

Module title		Abbreviation
Specialization Module 1 American Studies		o4-EnMA-AS-SM1-161-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of American Studies		Institute of Modern Philologies
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The module "American Studies: Histories and Theories" addresses the history of the discipline as well as central theories (e.g. New Criticism, Post-Structuralism, New Historicism, Multiculturalism, Feminism, Post-Humanism) and concepts of American Studies (e.g. Exceptionalism, Individualism, Liberalism, Multiculturalism).		
Intended learning outcomes		
After successful completion of the module, students are able to read and understand complex theoretical texts, to critically reflect diverse issues, theories and terminologies of literary and cultural studies and to apply theories and concepts to the analysis of literary and cultural phenomena and texts independently.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (2) Module taught in: English		
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) written examination (maximum 90 minutes) or b) term paper (approx. 20 pages) Language of assessment: English		
Allocation of places		
max. 30 places. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated according to the number of subject semesters. Among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated by lot as they become available.		
Additional information		
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Workload		
300 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) English-Speaking Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) English-Speaking Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) English-Speaking Cultures (2023) Master's degree (2 majors) English-Speaking Cultures (2023) Master's degree (2 majors) English-Speaking Cultures (2024) Master's degree (2 majors) English-Speaking Cultures (2025) Master's degree (1 major) English-Speaking Cultures (2025)		

