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M.A. North American Studies

Structure of the Program



Mandatory Modules

Literary and Cultural Studies

Transdisciplinary Perspectives

Professional and Intercultural Competence

Research in Dialogue

Elective Modules

Politics & Society

Economics

History & Society

Postcolonial Studies

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MA Thesis



Sequence of Modules

1st term	Literary and Cultural Studies	<u>First Elective</u> Politics & Society, Economics, History & Society, or Postcolonial Studies	<u>Second Elective</u> Politics & Society, Economics, History & Society, or Postcolonial Studies
2nd term	Literary and Cultural Studies	<u>First Elective</u> Politics & Society, Economics, History & Society, or Postcolonial Studies	<u>Second Elective</u> Politics & Society, Economics, History & Society, or Postcolonial Studies
3rd term	Transdisciplinary Perspectives	Professional and Intercultural Competence	Research in Dialogue
4th term	MA Thesis		



Literary and Cultural Studies

Two modules in two terms

Literature and Theory

Courses in the first term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Term paper in the seminar

Processes and Practices of Popular Culture

Courses in the second term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ tutorial (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Written exam covering the material of lecture and tutorial



Politics & Society

Two modules in two terms

Foreign Policy and International Relations

Courses in the first term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ tutorial (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Written exam covering the material of lecture and tutorial

Political Institutions & Domestic Policy

Courses in the second term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Term paper in the seminar



Economics

Two modules in two terms

Microeconomics

Courses in the first term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ tutorial (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Written exam covering the material of lecture and tutorial

Macroeconomics

Courses in the second term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Term paper in the seminar



History & Society

Two modules in two terms

Issues in North American History

Courses in the first term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ tutorial (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Written exam covering the material of lecture and tutorial

Approaches to North American History

Courses in the second term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Term paper in the seminar



Postcolonial Studies

Two modules in two terms

Postcolonial History

Courses in the first term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ tutorial (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Written exam covering the material of lecture and tutorial

Postcolonial Literature

Courses in the second term:

- ❖ lecture (2 SWS)
- ❖ seminar (2 SWS)

Exam:

Term paper in the seminar



Transdisciplinary Perspectives

Courses in the third term (or second and third):

- ❖ two seminars (2 SWS each) offered by the cooperating disciplines

Exam:
Term paper in one of the seminars

Professional and Intercultural Competence

During the course of your studies:

- ❖ Study abroad
- ❖ Internship related to North America
- ❖ Field trip
- ❖ Organizing intern. conferences

Exam:
None (ungraded module)



Research in Dialogue

Courses during the first three terms:

- ❖ Lecture Series
- ❖ Colloquium
- ❖ Final Symposium

Exam:
Proposal of MA thesis

MA Thesis

4th term

- ❖ transdisciplinary
- ❖ 60 - 80 pages



Model Trajectory MA North American Studies

1st term	Literature and Theory	Foreign Policy and International Relations	Microeconomics
2nd term	Processes and Practices of Popular Culture	Political Institutions & Domestic Policy	Macroeconomics
3rd term	Transdisciplinary Perspectives	Professional and Intercultural Competence	Research in Dialogue
4th term	MA Thesis		