Studies are encouraged to spend time in an English-speaking country. This is an invaluable opportunity for students to work with experienced professionals in a different academic environment.

Opportunities

Each student is given the opportunity to visit other university faculties and courses, thereby creating their own unique academic profile.

In addition, we encourage the pursuit of practical skills, which further prepare students for their future professions in academia, journalism and publishing, public relations, etc. The Career Service offers further advice.

During the two-year program, students are given the opportunity to do an internship outside the university, to collaborate with peers and professionals in the field of American Studies, and to deepen their knowledge of American culture and history.

Successful completion of the M. A. is a prerequisite for PhD candidacy.

The module handbook and examination regulations are available on our website for further details.

Prerequisites

The prerequisites for pursuing an M. A. in American Studies are:

- a B. A. or L. A. (teacher’s) degree in English, American Studies, or a similar field, with a final grade of 2.5 or better (or an international equivalent thereof)
- an interest in language, literature, and culture

Further details can be found on our website: www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/30

How to apply

Information about how to apply at the University of Tübingen can be found at: www.uni-tuebingen.de/de/1579

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Studies commences: Winter and summer semester
Duration: 4 semesters (2 years)
Point requirement: 120 ECTS
Language of instruction: English