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## Master's degree





# Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies

University of Bamberg • Bamberg











## Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in English and American Studies			
In cooperation with	Full partners: University of Graz, Ca'Foscari University Venice, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Université de Paris  Associated partners: University of Pécs, City College of the City University New York, Autonomous University in Barcelona			
Teaching language	• English			
Languages	Courses are held in English.			
Programme duration	4 semesters			
Beginning	Winter semester			
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The programme can be studied part-time with the exception of the mandatory mobility semester abroad.			
Application deadline	1 April of each year			
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None			
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No			
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes			
Description/content	The two-year, English-taught Master's degree "European Joint Master's Programme in English and American Studies" is aimed at highly-motivated students with a background in English and American Studies (BA or equivalent) and a strong record of academic success. It offers specialised			

academic training focusing on the three core topics of literature, linguistics, and cultural studies. The universities in the consortium (Bamberg, Graz, Krakow, Paris, and Venice) work together to guarantee a high-quality international curriculum with regional aspects.

Among the applicants, 60 students per year will be selected to start the programme at the entrance university of their choice and spend a compulsory semester abroad (30 ECTS credits) at any one of the other partner institutions within the consortium and at our associate partners, the City College of the City University New York, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the University of Pécs. While the entire programme is English-taught, courses in the national languages of the partner universities form a strong incentive for students to learn at least one other European language in the course of their studies.

This Master's programme is also available as an exclusive Bamberg MA programme, i.e. without DSH certificate and taught in English. Instead of a compulsory mobility semester within the consortium, this Bamberg programme offers exchange opportunities organised by the Bamberg International Office. For more information about the "MA English and American Studies", please see: http://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/ma-eas/.

#### **Course Details**

#### Course organisation

The programme comprises 120 ECTS credits, which corresponds to a period of study of at least four semesters or two years. 60 ECTS credits have to be earned at the home university. ECTS credits are allocated as follows:

- Compulsory subjects (total 40 ECTS):
  - Module English Linguistics (10 ECTS)
    - Module English and American Literary Studies (10 ECTS)
    - Module British and American Cultural Studies (10 ECTS)
    - Module English Language Proficiency (10 ECTS)
- Restricted electives (total 38 ECTS) can be chosen from the following focus areas:
  - Focus on Linguistics
  - Focus on Literary Studies
  - Focus on Cultural Studies
- Free electives (12 ECTS)
  - Modules from other subjects or from English and American Studies
  - Internship (6 ECTS, optional)
- Thesis and defence (30 ECTS)
  - o Thesis (26 ECTS)
  - o Defence (4 ECTS)

#### TOTAL (120 ECTS)

The 10 credit modules usually consist of a seminar worth 8 ECTS plus a lecture or tutorial worth 2 ECTS. Course content varies from one semester to the next. Students combine classes according to their fields of interest and set up individual schedules for each semester.

Part-time study is possible with the exception of the semester spent at the partner university.

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## A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

#### International elements

- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- Study trips
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Integrated study abroad
unit(s)

Students are required to complete at least 30 ECTS credits at one of the partner universities within the consortium, at the University of Pécs in Hungary, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona or the City College of the City University New York. Together with an academic adviser, students draw up a study plan at the beginning of their studies and state their priorities for the semester abroad.

#### Integrated internships

An optional internship of a total of 180 working hours can be completed either during the semester break or over the course of a semester, e.g. in a part-time arrangement. The internship must be closely linked with one of the core areas of study (cultural studies, literature or linguistics). Students can take up their internship either in Germany or abroad, for example, in museums, libraries, archives, research institutions, publishing houses, media enterprises, political institutions, foundations, public relations companies, church and tourist institutions. At the end of their internship, students hand in a short report on their work experience.

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

Yes

### **Costs / Funding**

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

None

Semester contribution

Students whose home institution is Bamberg must pay a regular contribution to the administrative costs at the University of Bamberg (103.80 EUR per semester at present). There are no additional tuition fees during the student's stay at the host institution. A "Semesterticket" for public transport in the city of Bamberg is included (more information here).

Costs of living

700-750 EUR (including off-campus accommodation and other living expenses)

Funding opportunities within the university

No

### **Requirements / Registration**

## Academic admission requirements

Admission to this Master's programme is granted to persons who have completed at least the equivalent of a Bachelor's degree in English and/or American Studies.

#### Language requirements

The following minimum scores are required in the most commonly available English language exams:

- **TOEFL**: minimum of 600 (paper test) or 250 (computer test) or 98 (online test); (valid only for two years!)
- IELTS: minimum of 7.0 (valid only for two years!)
- Cambridge CAE (Certificate of Advanced English): "pass"
- Michigan ECPE (Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English): "pass"
- Trinity ISE 3(Integrated Skills in English): "pass"
- Pearson PTE Academic: minimum of 76

#### Application deadline

1 April of each year

#### Submit application to

Students apply online to the consortium of universities: https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/eas/application-selection/

Upon admission to the consortium, they send their application documents to:

Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg Studierendenkanzlei Kapuzinerstraße 25 (Rückgebäude) 96047 Bamberg Germany

#### **Services**

#### Possibility of finding parttime employment

If not stated otherwise, consortium partners have no facilities to help students secure a job and students should not rely on getting a job when budgeting for their stay.

- Bamberg/Germany: EU students can take a job while studying in Bamberg. Non-EU students may either work full-time for 120 days or part-time for 240 days per year without needing a work permit.
- Graz/Austria, Venice/Italy, Paris/France, Krakow/Poland: in principle, students can take a
  job. However, regulations can make finding a job quite difficult.

#### Accommodation

Bamberg's housing market has changed considerably in recent years. The demand for private accommodations is quite high, and rent prices continue to increase. The common trend seen in many cities, and particularly in university cities, is now quite apparent in Bamberg, too.

It is thus advisable to begin looking for a flat**as early as possible** and to be patient, as the process can take quite a while. It also pays to check listings in the local newspaper (Fränkischer Tag), submit an announcement that you are looking for accommodation, or explore the numerous online housing portals.

www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/living-in-bamberg/

#### Career advisory service

https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/ma-eas/career-orientation/

## Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Accompanying programme
- Support with registration procedures

#### General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/ma-eas/basis-bamberg-support-for-international-ma-eas-students/

#### Supervisor-student ratio

1:20



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The European Joint Master's Programme is an outstanding experience full of knowledge, academic support and cultural diversity. It offers students a chance to explore Europe and meet people from all over the globe.



### European Joint Master's Degree in English and American Studies at Bamberg University

Students of the joint Master's degree programme share their experiences of studying in Bamberg within an international group of students.

more: https://www.youtube.com/watch?

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## **University of Bamberg**



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Since the founding of the University of Bamberg in 1647, it is the people who have been its top priority. The close proximity of students and instructors provides for excellent advisory services, personal communication and interdisciplinary studies.

The University of Bamberg, with about 12,000 students, is among Germany's medium-sized universities. The university currently offers roughly 100 programmes at the Bachelor's and Master's level.

The university's main areas of academic focus lie in the humanities, social sciences, economics, business administration and human sciences. These are rounded out by numerous programmes in application-oriented computer science. The premises of the four faculties are concentrated in three main locations that are easily reached by bicycle or via the local network of bus routes.

One of the University of Bamberg's main strengths is its commitment to a focus on international studies. The university's International Office maintains exchange programmes with approximately 300 universities in nearly 60 countries worldwide.

There are currently about 1,700 foreign students from 100 countries enrolled at the University of Bamberg. The range of courses offered at the university reflects this focus on international studies. Degree programmes in fields like international business administration and management, European economic studies, or the joint Master's degree in English and American Studies all require that students spend up to one year studying abroad. Furthermore, international students receive a great deal of support outside the classroom.

In order to help visiting students from around the globe become better integrated and acquainted with daily life, the International Office organises a tandem programme that brings together local and foreign students.

The university's international guests also have the opportunity to participate in an extensive programme of excursions and events meant to present a broader experience of life in Germany, even beyond the city of Bamberg. An international "Stammtisch" provides students with the opportunity to socialise and share experiences.

www.uni-bamberg.de/en/university/profile/

https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/



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#### University location

Located in Northern Bavaria, it is easy to travel to and from Bamberg using many different means of transport. For those travelling by car, the city can be reached from all directions via the A70 and A73 motorways. Bamberg's railway station is also a stop on the ICE line between Munich and Berlin, which means that both cities can be reached without changing trains. Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city, is approximately 45 minutes away by train, and its international airport provides flights to destinations worldwide.

www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/mobility/

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