**Module title**  
Specialization Module 4 American Studies

**Abbreviation**  
04-EnMA-AS-SM4-161-m01

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**Contents**

The module "Race, Class, Gender" provides specific knowledge of the cultural, social and ethnic diversity of US-American society as well as of the cultural and social power of the categories "race", "class" and "gender" by representative examples from literature, art, film, music, philosophy and/or popular culture.

**Intended learning outcomes**

After successful completion of the module, students are able to understand and evaluate literature and culture as fields of social and political interaction, to discuss literary and cultural issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, to formulate and discuss theoretical issues concerning the identity-defining role of literature and culture with a focus on social and political categories.

**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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**Referred to in LPO I** (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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**Module appears in**

Master's degree (1 major) English-Speaking Cultures (2016)