

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 The Americas/Las Americas at
the
Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, 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 General Degree Programme and 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 The Americas/Las Américas 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 Requirements

(1) ¹A 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 program in American Studies or English/American Studies and/or Hispanic Studies or Latin American Studies. ²One-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 the application documents pursuant to Section (2) (2) (2) **Appendix 1 ABMStPO/Phil**.

(3) ¹Applicants who cannot be admitted directly to the program pursuant to Section 5 (2) **Appendix 1 ABMStPO/Phil** and who have an average grade of achievements to date of between 2.51 and 4.00 may be admitted to the Master's degree program in The Americas/Las Americas on the basis of a selection interview. 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 program. ³In 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 demonstrated by the applicant's academic progress (discussion on the basis of documents from the applicant's previous degree, in particular the 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 Program, Examinations, Teaching and Examination Language

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

(2) ¹Contrary to Section 5 (5) **ABMStPO/Phil**, the teaching and examination languages in the Master's degree program in The Americas/Las Américas are English and Spanish. ²Individual compulsory elective modules are offered in German, but options in English and Spanish shall always be offered as an alternative. ³Further details are stipulated in the module handbook. ⁴In 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 program and examination regulations shall come into effect on the day after their publication.

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

(3) ¹The seventh amendment statute shall come into effect on October 1, 2021. ²It shall apply to all students starting a degree program from winter semester 2021/2022 onwards. ³Examinations according to the previously valid degree program and examination regulations shall be offered for the last time in summer semester 2026. ⁴From 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 1: Structure of the Master's Degree Program (MA) The Americas/Las Américas

| Module name | | 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 | S | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | | |
| Module 1 Basic module The Americas/Las Américas | | L Introducción a los estudios latinoamericanos | 2 | | | 15 | 5 | | | | Oral examination 30 mins | 1 |
| | | L North American cultural studies | 2 | | | | 5 | | | | | |
| | | T Interamerican studies | | 2 | | | 5 | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 2: Students take either module 2a or 2b or two modules from group 2c (10 ECTS credits). | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 2a Español avanzado 1 | | 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 | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 2b Español avanzado 2 | | 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 | | | | | |
| Compulsory electives group 2c Academic language skills | Academic discourse | see FPO EnStud | | | (5) | (5) | (5) | | | see FPO EnStud | 1 | |
| | Advanced grammar | see FPO EnStud | | | (5) | (5) | (5) | | | see FPO EnStud | 1 | |
| | Discourse structure | see FPO EnStud | | | (5) | (5) | (5) | | | see FPO EnStud | 1 | |
| | T Translation German-English | see FPO EnStud | | | (5) | (5) | (5) | | | see FPO EnStud | 1 | |
| Compulsory elective module 3: Students take either module 3a or 3b (10 ECTS credits). | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 3a Area and region | | L Introduction to cultural geography and discussions of spatial theory (in German) | 2 | | | (10) | 5 | | | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) ¹⁾ | 1 |
| | | AS | | | 2 | | 5 | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 3b North American studies | | AS | | | 2 | (10) | | | 8 | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) | 1 |
| | | AS/T/L | (2) | (2) | (2) | | | | 2 | | | |
| Module 4 North America: Culture and literature | | 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 | | | | |
| Module 5 América Latina: Cultura y literatura | | AS Literatura y cultura latinoamericana | | | 2 | 10 | | 8 | | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) | 1 |
| | | T Lecturas latinoamericanas | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 6: Students take either module 6a , 6b or 6c (10 ECTS credits). | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 6a Migration | | AS/L Migration and Integration | (2) | | (2) | (10) | | 5 | | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) ¹⁾ | 1 |
| | | T/AS Migration and integration | | (2) | (2) | | | 5 | | | | |

| Module name | 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 | S | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | | |
| Compulsory elective module 6b Human rights | L/AS | (2) | | (2) | (10) | | | 5 | | Written examination (90 mins) or written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) ^{1) 2)} | 1 |
| | AS/T | | (2) | (2) | | | | 5 | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 6c Estudios latinoamericanos | AS | | | 2 | (10) | | | 8 | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) | 1 |
| | AS/T/L | (2) | (2) | (2) | | | | 2 | | | |
| Module 7 North America: Politics and society | 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 | | | |
| Module 8 América Latina: Política y sociedad | 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 | | | |
| Module 9 Project module: The Americas/Las Américas | Project report | | | | 5 | | (5) | (5) | | Project report (15,000 char.) ³⁾ | 0 |
| Master's thesis | Master's thesis | | | | 30 | | | | 30 | Master's thesis (approx. 80 p./160,000 char.) | 1 |
| Total semester hours and ECTS credits: | | 8-12 | 9-13 | 12-16 | 120 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | | |

¹⁾ Students of this Master's degree program who take this module choose a region-specific topic for the written assignment that is relevant to the degree program as a whole but need not necessarily correspond to the regional specialization of the advanced seminar.

²⁾ 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.

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

Appendix 2: Structure of the Master's Degree Program (Part-time, MA) The Americas/Las Américas

| Module name | Teaching unit | SWS (semester hours) | | | ECTS credits | Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits | | | | | | | | Type and scope of the examination | Grade factor Grade factor |
|---|--|----------------------|-----|-----|--------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|------------------------------|
| | | L | T | S | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | | |
| Module 1 Basic module The Americas/Las Américas | 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 2: Students take either module 2a or 2b or two modules from group 2c (10 ECTS credits). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 2a Español avanzado 1 | 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 | | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 2b Español avanzado 2 | 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 | | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory electives group 2c Academic language skills | Academic discourse | see FPO EnStud | | | (5) | | (5) | (5) | | | | | | see FPO EnStud | 1 |
| | Advanced grammar | see FPO EnStud | | | (5) | | (5) | (5) | | | | | | see FPO EnStud | 1 |
| | Discourse structure | see FPO EnStud | | | (5) | | (5) | (5) | | | | | | see FPO EnStud | 1 |
| | T Translation German-English | see FPO EnStud | | | (5) | | (5) | (5) | | | | | | see FPO EnStud | 1 |
| Compulsory elective module 3: Students take either module 3a or 3b (10 ECTS credits). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 3a Area and region | L Introduction to cultural geography and discussions of spatial theory (in German) | 2 | | | (10) | | | 5 | | | | | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) ¹⁾ | 1 |
| | AS | | | 2 | | | | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 3b North American studies | AS | | | 2 | (10) | | | 8 | | | | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) | 1 | |
| | AS/T/L | (2) | (2) | (2) | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Module 4 North America: Culture and literature | 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 | | | | | | | | |
| Module 5 América Latina: Cultura y literatura | AS Literatura y cultura latinoamericana | | | 2 | 10 | | | 8 | | | | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) | 1 | |
| | T Lecturas latinoamericanas | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 6: Students take either module 6a , 6b or 6c (10 ECTS credits). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Module name | Teaching unit | SWS (semester hours) | | | ECTS credits | Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits | | | | | | | | Type and scope of the examination | Grade factor Grade factor |
|--|--|----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---|---------------|---------------|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----|--|------------------------------|
| | | L | T | S | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | | |
| Compulsory elective module 6a Migration | AS/L Migration and integration | (2) | | (2) | (10) | | | | | | 5 | | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) ¹⁾ | 1 |
| | T/AS Migration and integration | | (2) | (2) | | | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 6b Human rights | L/AS | (2) | | (2) | (10) | | | | | 5 | | | | Written examination (90 mins) or written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) ¹⁾ ₂₎ | 1 |
| | AS/T | | (2) | (2) | | | | | | 5 | | | | | |
| Compulsory elective module 6c Estudios latinoamericanos | AS | | | 2 | (10) | | | | | 8 | | | | Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) | 1 |
| | AS/T/L | (2) | (2) | (2) | | | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| Module 7 North America: Politics and society | 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 | | | | | |
| Module 8 América Latina: Política y sociedad | 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 | | | | | |
| Module 9 Project module: The Americas/Las Américas | Project report | | | | 5 | | | | | (5) | (5) | (5) | | Project report (15,000 char.) ³⁾ | 0 |
| Master's thesis | Master's thesis | | | | 30 | | | | | | | 15 | 15 | Master's thesis (approx. 80 p./160,000 char.) | 1 |
| Total semester hours and ECTS credits: | | 8 - 12 | 9 - 13 | 12 - 16 | 120 | 15 | 10 - 20 | 10 - 20 | 10 | 20 - 30 | 0 - 15 | 15 - 20 | 15 | | |

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