

MA NAS Re-Accreditation 2019 Module Handbook Dated: 12/9/2019.

Module name	B1 Introduction to North American Studies
Credit Points (CP)	12 CP
Degree of obligation	Mandatory module in the Master's program in <i>North American Studies</i> ; elective module for export
Level	Basic module
Content and qualification goals	This module introduces students to the academic reasoning and work of <i>American Studies</i> . In addition, it offers the possibility to evaluate the language skills with the help of a free language test and to improve and consolidate them in a target-oriented way. Students become equipped with the basics of scholarly work as a basis for their further studies. They are also able to classify and independently improve their practical language skills.
Teaching and learning forms, course types	UE 1 Introduction to North American Studies (Lecture) UE 2 Writing for Research (Seminar)
Teaching and examination language	English
Prerequisite for participation	None
Prerequisite for the award of credit points	Compulsory attendance throughout the module Course Credits (Pass/Fail; "Studienleistung"): UE 2: Portfolio (4,000-5,000 words), 2 language tests Module Examination: UE 1: Written exam (90 min.)
Grades	The final grade results from the module examination (written exam), according to § 28 <i>General Regulations</i> .
Class availability	Every winter semester
Workload	Courses are attended to the extent of 4 hours per week. The total effort amounts to 360 hours, which are structured as follows: Content delivery and development: 120 hrs. Reading: 150 hrs. Exam preparation: 90 hrs.
Duration of the module	1 semester

Module name	Module B2: Literary Studies
Credit Points (CP)	12 CP
Degree of obligation	Mandatory module in the Master's program in <i>North American Studies</i> ; elective module for export
Level	Basic module
Content and qualification goals	After completing the module, students are able to apply working techniques of literary analysis based on the fundamentals acquired in their Bachelor's program and to independently develop texts on the basis of these techniques. They will be able to relate the national literatures of the USA and Canada, in particular to one another historically, comparatively, integratively and contrastively and to critically question concepts such as nation, culture, ethnicity, environment, social class and gender on the basis of literature.
Teaching and learning forms, course types	HS Literary Studies (Advanced Seminar)
Teaching and examination language	English
Prerequisite for participation	None
Prerequisite for the award of credit points	Course Credits (Pass/Fail; "Studienleistung"): oral presentation or protocol Module Examination: oral examination (max. 30 min)
Grades	The final grade results from the module examination (oral exam), according to § 28 <i>General Regulations</i> .
Course availability	Every winter semester
Workload	Courses are attended to the extent of 2 hours per week. The total effort amounts to 360 hours, which are structured as follows: Content transfer and development: 150 hrs. Reading: 120 hrs. Preparation of the oral exam: 90 hrs.
Duration of the module	1 semester

Module name	B3 Cultural Studies
Credit Points (CP)	6 CP
Degree of obligation	Required module in the Master's program in <i>North American Studies</i> ; elective module for export
Level	Basic module
Content and qualification goals	After completing the module, students will be able to apply the methods introduced for observing and analyzing various cultural phenomena (e.g. film, art, music, performance, architecture, sports and movement, clothing, body art, digital media, and many more) within the framework of a differentiated consideration of the concept of culture. They are able to reflect historically and theoretically on the change of the concept of culture.
Teaching and learning forms, course types	HS Cultural Studies (Advanced Seminar)
Teaching and examination language	English
Prerequisite for participation	None
Prerequisite for the award of credit points	Compulsory attendance Course Credits (Pass/Fail; "Studienleistung"): Studienleistung: Presentation or protocol Module Examination: Term paper (4,000-5,000 words)
Grades	The final grade results from the module examination (term paper), according to § 28 <i>General Regulations</i> .
Course availability	Every winter semester
Workload	Courses are attended to the extent of 2 hours per week. The total effort amounts to 180 hours, which are structured as follows: Content delivery and development: 60 hrs. Reading: 60 hrs. Term paper: 60 hrs.
Duration of the module	1 semester

Module name	Module A1: Theoretical Approaches to North American Studies
Credit Points (CP)	12 CP
Degree of obligation	Mandatory module in the Master's program in <i>North American Studies</i> ; elective module for export
Level	Advanced Module
Content and qualification goals	After completing the module, students will be able to describe complex cultural theories, apply them to examples, and discuss them.
Teaching and learning forms, course types	UE Overview North American Literary and Cultural Studies (Lecture) UE consolidation of UE Overview (Seminar)
Teaching and examination language	English
Prerequisite for participation	None
Prerequisite for the award of credit points	Course Credits (Pass/Fail; "Studienleistung"): (UE consolidation): Oral presentation or protocol Module Examination (UE Overview): Written exam
Grades	The final grade results from the module examination (written exam in UE Overview), according to § 28 <i>General Regulations</i>
Course availability	At least once a year (summer semester)
Workload	Courses are attended to the extent of 4 hours per week. The total effort amounts to 360 hours, which are structured as follows: Content delivery and development: 150 hrs. Preparation of oral presentation/minutes: 50 hrs. Preparation of the written exam: 70 hours Reading: 90 hrs.
Duration of the module	1 semester

Module name	A2 Key Concepts in North American Studies
Credit Points (CP)	6 CP
Degree of obligation	Mandatory module in the Master's program in <i>North American Studies</i> ; elective module for Export; export module for BA <i>Interdisciplinary Literary and Cultural Studies</i> .
Level	Advanced module
Content and qualification goals	Upon completion of the module, students will be able to describe selected aspects of North American cultures and their development in overview and discuss them in terms of key categories such as ethnicity, gender, class, sexuality, and nation, as well as concepts of the <i>American Dream</i> , <i>American Exceptionalism</i> , <i>Manifest Destiny</i> , and <i>Westward Movement</i> . Students will be able to view central phenomena and concepts of North American societies and histories from a historical perspective and recognize their relevance to the present.
Teaching and learning forms, course types	HS Key Concepts in North American Studies (Advanced Seminar)
Teaching and examination language	English
Prerequisite for participation	No requirements
Prerequisite for the award of credit points	Course Credits (Pass/Fail; "Studienleistung"): Presentation Module Examination: Portfolio (4,000-5,000 words)
Grades	The final grade results from the module examination (portfolio), according to § 28 <i>General Regulations</i> .
Course availability	Every summer semester
Workload	Courses are attended to the extent of 2 hours per week. The total effort amounts to 180 hours, which are structured as follows: Content delivery and development: 60 hrs. Reading: 60 hrs. Portfolio: 60 hrs.
Duration of the module	1 semester

Module name	A3 Media in North America
Credit Points	12 LP
Degree of obligation	Mandatory module in the Master's program <i>North American Studies</i>
Level	Advanced module
Content and qualification goals	<p>With the help of cultural studies methods, the focus will be primarily on the significance of North America's media diversity and its relevance for historical, cultural, social and political development will be analyzed.</p> <p>Students will become aware of and be able to question the cultural significance and diversity of traditional and new media in both historical and theoretical contexts. They develop an awareness of media criticism within the framework of <i>North American Studies</i>.</p>
Teaching and learning forms, course types	UE Media in North America (Exercise Class)
Teaching and examination language	English
Prerequisite for participation	None
Prerequisite for the award of credit points	<p>Course Credits (Pass/Fail; "Studienleistung"): Presentation or protocol</p> <p>Module Examination: Term paper (6,000-7,000 words)</p>
Grades	The final grade results from the module examination (term paper), according to § 28 <i>General Regulations</i> .
Offer rotation	Every summer semester
Workload	<p>Courses are attended to the extent of 2 hours per week. The total effort amounts to 360 hours, which are structured as follows:</p> <p>Content delivery and development: 180 hrs. Reading: 90 hrs. Term paper: hr.90</p>
Duration of the module	1 semester

Module name	V Interdisciplinary Studies
Credit Points (CP)	12 CP
Degree of obligation	Mandatory module in the Master's program in <i>North American Studies</i> ; export module for the BA <i>Interdisciplinary Literary and Cultural Studies</i> .
Level	Advanced module
Content and qualification goals	Upon completion of the module, students will be able to actively experience the interdisciplinarity of the field of <i>North American Studies</i> . They will have developed an awareness of the fact that scholarly issues are complex and can be considered trans- or interdisciplinary in their complexity. They have learned to independently develop scholarly interdisciplinary questions relevant to the field of <i>North American Studies</i> and to actively conduct trans- or interdisciplinary research in their work.
Teaching and learning forms, course types	HS Interdisciplinary Studies (Advanced Seminar)
Teaching and examination language	English
Prerequisite for participation	None
Prerequisite for the award of credit points	Course Credits (Pass/Fail; "Studienleistung"): Presentation Module Examination: Project (6,000-7,000 words)
Grades	The final grade results from the module examination (project), according to § 28 <i>General Regulations</i> .
Course Availability	Every winter semester
Workload	Courses are attended to the extent of 2 hours per week. The total effort amounts to 360 hours. Content delivery and development: 180 hrs. Reading: 90 hrs. Project: 90 hrs.
Duration of the module	1 semester

Module name	P Practical Skills
Credit Points (CP)	12 CP
Degree of obligation	Mandatory module in the Master's program <i>North American Studies</i>
Level	Practical Skills
Content and qualification goals	The internship as a student project should be based on the understanding of <i>service learning</i> . The goals, contents, expectations, and contexts should be reflected before the start of the internship and linked to knowledge about the people and places involved. The choice of the specific internship should be related to one's own personality in order to clarify for oneself what relevance it has for the future. During the internship, these reflections should be continued in a blog to find their way into the evaluating final report after the internship.
Teaching and course types	Internship in Germany or abroad UE Colloquium
Teaching and examination language	German or English
Requirements for participation	none
Prerequisites for the award of credit points	Course Credits (Pass/Fail; "Studienleistung"): Presentation in the colloquium Module examination: Internship report (5,000 words)
Workload	Courses are attended to the extent of 1 hour per week and an internship is completed. The total effort amounts to 360 hours, which are composed as follows: Participation in internship: 320 hrs. Preparation of the internship report: 20 hrs. Presentation: 20 hrs.
Grades	Ungraded in accordance with § 28 <i>General Regulations</i> .
Course availability	The internship can be completed at any time. The colloquium is offered in winter semester.
Duration of the module	1 semester.

Module name	MA Thesis
Credit Points (CP)	30 CP
Content and qualification goal	The Master's thesis (24 CP) is an examination paper or an independent research project in which the ability to work independently on a problem from the subject area of the subject within a specified period of time is to be demonstrated. In the oral examination, students should be able to both discuss the work and demonstrate its relevance in a larger context of North American Studies.
Teaching and learning forms, course types	Independent, problem-oriented elaboration or development of a specific problem of the subject and its scientific presentation in the Master's thesis.
Teaching and examination language	English
Prerequisite for participation	Students must have achieved a minimum of 60 CP.
Prerequisite for the award of credit points	Partial Module Exams: Master's thesis (24 LP): 25,000-30,000 words (60-70 pages) Defense (6 CP): 60 min.
Grades	Grades are awarded on the basis of § 16 of the <i>General Regulations</i> . The module grade is composed of the Master thesis and the oral examination, which are weighted according to their credit points.
Course availability	In winter semester and summer semester of each year
Workload	During the module there is no course attendance. The total effort amounts to 900 hours, which are structured as follows: Master thesis: 720 hrs. Oral examination: 180 hrs.
Duration of the module	1 semester