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The M. A. in American Studies is conceived as a two-year program. Students have the opportunity to develop an individual academic profile incorporating associated disciplines, while also developing practical and academic skills which will either take them into research or prepare them for a variety of professions outside the University.

Please consult our website for further details, the module handbook, and examination regulations.



<https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/10808>

## PREREQUISITES

The M. A. American Studies is a research-oriented program following on from a B. A. degree in English and American studies or other disciplines in literary or cultural studies. However, it is also geared toward graduates of programs in history and the social sciences who have focused on North America in their undergraduate studies.

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## AMERICAN STUDIES@TÜBINGEN

### Welcome to American Studies in Tübingen

For more than 60 years, we have been one of the largest American Studies institutes in Germany. We offer our students a wide variety of courses with a focus on American Literary and Cultural Studies as well as on interdisciplinary approaches to the U.S.A. and Canada. All our courses are taught in English, and we particularly welcome international students.

### The City of Tübingen

Tübingen does not have a University, Tübingen is a University: young, creative, open, innovative. The beautiful, historic old town and its picturesque location on the river Neckar enhance the high quality of life and provide excellent opportunities for outdoor activities.

## FURTHER INFORMATION & CONTACT

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# AMERICAN STUDIES

## Master of Arts



## STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

The M. A. in American Studies consists of four core fields:

- Core Curriculum: American Literary and Cultural Studies
- Interdisciplinary Profile
- Academic Skills and Research
- Practice in American Studies and Beyond

The five modules of the core curriculum offer both variety and specialization. After the introductory module, which introduces incoming M. A. students to central concepts of analysis and research in literary and cultural studies, visual cultures, social studies, and history, our M.A. students are free to take courses on a wide variety of topics ranging from Puritan Poetry to Representation in Social Media, Painting to Hollywood Movies, Election Campaigns to #blacklivesmatter. Based on their research, our staff members regularly offer classes on contemporary film and TV shows, conspiracy theories, art and activism, public poetry, American drama, postmodern short fiction, presidential elections, popular music, and landscape painting, to name but a few. In addition, students may attend classes in other disciplines and build a profile by integrating studies in sociology, (art) history, economics or law.

At several points in the program, students are expected to work independently on questions in which they are interested and present results in written and/or oral forms. The modules on Practices and Applications and on Academic Skills prepare students for future work inside or outside the university. This includes research and the presentation and discussion of results, the organization of events, communication in various media, the critical assessment of information, intercultural sensitivity, etc. Internships outside the university allow students to explore opportunities in potential workplaces; at regular events, our alumni share experiences on career options.

Finally, MA students are prepared for their final thesis and oral exam, practicing the presentation of academic content. The language proficiency of graduates has developed beyond the C1 level in the area of academic discourse, enabling them to successfully communicate in academic and non-academic workplaces.

### Keywords

Master of Arts, American Studies

## GOING ABROAD



The application process to study overseas takes more than a year. Students who want to integrate a stay abroad into their studies need to contact the International Office and a member of the American Studies program early during their initial enrollment. Up to two modules from the core curriculum, seminars and lectures in the Interdisciplinary Profile module, and the practice component in the Practices and Applications module can be done abroad.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the program are qualified for professional careers outside and inside academia. They have gained a profound understanding of American literature, culture, and history from the colonial period to the present. They can critically reflect on and evaluate cultural phenomena and the scholarly discourses devoted to them. Choosing from a wide range of studies, students can shape their own academic profile. Some M. A. graduates qualify for our Ph.D. program. Outside of academia, the M. A. prepares students for jobs predominantly (but not exclusively) in public relations, adult education, and intercultural communication – wherever communicative and intercultural skills, in addition to excellent English language skills, play a crucial role.

## ADMITTANCE CRITERIA

Applicants must have completed a Bachelor's degree in English or American Studies (or an equivalent degree in a closely related field) with a final grade of 2.5 or better. Their English language proficiency must be at level C1 (CEFR).

## APPLICATION

- Application Documents
- Final degree certificate of undergraduate studies and transcript of records (certified)
- High school diploma
- Proof of language proficiency at level C1 (e.g., Bachelor's Degree or TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge Certificate)
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of motivation (max. 500 words) in English explaining the applicant's decision to undertake M. A. studies at the University of Tübingen. Please include contact details such as e-mail and postal address.
- Academic writing sample (e.g., Bachelor's Thesis)
- If applicable, documentation of any professional degrees pertinent to the subject of American Studies or practical experience (e.g., placements or internships) in the field.

Please submit your application via:

<https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/2048>

### Deadlines for starting in winter semester:

For non-European Union applicants: July 15

For European Union applicants: Sep. 15

### Deadlines for starting in summer semester:

For non-European Union applicants: Jan. 15

For European Union applicants: March 15

**Regular duration:** 4 semesters