Welcome Session
Interdisciplinary American Studies

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The Corona Situation

Welcome!

We regret not to be able to welcome you in person, but we‘ll provide you with the necessary information to prepare for your first semester. It‘s not clear at this moment (March 30) in what form the semester will start on April 20 (perhaps we‘ll have to start online at first), but the university is committed to offering courses and making the semester happen.

Once the Corona restrictions have been lifted, we will invite you to an information session. In the meantime, you can reach the Helpdesk with questions (helpdesk@es.uni-tuebingen.de) or contact one of the IAS advisors (Thomas Gijswijt or Nicole Hirschfelder).
Preparing your first semester:

1. Familiarize yourself with the *Prüfungsordnung* & Module Handbook ([Website Prüfungsamt](#)). Each module is worth a certain number of ECTS credits that will be earned with different combinations of seminars and/or lectures. One ECTS credit stands for 30 hours of work. During one semester you should take about 30 ECTS credits.

2. Sign up for courses on Alma (you can do so between April 6-12 – see next slide for details on which courses to take). Alma tutorials are available on the [university website](#). Make sure that you use your priorities for the seminars! Please note that we’re making the change to the new Alma system this semester, so we might face some transition problems.
Courses you need to sign up for in your first semester

Basic Module: Cultural Studies (12 ECTS)

Sign up on Alma for the *Lecture (VL) Introduction to Cultural Studies*
Sign up on Alma for the *Seminar Introduction to Cultural Studies*: Annika Thiem (Wed. 14-16; the tutorial for this seminar (no need to sign up separately) takes places Thu. 8.30-10)

Language and Use (6 ECTS)

Sign up (and use your priorities) on Alma for *Language and Use*: if you prefer an American native speaker for this course, use your first priority for Group I taught by Shawn Raisig (Wed. 10-12)

Basic Module: Literary Studies (12 ECTS)

The *Lecture (VL) Introduction to Literary Studies* will be available online at TIMMS – your seminar instructor will provide access information.
Sign up (and use your priorities) on Alma for the *Seminar Introduction to Literary Studies*: use your priorities for the courses taught by American Studies staff members Michael Butter and Nicole Hirschfelder and note the times of the tutorials connected to the seminars.
Where to find information/help?

• Check out our website (including FAQ) and join us on Instagram or Facebook. Check the Corona page on our website for updates.

• Prüfungsordnung & Module Handbook

• Helpdesk

• Student Advisors

• Fachschaft English/American Studies

Good luck in these challenging times and we look forward to seeing you in person in the not too distant future!