

**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 The Americas/Las Américas  
at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and  
Theology at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität  
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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 The Americas/Las Américas 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) <sup>1</sup>A subject-specific degree within the meaning of Section 35 (1)(1) **ABMStPO/Phil** shall be a degree in a one-subject, two-subject or three- subject Bachelor's degree

programme in American Studies or English/American Studies and/or Hispanic Studies or Latin American Studies. <sup>2</sup>One-subject, two-subject or three-subject Bachelor's degrees shall be recognised as subject-related degrees within the meaning of Section 35 (1) (1) in conjunction with paragraph 2 **ABMStPO/Phil** provided knowledge relating to the specific region (North America and/or Latin America) accounting for at least 60 ECTS credits was obtained. Diplom and Magister degrees or comparable international degrees in regional-specific subjects and examinations passed as part of the First State Examination in teaching in English and/or Spanish with a corresponding number of ECTS credits in the areas relating to the specific regions shall also be recognised as subject-related degrees.

(2) Evidence of proficiency in English at a level equivalent to at least C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and B2 in Spanish or vice versa shall be submitted together with application documents pursuant to Section (2) (2) (2) Appendix 1 **ABMStPO/Phil**.

(3) <sup>1</sup>Applicants with an overall grade in their subject-specific or subject-related degree or, in the case of Section 35 (4) **ABMStPO/Phil**, an average of their achievements hitherto of between 2.51 and 4.00 may be admitted to the Master's degree programme in The Americas/Las Américas on the basis of a selection interview. <sup>2</sup>The selection interview is intended to 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-orientated degree programme. <sup>3</sup>In the selection interview, applicants shall be evaluated according to the following criteria, which are weighted as specified:

1. Quality of academic knowledge specific to the region (25 %),
2. A positive prognosis based on improving progress during the applicant's course of studies (discussion based on documents from first degree, in particular Transcript of Records) (15 %),
3. Analytical skills (20 %),
4. Interpretation skills (20 %),
5. Ability to explore various aspects of an issue (20 %).

### **Section 3 Scope and Structure of the Master's Degree Programme, Examinations, Teaching and Examination Language**

(1) Scope and structure of the Master's degree programme in The Americas/Las Américas as well as the scope and type of examinations are set forth in the **Appendix**.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Contrary to Section 5 (5) **ABMStPO/Phil**, the teaching and examination languages in the Master's degree programme in The Americas/Las Américas are English and Spanish. <sup>2</sup>Individual compulsory elective modules are offered in German, but options in English and Spanish shall always be offered as an alternative. <sup>3</sup>Further details are stipulated in the module handbook. <sup>4</sup>In any case of uncertainty, the examination language shall be the same as the teaching language.

### **Section 4 Legal Validity and Transitory Provisions**

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

(2) <sup>1</sup>The amendment statute shall come into effect on the day after its publication. <sup>2</sup>It shall apply to all students starting a degree programme from the winter semester 2018/2019 onwards.

## Appendix 1: Structure of the Master's Degree Programme (M.A.) The Americas/Las Américas

Module title		Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)			ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits				Type and scope of the examination	Grade factor
			L	T	C		1	2	3	4		
<b>Module 1 Basic module The Americas/Las Américas</b>		L Introducción a los estudios latinoamericanos	2			15	5				Oral examination 30 min.	1
		L North American Cultural Studies	2				5					
		T Interamerican Studies		2			5					
<b>Compulsory elective 2:</b> Students must take either module 2a or 2b or 2 modules from group 2c (10 ECTS credits).												
<b>Compulsory elective module 2a Español avanzado 1</b>		T Traducción alemán–español		2		(10)		5			Written examination (90 min., 70 %), and oral examination (20 min., 30 %)	1
		T Gramática y estilística II		2			5					
<b>Compulsory elective module 2b Español avanzado 2</b>		T Gramática y estilística III		2		(10)		5			Oral examination (20 min., 30 %) and written examination (90 min., 70 %)	1
		T Producción escrita		2			5					
<b>Compulsory electives group 2c Academic Language Skills</b>	<b>Academic Discourse</b>	Academic Discourse		2		(5)	(5)	(5)			Presentation (15–20 min.) and written assignment (45–60 min.) <sup>2</sup> ; each 50 % of module grade	1
	<b>Discourse Structure</b>	Discourse Structure		2		(5)	(5)	(5)			Presentation (15–20 min.) and written assignment (45–60 min.) <sup>2</sup> ; each 50 % of module grade	1
	<b>Translation German-English</b>	Translation German-English		2		(5)	(5)	(5)			Presentation (15–20 min.) and written assignment (45–60 min.) <sup>2</sup> ; each 50 % of module grade	1
	<b>Advanced Grammar</b>	Advanced Grammar		2		(5)	(5)	(5)			Presentation (15–20 min.) and written assignment (45–60 min.) or presentation (15–20 min.) and oral examination (15–20 min.) <sup>2</sup> ; each 50 % of module grade	1
<b>Compulsory elective module 3:</b> Students take either module 3a or 3b (10 ECTS credits).												
<b>Compulsory elective module 3a Area and region</b>		L Introduction to cultural geography and discussions of spatial theory (in German)	2			(10)	5				Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) <sup>1</sup>	1
		AS			2		5					
<b>Compulsory elective module 3b North American Studies</b>		AS			2	(10)			8		Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.)	1
		AS/T/L	(2)	(2)	(2)				2			
<b>Module 4 North America: Culture and Literature</b>		AS American Culture or Literature			2	10		7			Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char., 70 %) and handout (2-3 pages, 30 %)	1
		T Readings in American Cultural or Literary Studies		1				3				
<b>Module 5 América Latina: Cultura y literatura</b>		AS Literatura y cultura latinoamericana			2	10		8			Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.)	1
		T Lecturas latinoamericanas		2				2				
<b>Compulsory elective module 6:</b> Students take either module 6a, 6b or 6c (10 ECTS credits).												
<b>Compulsory elective module 6a Migration</b>		AS/L Migration and integration	(2)		(2)	(10)		5			Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) <sup>1</sup>	1
		T/AS Migration and integration		(2)	(2)			5				

Module title	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)			ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits				Type and scope of the examination	Grade factor
		L	T	C		1	2	3	4		
<b>Compulsory elective module 6b</b> <b>Human rights</b>	L/AS	(2)		(2)	(10)			5		Written examination (90 min.) or written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) <sup>1) 2)</sup>	1
	AS/T		(2)	(2)				5			
<b>Compulsory elective module 6c</b> <b>Estudios latinoamericanos</b>	AS			2	(10)			8		Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.)	1
	AS/T/L	(2)	(2)	(2)				2			
<b>Module 7</b> <b>North America: Politics and Society</b>	L Area Studies, English Speaking Countries	2			10			3		Written examination (90 min., 30 %) and written assignment (20 p./40,000 char., 70 %)	1
	AS Area Studies, English Speaking Countries			2				7			
<b>Module 8</b> <b>América Latina: Política y sociedad</b>	L Economía, sociedad y política en América Latina	2			10			5		Written examination (60 mins, 50 %) and written assignment (20 p./40,000 char., 50 %)	1
	AS Economía, sociedad y política en América Latina			2				5			
<b>Module 9</b> <b>Project module: The Americas/Las Américas</b>	Research project				5		(5)	(5)		Project report (15,000 char.) <sup>3)</sup>	0
<b>Master's Thesis</b>	Master's Thesis				30				30	Master's thesis (approx. 80 p./160,000 char.)	1
<b>Total semester hours and ECTS credits:</b>		<b>8-12</b>	<b>9-13</b>	<b>12-16</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>		

<sup>1)</sup> Students of this Master's degree programme who take this module choose a region-specific topic for the written assignment that is relevant to the degree programme as a whole and need not necessarily correspond to the regional specialisation of the module.

<sup>2)</sup> The type and scope of the examination and/or the form of the written assignment depend on the specific manner in which the teaching unit chosen by the student is taught, see module handbook for details.

<sup>3)</sup> The project module (including the specific form to be taken by the examination) varies depending on the specific circumstances in each individual instance. Students organise the project themselves in close consultation with their supervisor.

## Appendix 2: Structure of the Master's Degree Programme (Part-time, M.A.) The Americas/Las Américas

Module title		Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)			ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits								Type and scope of the examination	Module grade weighting Grade factor
			L	T	C		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th		
<b>Module 1 Basic module The Americas/Las Américas</b>		L Introducción a los estudios latinoamericanos	2			15	5								Oral examination 30 min.	1
		L North American Cultural Studies	2				5									
		T Interamerican Studies		2			5									
<b>Compulsory elective module 2:</b> Students take either module 2a or 2b or two modules from group 2c (10 ECTS credits).																
<b>Compulsory elective module 2a Español avanzado 1</b>		T Traducción alemán–español		2		(10)		5							Written examination (90 min., 70 %) and oral examination (20 min., 30 %)	1
		T Gramática y estilística II		2				5								
<b>Compulsory elective module 2b Español avanzado 2</b>		T Gramática y estilística III		2		(10)		5						Oral examination (20 min., 30 %) and written examination (90 min., 70 %)	1	
		T Producción escrita		2				5								
<b>Compulsory electives group 2c Academic Language Skills</b>	<b>Academic Discourse</b>	Academic Discourse		2		(5)		(5)	(5)						Presentation (15–20 min.) and written task (45–60 min.); each 50 % of the module grade	1
	<b>Discourse Structure</b>	Discourse Structure		2		(5)		(5)	(5)						Presentation (15–20 min.) and written assignment (45–60 min.); each 50 % of the module grade	1
	<b>Translation German-English</b>	Translation German-English		2		(5)		(5)	(5)						Presentation (15–20 min.) and written task (45–60 min.); each 50 % of the module grade	1
	<b>Advanced Grammar</b>	Advanced Grammar		2		(5)		(5)	(5)						Presentation (15–20 min.) and written assignment (45–60 min.) or presentation (15–20 min.) and oral examination (15-20 min.) <sup>2</sup> ; each 50 % of module grade	1
<b>Compulsory elective module 3:</b> Students take either module 3a or 3b (10 ECTS credits).																
<b>Compulsory elective module 3a Area and region</b>		L Introduction to cultural geography and discussions of spatial theory (in German)	2			(10)			5						Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) <sup>1</sup>	1
		AS			2			5								
<b>Compulsory elective module 3b North American Studies</b>		AS			2	(10)			8						Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.)	1
		AS/T/L	(2)	(2)	(2)			2								
<b>Module 4 North America: Culture and Literature</b>		AS American Culture or Literature			2	10		7						Written assignment (20/ 40,000 char., 70 %) and handout (2–3 pages, 30 %)	1	
		T Readings in American Cultural or Literary Studies		1			3									
<b>Module 5 América Latina: Cultura y literatura</b>		AS Literatura y cultura latinoamericana			2	10			8					Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.)	1	
		T Lecturas latinoamericanas		2			2									

Module title	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)			ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits								Type and scope of the examination	Module grade weighting Grade factor
		L	T	C		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th		
<b>Compulsory elective module 6:</b> Students take either module 6a , 6b or 6c (10 ECTS credits).															
<b>Compulsory elective module 6a Migration</b>	AS/L Migration and integration	(2)		(2)	(10)						5			Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) <sup>1)</sup>	1
	T/AS Migration and integration		(2)	(2)							5				
<b>Compulsory elective module 6b Human rights</b>	L/AS	(2)		(2)	(10)					5				Written examination (90 min.) or written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) <sup>1) 2)</sup>	1
	AS/T		(2)	(2)						5					
<b>Compulsory elective module 6c Estudios latinoamericanos</b>	AS			2	(10)					8				Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.)	1
	AS/T/L	(2)	(2)	(2)						2					
<b>Module 7 North America: Politics and Society</b>	L Area Studies, English Speaking Countries	2			10					3				Written examination (90 min., 30 %) and written assignment (20 p./40,000 char., 70 %)	1
	AS Area Studies, English Speaking Countries			2						7					
<b>Module 8 América Latina: Política y sociedad</b>	L Economía, sociedad y política en América Latina	2			10					5				Written examination (60 min., 50 %) and written assignment (20 p./40,000 char., 50 %)	1
	AS Economía, sociedad y política en América Latina			2						5					
<b>Module 9 Project module: The Americas/ Las Américas</b>	Research project				5					(5)	(5)	(5)		Project report (15,000 char.) <sup>3)</sup>	0
<b>Master's Thesis</b>	Master's Thesis				30							15	15	Master's thesis (approx. 80 p./160,000 char.)	1
<b>Total semester hours and ECTS credits:</b>		8	9	12	120	15	10	10	10	20	0	15	15		
		-	-	-			-	-		-	-	-			
		12	13	16			20	20		30	15	20			

<sup>1)</sup> Students of this Master's degree programme who take this module choose a region-specific topic for the written assignment that is relevant to the degree programme as a whole and must not necessarily correspond to the regional specialisation of the advanced seminar.

<sup>2)</sup> The type and scope of the examination and/or the form of the written assignment depend on the specific manner in which the teaching unit chosen by the student is taught, see module handbook for details.

<sup>3)</sup> The project module (including the specific form to be taken by the examination) varies depending on the specific circumstances in each individual instance. Students organise the project themselves in close consultation with their supervisor.