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# Master's degree



## North American Studies

Leibniz University Hannover • Hannover

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Course location	Hannover
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The programme is taught exclusively in English, and research is also conducted in English. Students are regularly involved in the planning and running of international conferences or workshops. Lecturers from many, mostly English-speaking countries offer courses, and the study topics are internationally based.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	<p><b>Application from students from non-EU countries (<a href="#">VPD from uni-assist is required</a>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15 April to 31 May of the year for the winter semester</li><li>15 October to 30 November of the previous year for the summer semester</li></ul> <p><b>Application from students from Germany and the EU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 June to 15 July of the year for the winter semester</li><li>1 December to 15 January of the year for the summer semester</li></ul> <p>Prospective students applying from outside the EU must request a <b>Preliminary Examination Documentation (VPD)</b> from uni-assist before applying to the Master's programme. The processing time for the VPD takes <b>up to eight weeks</b>. Therefore, please allow enough time before applying for the programme. More information about applying for the VPD can be found on the <a href="#">central application pages</a>.</p>
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 Master's programme in North American Studies is a consecutive degree programme taught exclusively in English. No German skills are required. North American Studies is offered by the American Studies division in the English department. It is designed for students with BA degrees in American Studies, English, and related fields of literary or cultural studies. The

programme offers a broad variety of courses in North American Studies. It is concerned with the literary and cultural history of North America from the colonial period onward and with current developments in North America in a transnational context. Categories of difference and diversity (race, gender, sexuality, class, religion, and more) are taken into account systematically. The programme allows for a focus on media history and media theory, and it invites its students to acquaint themselves with new trends in television studies, popular culture studies, and the studies of digital cultures.

## Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	The teaching units constituting the modules are listed in the module catalogue or the model curriculum on the programme's website. They include lectures, seminars, and supervised student work groups as well as one mandatory internship and/or a study abroad period of at least four weeks.  <a href="#">» PDF Download</a>
<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	No
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Specialist literature in other languages</li> <li>• Training in intercultural skills</li> <li>• Courses are led with foreign partners</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated internships</b>	The Master's studies include one mandatory internship and/or a study abroad period of at least four weeks.
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	<p>Approx. 400 EUR semester fee ("Semesterbeitrag") The semester fee includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution to the "Studentenwerk Hannover" (student services organisation)</li> <li>• Contribution to the student government (Student Union, AStA)</li> <li>• Semester ticket</li> <li>• Contribution to administrative costs for the Federal State of Lower Saxony</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://go.lu-h.de/study-costs">http://go.lu-h.de/study-costs</a></p>

**Costs of living** Compared with other European countries, the cost of living in Germany is quite reasonable. The prices for food, accommodation, clothing, cultural events, etc. are basically in line with the EU

average. You will need around 850 EUR a month to cover your living expenses. The largest expense will be your monthly rent. In Hanover, the rent amounts to between 300 and 500 EUR per month.

Cost of studying at Leibniz University Hannover:

<http://go.lu-h.de/study-costs>

General information on the cost of studying in Germany:

[https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-stay/money-and-costs/cost-of-living\\_28220.php](https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-stay/money-and-costs/cost-of-living_28220.php)

<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	Yes
<b>Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university</b>	<p>Although tuition fees no longer exist in Lower Saxony, costs are indeed incurred at university, such as the semester fee, accommodation and living costs, and costs for learning materials. Here you will find possibilities to help you finance your studies: <a href="http://www.uni-hannover.de/en/studium/finanzierung-foerderung">www.uni-hannover.de/en/studium/finanzierung-foerderung</a></p> <p>Deutschlandstipendium: <a href="http://go.lu-h.de/deutschlandstipendium">go.lu-h.de/deutschlandstipendium</a></p> <p>Niedersachsenstipendium: <a href="http://go.lu-h.de/niedersachsenstipendium">go.lu-h.de/niedersachsenstipendium</a></p>

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. It is a prerequisite for access to the Master's programme in North American Studies that the candidate has an academic degree in a relevant subject or an equivalent academic degree from another foreign university in a relevant subject from a German university or from a university adhering to the Bologna Process. The equivalence of other foreign degrees will be determined through evaluation by the Central Office for Foreign Education Systems from the minister of Cultural Affairs (<a href="http://anabin.kmk.org">http://anabin.kmk.org</a>).</li><li>2. An academic degree from a German University or university adhering to the Bologna Process can be either a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Diploma ("Diplom"), Magister, or state-examination degree.</li><li>3. Subjects that qualify as relevant for the previous study programme are English, Anglistics, American Studies, Cultural Studies or other Humanities subjects. The decision as to whether the subject is relevant is to be decided by the party declared as responsible in the examination regulations (Prüfungsordnung). A favourable definition may be contingent on the condition that missing modules be completed within the first two semesters of study.</li><li>4. Additionally, proof of English language competence is required (see below).</li><li>5. If the degree has not been completed at the time of application, notwithstanding paragraph one, proof needs to be given that 83.33% of the total necessary credit points have been earned (at least 150 credits). If the applicant cannot demonstrate the required 150 credits by 15 July (winter semester) or by 15 January (summer semester) of the appropriate year, the responsible authority, as indicated by the examination regulations, will decide in individual cases on a conditional admission subject to the demonstration of completion of the required credit points by 15 September (admission for the winter semester) or 15 March (admission for the summer semester) of the respective year.</li><li>6. Applicants with officially recognised refugee status who can substantiate the conditions for admission but cannot present the documents may participate in an aptitude test. Proof of the passed aptitude test is to be enclosed in the application.</li></ol>
<b>Language requirements</b>	<p>Proof of English language competence is required. The proof of this knowledge is subject to the provisions of the Regulations on Special Requirements for the subject English at the English Department of the Leibniz University Hannover in its current version. Applicants with English as their mother tongue or with a degree in English/American Studies need no further evidence beyond a transcript or diploma. When in doubt, the authority indicated in the examination regulations is to decide.</p>

#### Application deadline

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#### Submit application to

Applicants from **non-EU countries** can only apply with **preliminary review documentation (VPD)** from uni-assist. You must apply for this at uni-assist at least eight weeks before the application deadline for the study programme expires - take this into account when planning your application! For [more information](#), please visit our website.

## Services

#### Possibility of finding part-time employment

There are many job opportunities for students on campus (in the different departments, the central administration, etc.) and off campus. About two-thirds of our students work at part-time jobs while pursuing their studies.

Internal job postings:

<https://www.uni-hannover.de/en/universitaet/stellenangebote-arbeit-an-der-uni/jobboerse>

Student jobs outside of the university:

[jobbico Uni Hannover](#)

#### Accommodation

[Links on housing in Hanover](#) (including a video about housing in Hanover for international students)

#### Career advisory service

The "Zentrum für Schlüsselkompetenz" supports students in career matters: <https://www.zqs.uni-hannover.de/de/sk/>.

#### Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Pick-up service

# Leibniz University Hannover



Main building of Leibniz University Hannover

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### Leibniz University Hannover: Shaping the future with knowledge

As one of the nine leading institutes of technology in Germany, Leibniz University Hannover is aware of its responsibility in seeking sustainable, peaceful, and responsible solutions to the key issues of tomorrow. Our expertise for this stems from the broad spectrum of subjects, ranging from engineering and natural sciences to architecture and environmental planning, and from law and economics to social sciences and humanities.

The main building of the university is the Royal Welfenschloss (Palace of the Guelphs) at Welfengarten Park. In 1879, the Higher Vocational School, originally founded in 1831, moved into the palace. Later, it became the Königliche Technische Hochschule (Royal College of Technology). Only 64 pupils attended the vocational school at first, **but now there are almost 30,000 students enrolled in the nine faculties of Leibniz University Hannover and some 3,100 researchers are working in more than 180 institutes.**

### Our key research areas

Leibniz University Hannover is among the world's leading institutions in its **key research areas: biomedical research and engineering, quantum optics and gravitational physics, production engineering, and interdisciplinary studies of science and academia.** These give us our innovative strength in developing precision measurement methods, optical technologies, novel materials, intelligent implants, and innovations in information technology or in the field of Industry 4.0.

The broad range of subjects at Leibniz University Hannover is entirely compatible with the overall university strategy of raising its profile, in particular in teaching and research, including the establishment and enhancement of research priority areas originating in the humanities and social sciences. Cooperation agreements with national and international partners strengthen our scientific expertise – our most important partner is Hannover Medical School.

By adopting the name of the polymath **Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz** in 2006, the university committed itself to unity in diversity.



### University location

Leibniz University Hannover is very influential in shaping the image of the state capital of Lower Saxony. Not only structures like the “Welfenschloss”, the university's main building, but especially people contribute to this: approximately 30,000 students are currently enrolled. They have chosen one of the largest universities in Germany that is known for its international excellence in teaching and research. With nine faculties and a comprehensive range of study programmes, Leibniz University Hannover virtually covers the entire academic spectrum.

Find us [here](#) on Google Maps.

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🌐 Course website: <https://www.engsem.uni-hannover.de/en/studies/studiengaenge-und-studienfaecher/master-north-american-studies/>

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