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Master's degree



North American Studies (MA)

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Overview

Degree	MA North American Studies
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Courses are held in English (100%).
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-timepart-time (study alongside work)
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	1 June for the following winter semester 1 December for the following summer semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>Within the MA programme in North American Studies, students undertake advanced academic work and may choose individual areas of specialisation in literary, cultural, and media studies. The degree programme prepares students for positions in journalism, in public service, or in other cultural institutions. Graduates are specifically qualified for careers in transatlantic contexts. Additionally, students planning to pursue further academic work at PhD level benefit from the strong focus on scholarly methodologies and the writing of extensive research papers. Within the Göttingen MA in North American Studies, students have to select a second concentration/minor subject ("Modulpaket"), for which they have to apply separately. For international students interested in Anglophone Literature and Culture, we recommend combining North American Studies with "English (ELLC)".</p>

Course Details

Course organisation

The general research interest of the North American Studies programme is to describe and understand the cultural formation "North America" in its historical development, regional diversity, cultural complexity, and transnational interconnectedness. The programme thus fosters a critical understanding and conceptualisation of North American literature and culture in a very broad sense.

The Göttingen Master's in North American Studies focuses on the study of cultural artefacts (literature, autobiographies, visual arts, media, etc.) in their respective historical, political, social, and cultural contexts. Students expand their knowledge of literary, cultural and media theory to refine their analytical skills. North American Studies is an interdisciplinary subject that combines thorough instruction in literary, cultural, and media studies with additional methodologies from related disciplines.

Within the MA programme, students are encouraged to independently select a specific focus of intellectual inquiry.

Part-time studies are possible. Applicants should contact the degree coordinator for details.

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

None

Semester contribution

Fees are around 400 EUR per semester. The fees include a prepaid semester ticket that entitles students to use regional trains (in Lower Saxony and Bremen) and city buses in Göttingen free of charge. Students of the University of Göttingen receive discounts for cultural events. Meals and drinks are also available at reduced prices at all university canteens.

Fees: <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee>

Semester ticket: <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html>

Costs of living

The average cost of living in Göttingen is modest compared to other major university cities in Germany. Currently, expenses for accommodation, food, health insurance and books are about 850 EUR per month. Please note that fees for health insurance may vary according to age.

For further information, please see the following link: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html

Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

Germany Scholarship (Deutschlandstipendium): <https://uni-goettingen.de/en/218535.html>

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

Academic admission requirements include a completed BA degree with a grade point average of 2.5 or better (no additional testing necessary other than in language competence) in one of the following fields (please note the additional requirements below). Students with a lower grade point average may qualify for admission through an additional oral exam.

- North American Studies/American Literature: applicants must provide proof of 50 credits obtained in this field.
- English/English Philology: applicants must provide proof of 50 credits obtained in this field, including at least 14 credits in North American literary and cultural history OR American literary and cultural theory.
- general literatures/comparative literatures OR
- social science OR
- history: Applicants must provide proof of 50 credits obtained in this field, including at least 14 credits from courses pertaining to the study of North American literature/culture.

Language requirements

Applicants must provide proof of their German and English skills.

English:

- a) Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English
- b) "International English Language Testing System" (IELTS) "Band 7"
- c) TOEFL (paper-based) 587 points
- d) TOEFL (ITP) 587 points
- e) TOEFL (computer-based) 240 points
- f) TOEFL iBT 94 points
- g) UNICert (level 3)
- h) C1 Certificate according to CEF (Common European Framework)

German:

International applicants who are not native speakers of German must meet certain standards. In most cases, students need to provide a DSH-2 and Test-DaF level 4 certificate. Students from abroad whose German language skills are not rated at least at level DSH-1 and who wish to combine American Studies with a module package taught exclusively in English also have to acquire some level of German. To that end, they are required to successfully complete DSH modules worth at least 12 ECTS. For further information, please visit <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/7710.html>.

Application deadline

1 June for the following winter semester
1 December for the following summer semester

Submit application to

https://masterbewerbung.phil.uni-goettingen.de/de/master_applications

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

The university supports students in finding part-time jobs in local industries and businesses. A number of student jobs are also available at the university. They are announced on the following website: www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de

Please note that restrictions may apply with your scholarship or visa. Non-EU students are subject to special regulations.

Foreign applicants should note that it is not easy to find a job to finance their studies, as German students are also searching for jobs. Some proficiency in German may be indispensable to find a job. Non-EU students are permitted to work a maximum of 120 full days (240 half days) per year.

Accommodation

The Accommodation Service of the International Office supports international students who are enrolled at the University of Göttingen in finding accommodation and serves as a point of contact for related queries. The Accommodation Service also publishes suitable offers from private landlords in Göttingen and collaborates with the Student Services ("Studentenwerk"). As the number of available accommodation options in Göttingen is limited, it is highly recommended to contact the Accommodation Service as early as possible.

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/636264.html>

Career advisory service

The Career Service of the University of Göttingen offers individual support to facilitate your successful transition from the academic to the professional world — whether you want to work in Germany or abroad. Especially for international students aiming for a career entry in Germany, the Career Service provides topic-specific "Career Impulse Sessions", workshops, online learning modules, and a qualification programme in "Building International Careers" as well as digital career tools and a virtual community for international employment opportunities: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Specialist counselling

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The International Office provides a complimentary pick-up service ("Buddy Exchange Service") from the Göttingen railway station to the accommodation.

There is also an orientation week for new international students, which provides valuable information about Göttingen and the university: <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196392.html>

Study Buddy programme (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/112395.html>) as a part of the Integration and Diversity project at Göttingen University (InDiGU) <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/108275.html>

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🌐 Course website: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/ma+north+american+studies/197055.html>

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