

## **Guidelines for the Module “Focus Module: Research in Literary and Cultural Studies” – Independent Studies (B.A. IAS)**

- The independent study (3 ECTS) for the Focus Module Research takes place in the context of the seminar you are taking for this module.
- The coursework for the independent study consists of a research bibliography, two 400-word abstracts, and a 600-word report on a lecture or conference panel:
  - The research bibliography covers a subject area relevant to the seminar and may overlap with the seminar’s term paper.
  - The bibliography should include brief summaries of:
    - 3 Monographs
    - 3 Primary sources
    - 4 Articles or book chapters from edited volumes
  - For the two 400-word abstracts, you should select two recent monographs or articles from your research bibliography (published within the last 10 years).
  - You will write an 600-word report on a lecture or a conference panel relevant to American Studies. Check our Facebook site for suggestions and keep track of speakers coming to the d.a.i. or the Studium Generale.
- The independent study coursework must be handed in at the same time as the term paper.
- The grade of the module will be determined by the term paper, but you need to successfully complete the independent study coursework to get credit for the module.