



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst  
German Academic Exchange Service



## Table of Contents

<b>Master's degree .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>American Studies (MA) • University of Tübingen • Tübingen .....</b>	<b>2</b>

# Master's degree



## American Studies (MA)

University of Tübingen • Tübingen

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in American Studies
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	All courses are held in English. Depending on each student's interest, languages may vary in the interdisciplinary module.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	While it is possible to start studying in the summer semester, we highly recommend starting the MA in American Studies in the winter semester.
Application deadline	<b>Non-EU applicants:</b>  15 July for the following winter semester 15 January for the following summer semester  <b>EU applicants:</b>  15 September for the following winter semester 15 March for the following summer semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,500 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	International students who are citizens of an EU/EEA member state will <b>not</b> be charged any tuition fees.  International students who are not citizens of an EU/EEA member state will be charged a tuition fee of 1,500 EUR per semester.
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	Our two-year Master's programme in American Studies offers comprehensive training in the

methods and theories of American Studies as well as multifaceted knowledge and insights into the literatures, cultures, history, and society of the United States. The wide variety of courses in the programme ranges from those on America's colonial past and early literary culture to those covering contemporary themes in race, class, gender, religious, ethnic, and regional studies. Students in the MA programme in American Studies are particularly flexible in their course choices, allowing for a broad overview as well as the development of expertise in a particular field of interest. Furthermore, we are proud to offer students an interdisciplinary curriculum that emphasises student autonomy, academic collaboration, and exchange.

The four cornerstones of our MA programme are:

- American Literature and Culture
- Interdisciplinary Profile
- Research
- Practice

An introductory module enables students from different backgrounds to create a common body of knowledge about state-of-the-art American Studies and a fresh set of research and writing skills. In the core curriculum of American Literary and Cultural Studies, students will further get to know and apply the fundamental theoretical framework of American Studies. Each year, our department welcomes esteemed guest professors from international universities. Teaching lectures and seminars, our guests bring new and innovative research and perspectives to our American Studies students.

Each student attends courses at other departments or faculties, thereby creating their own unique academic profiles. In addition, students can introduce and discuss their MA thesis projects in a colloquium comprising faculty, guests, and fellow students. Finally, the programme emphasises professional experience and offers students an opportunity for applied American Studies as part of the regular coursework. Students may, for instance, help organise exhibitions, festivals, or workshops or be tutors. We encourage students to pursue practical skills and internships outside academia to further prepare them for their future professions. After graduation, job opportunities may be found in academia, journalism, publishing, public relations, consulting, international organisations, new media, public administration, etc.

## Course Details

### Course organisation

The MA in American Studies is a two-year programme, starting in the summer or winter semester. For practical reasons, beginning in the winter semester is recommended.

#### First Year

In the core curriculum, students focus on American literature and culture. The "Central Concepts and Competences" module (12 ECTS) introduces incoming students from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds to concepts and skills used in research at the department. This introductory module also includes a graduate academic writing class in which students develop advanced strategies for independent research and writing. In three additional 12-ECTS modules, students may choose from a wide range of topics related to North America and gain an advanced understanding of key concepts and theories in American Studies. Students engage in the in-depth analysis of significant developments in American literature and culture. One of these core curriculum modules, "Historical Dimensions in Literature and Culture," addresses historical dimensions and trajectories in American Studies.

#### Second Year

In their second year of study, the "Special Topics in American Literature and Culture" module (12 ECTS) allows students to specialise in a topic of their choice, which gives them additional foundational knowledge for their MA theses. The "Academic Skills: Colloquium & Workshop" module (6 ECTS each) prepares students for the MA thesis. In the Research Colloquium, students will participate in discussions with faculty and PhD students and will present their own research for the MA thesis. The final module (30 ECTS) consists of the MA thesis and an oral exam.

The "Interdisciplinary Profile" (12 ECTS) and "Practice and Applications" (12 ECTS) modules may be

taken flexibly in the first and second years of study. The "Interdisciplinary Profile" module allows students to take courses outside the core curriculum and develop their individual profiles. In the "Practice and Applications" module, students gain experience in applied American Studies. Furthermore, they may focus on transferring into various professions by doing an internship outside academia. Students considering a PhD in American Studies may obtain more research- and academia-oriented experience, e.g. by being a tutor.

» PDF Download

<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> <li>• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated internships</b>	The "Practices and Applications" module offers the opportunity for an internship outside of academia or for teaching a tutorial.
<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>	1,500 EUR
<b>Additional information on tuition fees</b>	<p>International students who are citizens of an EU/EEA member state will <b>not</b> be charged any tuition fees.</p> <p>International students who are not citizens of an EU/EEA member state will be charged a tuition fee of 1,500 EUR per semester.</p>
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Enrolment fees at the University of Tübingen are currently about 160 EUR per semester. This includes use of local public transport free of charge from Monday to Friday (in the evenings), on weekends and on public holidays. In addition, students may purchase a semester ticket for unlimited use of public transport in the city of Tübingen and the surrounding area (currently about 110 EUR).
<b>Costs of living</b>	<p>Estimated basic student expenses are about 950 EUR per month according to the Tübingen Student Services Organisation ("Studierendenwerk"), including rent for student accommodation. Rent for private accommodation will be more expensive.</p> <p>For further information on the cost of living, please consult the following website: <a href="https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/96944#c405415">https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/96944#c405415</a>.</p>
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<p>Applicants must have completed a Bachelor's degree in English or American Studies (or an equivalent Bachelor's degree in a closely related field) with a final grade of 2.5 or better.</p> <p>Each applicant must submit a curriculum vitae, a letter of motivation, and a writing sample.</p>
<b>Language requirements</b>	<p>Applicants' language proficiency in English must be C1 or better.</p> <p>Please submit a language certificate, such as TOEFL, IELTS, or Cambridge Certificate.</p>
<b>Application deadline</b>	<p><b>Non-EU applicants:</b></p> <p>15 July for the following winter semester 15 January for the following summer semester</p> <p><b>EU applicants:</b></p> <p>15 September for the following winter semester 15 March for the following summer semester</p>
<b>Submit application to</b>	<p><a href="https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/4204">https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/4204</a></p> <p>For questions regarding the application process, please contact the International Students Admissions Office: <a href="mailto:study@uni-tuebingen.de">study@uni-tuebingen.de</a>.</p>

## Services

<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>Accommodation is available through the student services organisation ("Studierendenwerk") or on the private market. Rooms in student accommodation cost approx. 200 to 400 EUR per month. As Tübingen is a very attractive place to live, private accommodation is more expensive and can take some effort to find. To make sure you find a suitable place to live, you should start looking as early as possible.</p> <p>We recommend that you apply for student accommodation through the "Studierendenwerk" at the same time that you apply for admission to the Master's programme (<a href="https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/">https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/</a> and <a href="https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/faqs/">https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/faqs/</a>) and send in a copy of your notification of admission as soon as you receive it. (Your application won't be processed until the "Studierendenwerk" has received proof of your admission.) For further information, check out the "Studierendenwerk" website on housing in Tübingen (<a href="https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/housing-infos/">https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/housing-infos/</a>).</p>
<b>Support for international students and doctoral candidates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome event</li> <li>• Buddy programme</li> <li>• Tutors</li> </ul>
<b>General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates</b>	<p>The university's Office for Advising and Admission of International Students offers advice on all academic matters (<a href="http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/90787">http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/90787</a>).</p> <p>German courses are available at the university's House of Languages. These include classes for beginners and are specially designed for international Master's and PhD students. The full programme is available at: <a href="http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/1056">www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/1056</a>.</p> <p>The student initiative "StudiT" ("Studierenden-Initiative Internationales Tübingen") offers a buddy programme and a wide range of social activities during the orientation week and throughout the</p>

semester ([www.studit-tuebingen.de/en/](http://www.studit-tuebingen.de/en/)).

For further information, please refer to: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/182071>

---

## Contact

**University of Tübingen**  
American Studies Department

Dr Isabell Klaiber

Wilhelmstrasse 50  
72074 Tübingen

✉ [isabell.klaiber@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:isabell.klaiber@uni-tuebingen.de)

🌐 Course website: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/10808>

Dr Carsten Schinko

Tel. [+49 70712972355](tel:+4970712972355)

✉ [Email](#)

📘 <https://www.facebook.com/americanstudiestuebingen/>

📷 <https://www.instagram.com/american.studies.tuebingen/>

Last update 25.11.2024 10:49:07

# International Programmes in Germany - Database

[www.daad.de/international-programmes](http://www.daad.de/international-programmes)

[www.daad.de/sommerkurse](http://www.daad.de/sommerkurse)

## Editor

DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst e.V.

German Academic Exchange Service

Section K23 – Information on Studying in Germany

Kennedyallee 50

D-53175 Bonn

[www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)

## GATE-Germany

Consortium for International Higher Education Marketing

[www.gate-germany.de](http://www.gate-germany.de)

## Disclaimer

The data used for this database was collected and analysed in good faith and with due diligence. The DAAD and the Content5 AG accept no liability for the correctness of the data contained in the "International Programmes in Germany" and "Language and Short Courses in Germany".

The publication is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and by contributions of the participating German institutions of higher education.



Federal Ministry  
of Education  
and Research