

These degree programme and examination regulations have been worded carefully to be up to date; however, errors cannot be completely excluded. The official German text available at the Examinations Office is the version that is legally binding.

Note: Students who started their studies before the latest amendment came into effect are requested to comply with previous amendments and the respective transitory provisions.

**Degree Programme and Examination Regulations for the
Master's Degree Programme in "North American Studies:
Culture and Literature" at the Faculty of Humanities,
Social Sciences, and Theology of the Friedrich-Alexander-
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)
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Based on Section 13 (1)(2), Section 43 (5)(2), Section 61 (2)(1) of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz, BayHSchG), FAU enacts the following examination regulations:

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Section 1 Scope

The degree programme and examination regulations for the research-orientated consecutive Master's degree programme in North American Studies leading to the degree "Master of Arts (M.A.)" supplement the valid version of the General Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology at FAU – **ABMStPO/Phil**.

**Section 2 Qualification for a Master's Degree, Certificates and
Admission Requirements**

(1) ¹A subject-specific degree is a degree in a two-subject Bachelor's degree programme in the subject American Studies. ²Degrees shall be recognised as subject-related degrees within the meaning of Section 35 (1) (1) in conjunction with paragraph (2) **ABMStPO/Phil** provided the degree programme covered issues relevant to North America to a considerable extent (proven by an academic paper such as a seminar

paper, assignment or thesis written in English during the degree programme leading to the first degree).

(2) The following documents should be included with the application within the meaning of (2) sentence 2 no. 2 Appendix 1 **ABMStPO/Phil**:

1. In the case of (1) sentence 2 a 2–3 page essay written by the applicant on a task published at the start of the application procedure and
2. Evidence of proficiency in English at a level equivalent to at least C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or equivalent evidence according to the table of equivalence published by the Language Centre at FAU.

(3)¹For applicants with an overall grade on their subject-specific or subject-related degree or, in the case of Section 35 (4) **ABMStPO/Phil**, an average of their achievements hitherto between 2.51 and 3.50, a selection interview shall be held; the remaining applicants shall not be admitted to the second level of the qualification assessment process and shall receive a rejection notification including reasons and information on legal remedies available. ²The selection interview shall demonstrate that the applicant possesses the required technical and methodological expertise and can be expected to carry out independent academic work in a more research-oriented degree programme. ³In the selection interview, applicants shall be evaluated according to the following criteria in particular:

1. Fundamental principles of literary theory (25%);
2. Fundamental principles of cultural studies (25%);
3. Cultural history of North America (25%);
4. Literary history of North America (25%).

Section 3 Scope and Structure of the Master's Degree Programme, Examinations

(1) Scope and structure of the Master's degree programme in North American Studies as well as scope, type and weighting factor of the examinations shall be set forth in the Appendix.

(2) The teaching and examination language is English.

Section 4 Admission Requirements for the Master's Thesis

In order to be admitted to the Master's thesis module pursuant to Section 38 (2) **ABMStPO/Phil**, students shall provide evidence that they have obtained at least 60 ECTS credits and have successfully completed at least two modules from the advanced and specialisation modules pursuant to the **Appendix**.

Section 5 Legal Validity and Transitory Provisions

These degree programme and examination regulations shall come into effect on the day after their publication.

Appendix: Master's degree programme in North American Studies

Module title	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits ¹				Type and scope of the examination/course achievement	Grade factor
		L	T	E	C		1.	2.	3.	4.		
Introductory module Cultural Studies	Lecture North American Cultural Studies	2				10	5				Oral examination (20 min.)	1
	Master's seminar North American Cultural Studies				2		5					
Introductory module Literary Studies	Lecture North American Literary Studies	2				10	5				Oral examination (20 min.)	1
	Master's seminar North American Literary Studies				2		5					
Module Academic Language Skills ²												
Academic Discourse ²	Academic Discourse ²		(2)			(5)	(5)	(5)			Presentation (15–20 min.) and written task (45–60 min.); each 50 % of the module grade	1
Discourse Structure ²	Discourse Structure ²		(2)			(5)	(5)	(5)			Presentation (15–20 min.) and written task (45–60 min.); each 50 % of the module grade	1
Translation German-English ²	Translation German-English ²		(2)			(5)	(5)	(5)			Presentation (15–20 min.) and written task (45–60 min.); each 50 % of the module grade	1
Advanced Grammar ²	Advanced Grammar ²		(2)			(5)	(5)	(5)			Presentation (15–20 min.) and written task (45–60 min.) or presentation (15–20 min.) and oral examination (15–20 min.); each 50 % of the module grade	1
Advanced module Cultural Studies ⁴	Advanced seminar on cultural studies				2	10		7			Written assignment (15–20 pages, 70%) and handout (2–3 pages, 30 %)	1
	Master's seminar Readings in Cultural Studies				1			3				
Advanced module Literary Studies	Advanced seminar on literary studies				2	10		7			Written assignment (15–20 pages, 70 %) and handout (2–3 pages, 30 %)	1
	Master's seminar Readings in Literary Studies				1			3				
Overview module	Lecture Cultural and Literary History	2				10		7			Oral examination (20 min., 100 %) on the basis of response papers (3 papers of 5 pages each, 0 %)	1
	Independent study							3				
Specialisation module Cultural Studies ⁴	Advanced seminar on cultural studies				2	10			7		Written assignment (15–20 pages, 70 %) and academic presentation (20 min. 30 %)	1
	Independent study								3			

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Specialisation module Literary Studies	Advanced seminar on literary studies				2	10			7		Written assignment (15–20 pages, 70 %) and academic presentation (20 min. 30 %)	1
	Independent study								3			
Project module	Lecture series/conference					10			10		Project assignment consisting of report and academic response (15–20 pages)	1
Master's thesis	Master's thesis					30				30	Master's thesis (approx. 80 pages)	1
Total		6	4		14	120	30	30	30	30		

¹ The distribution shown is a recommendation.

² Two of the four modules must be taken (a total of 10 ECTS credits).

³ The type and scope of the examination depend on the teaching unit chosen. See the module handbook for details.

⁴ One of the two modules can be replaced by a module on North American Studies from another subject (politics, history, economics, geography). The examination shall be held in accordance with the regulations applicable for the respective subject.