

**These degree program and examination regulations have been worded carefully to be up to date; however, errors cannot be completely excluded. The official German text available from L1 – Legal Affairs and Academic Quality Management is the version that is legally binding.**

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

**Degree Program and Examination Regulations for the  
Master’s Degree Program in North American Studies: Cul-  
ture and Literature at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sci-  
ences, and Theology at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität  
Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)  
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Based on Section 13 (1)(2), Section 43 (5)(2), Section 58 (1) and 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 program and examination regulations for the research-oriented consecutive Master’s degree program in North American Studies leading to the degree Master of Arts (MA) supplement the valid version of the General Examination Regulations for the Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Programs at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology at FAU – **ABMStPO/Phil**.

**Section 2 Qualification for a Master’s Degree, Certificates and Admission Re-  
quirements**

(1) <sup>1</sup>A subject-specific degree is a degree in a two-subject Bachelor’s degree program in the subject American Studies. <sup>2</sup>Degrees shall be recognized as subject-related degrees within the meaning of Section 35 (1) (1) in conjunction with paragraph (2) **ABMStPO/Phil** provided the degree program 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 program leading to the first degree).

(2) The following documents should be included with the application as stipulated in (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 Center at FAU.

(3)<sup>1</sup>For 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. <sup>2</sup>The 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 program. <sup>3</sup>In 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 Program, Examinations**

(1) Scope and structure of the Master's degree program 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 intermediate and specialization modules pursuant to the **Appendix**.

### **Section 5 Legal Validity and Transitory Provisions**

(1) These degree program and examination regulations shall come into effect on the day after their publication.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The fifth amendment statute shall come into effect on October 1, 2021. <sup>2</sup>It shall apply to all students starting a degree program from winter semester 2021/2022 onwards. <sup>3</sup>Examinations according to the previously valid degree program and examination regulations shall be offered for the last time in summer semester 2026. <sup>4</sup>From the date stated in sentence 3, those students who are affected by the examination regulations becoming invalid shall take their examinations in accordance with the currently valid version of the degree program and examination regulations.

## Appendix: Master's degree program in North American Studies

Module name	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits <sup>1</sup>				Type and scope of the examination	Grade factor
		L	T	P	S		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
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					
Foundation 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 <sup>2</sup>												
Academic discourse <sup>2</sup>	see FPO EnStud					(5)	(5)	(5)			see FPO EnStud	1
Advanced grammar <sup>2</sup>	see FPO EnStud					(5)	(5)	(5)			see FPO EnStud	1
Discourse structure <sup>2</sup>	see FPO EnStud					(5)	(5)	(5)			see FPO EnStud	1
Translation German-English <sup>2</sup>	see FPO EnStud					(5)	(5)	(5)			see FPO EnStud	1
Advanced module: Cultural Studies <sup>4</sup>	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				
Specialization module: Cultural Studies <sup>4</sup>	Advanced seminar on cultural studies				2	10			7		Written assignment (15–20 pages, 70%) and academic presentation (20 minutes, 30%)	1
	Independent study								3			
Specialization module: Literary studies	Advanced seminar on literary studies				2	10			7		Written assignment (15–20 pages, 70%) and academic presentation (20 minutes, 30%)	1
	Independent study								3			

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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
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>		

<sup>1</sup> The distribution shown is a recommendation.

<sup>2</sup> Two of the four modules must be taken (a total of 10 ECTS credits)

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.