**Module title**
Graduate Seminar 1 Fundamentals of American Studies

**Abbreviation**
04-EnMA-ALC-VM1-122-m01

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**Contents**
On the basis of selected issues, the module provides and consolidates central terms, theories, methods and paradigms of American studies from an historical point of view.

**Intended learning outcomes**
After successful completion of the module, students will be able to - elucidate and discuss basic theories and methods of American Studies, - apply subject-specific theories and methods academically and to consult them regarding the analysis of literary and cultural issues, - critically evaluate the interaction of the American standard methods and their prerequisites with other participants.

**Courses**
Type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German

Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

**Method of assessment**
Type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus

a) term paper (approx. 10 to 15 pages) or b) presentation (approx. 15 to 30 minutes) with position paper (approx. 5 pages) or c) written examination (approx. 75 minutes) or d) log (approx. 10 pages)

Language of assessment: English

**Allocation of places**
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**Additional information**
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**Refereed to in LPO I**
(examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

**Module appears in**
Master's degree (2 majors) English and American Studies (2012)  
Master's degree (1 major) English-Speaking Cultures (2012)