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Abbreviations and annotations

CP	Credit Points, ECTS credits
ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
h	hours
SoSe	summer semester
SWS	contact hours
WiSe	winter semester
WP	compulsory elective course/module
P	mandatory course/module

1. The ECTS credits assigned in the Module Catalogue are designated as follows: Credit Points not listed in parentheses are awarded when the pertinent examination of the module or module parts have/has been completed successfully. Credit Points in parentheses are listed for calculatory purposes only.
2. The semester for taking a module can either be binding or may be considered as a recommendation, depending on the applicable data in Anlage 2 of the Prüfungs- und Studienordnung for your Programme. In this Module catalogue, the options are indicated as „scheduled semester“ and „recommended semester“.
3. Please note: The Module Catalogue is merely intended to serve as an orientation whereas the provisions of the applicable version of the Prüfungs- und Studienordnung (in German only) of your Programme are legally binding. See: www.lmu.de/studienangebot and select your Programme.

Module: P 1 American Studies: Introduction

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's Seminar	P 1.1 Academic Fields and Topics	WiSe	30-45 h (2-3 SWS)	240-225 h	(9)
Lecture	P 1.2 Lecture on Academic Fields and Topics	WiSe	30 h (2 SWS)	60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 12 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 4-5 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 360 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Mandatory module with mandatory courses
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	None
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 1
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students are introduced to American Studies with its diverse academic fields and topics. They are introduced to the history, politics, and economy of North America as well as to the methods of literature, visual culture, and media analysis.
Learning outcomes	Students gain knowledge of analysis, interpretation, and contextualization of both factual and fictional texts. They also gain knowledge of relevant theories, methods, and approaches of cultural history as well as the concrete usage of such in cultural-historical case studies.
Type of examination	Thesis
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker

Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender

Language(s) English

Additional information None

Module: WP 1 Literature and Media: Basic Research

Programme

Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society
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Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's seminar	WP 1.1 Texts, Genres, Periods 1	WiSe	30-45 h (2-3 SWS)	240-225 h	(9)
Reading course	WP 1.2 Readings on Texts, Genres, Periods 1	WiSe	15-30 h (1-2 SWS)	75-60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 12 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 3-5 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 360 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Compulsory elective module with mandatory courses
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules: Modules with a total value of 6 ECTS credits have to be taken from the compulsory elective modules WP 1 – WP 4.
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 1
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students are introduced to a variety of texts, genres, periods, and media. They are presented with overviews and in-depth studies of prominent periods and text types, which are also connected to dominant theories and interpretive paradigms.
Learning outcomes	Students gain a foundational knowledge in text and media analysis as well as the study of historical periodization.
Type of examination	Thesis
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker
Language(s)	English

Additional information

None

Module: WP 2 Literary and Media Studies: Basic Theories and Concepts

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society
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Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Exercise	WP 2.1 Approaches to the Study of Textuality and Mediality 1	WiSe	30 h (2 SWS)	150 h	(6)

For successful completion of the module, 6 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 2 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 180 hours have to be invested.

Module type Compulsory elective module with mandatory course

Usability of the module in other Programmes None

Elective guidelines The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules: Modules with a total value of 6 ECTS credits have to be taken from the compulsory elective modules WP 1 – WP 4.

Entry requirements None

Semester Recommended semester: 1

Duration The completion of the module takes 1 semester.

Content Students are introduced to basic methods for literature and media analysis, genre terminology, and diverse literature and media theories.

Learning outcomes Students gain practice in text and media analysis as well as competence in the rudiments of literary historical methods by focusing on concrete examples as well as in-depth discussions.

Type of examination Essay or exercise portfolio

Type of assessment The successful completion of the module will be graded.

Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.

Responsible contact Prof. Dr. Christof Decker

Language(s) English

Additional information

None

Module: WP 3 History and Society: Basic Research

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's seminar	WP 3.1 Social and Political Topics 1	WiSe	30-45 h (2-3 SWS)	240-225 h	(9)
Reading course	WP 3.2 Readings on Social and Political Topics 1	WiSe	15-30 h (1-2 SWS)	75-60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 12 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 3-5 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 360 hours have to be invested.

Module type Compulsory elective module with mandatory courses

Usability of the module in other Programmes None

Elective guidelines The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules: Modules with a total value of 6 ECTS credits have to be taken from the compulsory elective modules WP 1 – WP 4.

Entry requirements None

Semester Recommended semester: 1

Duration The completion of the module takes 1 semester.

Content Students are given an overview of current research debates in history, the social sciences, and cultural studies in the USA and Canada. They are given an overview of the epochs of American history, the political system and the most important cultural, economic, and social events.

Learning outcomes Students gain increased skills for approaching theoretical and subject-specific debates as well as a deeper understanding of theoretical connections. Students also gain a foundational knowledge of historical processes and methods.

Type of examination Thesis

Type of assessment The successful completion of the module will be graded.

Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.

Responsible contact Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender

Language(s) English

Additional information None

Module: WP 4 Historiography: Basic Theories and Concepts

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Exercise	WP 4.1 Approaches to the Study of History 1	WiSe	30 h (2 SWS)	150 h	(6)

For successful completion of the module, 6 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 2 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 180 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Compulsory elective module with mandatory course
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules: Modules with a total value of 6 ECTS credits have to be taken from the compulsory elective modules WP 1 – WP 4.
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 1
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students are introduced to diverse approaches to the study of history and society as well as basic concepts of historiographical research.
Learning outcomes	Students gain practice in the methods of culture history while examining concrete examples and engaging in rigorous, critical discussions.
Type of examination	Essay or exercise portfolio
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender
Language(s)	English
Additional information	None

Module: P 2 American Studies: Schools of Thought

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's seminar	P 2.1 Major Research Traditions	SoSe	30-45 h (2-3 SWS)	240-225 h	(9)
Lecture	P 2.2 Lecture on Major Research Traditions	SoSe	30 h (2 SWS)	60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 12 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 4-5 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 360 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Mandatory module with mandatory courses
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	None
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 2
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students are introduced to major research traditions and schools of thought in American studies and historiography. They study selected epochs, genres, and theories of North American literature and history along with relevant methods and theories from history, the social sciences, and cultural studies.
Learning outcomes	Students gain advanced knowledge of various methodologies used for examining and analyzing the course material. They become acquainted with major research traditions through surveys and in-depth analyses.
Type of examination	Thesis
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker

Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender

Language(s) English

Additional information None

Module: WP 5 Literature and Media: Advanced Research

Programme

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Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's seminar	WP 5.1 Texts, Genres, Periods 2	SoSe	30-45 h (2-3 SWS)	240-225 h	(9)
Reading course	WP 5.2 Readings on Texts, Genres, Periods 2	SoSe	15-30 h (1-2 SWS)	75-60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 12 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 3-5 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 360 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Compulsory elective module with mandatory courses
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules: Modules with a total value of 6 ECTS credits have to be taken from the compulsory elective modules WP 5 – WP 8.
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 2
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students examine advanced themes and problems dealing with periods of literary and media history, genres, text types, and interpretive theories.
Learning outcomes	Students gain both in-depth knowledge of literary and audiovisual forms in their cultural contexts and an increased ability to study literary epochs, text types, theories, and themes.
Type of examination	Thesis
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker
Language(s)	English

Additional information

None

Module: WP 6 Literary and Media Studies: Advanced Theories and Concepts

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Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Exercise	WP 6.1 Approaches to the Study of Textuality and Mediality 2	SoSe	30 h (2 SWS)	150 h	(6)

For successful completion of the module, 6 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 2 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 180 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Compulsory elective module with mandatory course
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules: Modules with a total value of 6 ECTS credits have to be taken from the compulsory elective modules WP 5 – WP 8.
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 2
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students study advanced manifestations of literary forms, cultural formations, and audio-visual media.
Learning outcomes	Students gain advanced text analysis skills in the fields of literature, cultural theory, and media as well as literary and media history.
Type of examination	Essay or exercise portfolio
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker
Language(s)	English
Additional information	None

Module: WP 7 History and Society: Advanced Research

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's seminar	WP 7.1 Social and Political Topics 2	SoSe	30-45 h (2-3 SWS)	240-225 h	(9)
Reading course	WP 7.2 Readings on Social and Political Topics 2	SoSe	15-30 h (1-2 SWS)	75-60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 12 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 3-5 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 360 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Compulsory elective module with mandatory courses
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules: Modules with a total value of 6 ECTS credits have to be taken from the compulsory elective modules WP 5 – WP 8.
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 2
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students study advanced social and political topics of North American cultural history with a special focus on methodological and theoretical problems.
Learning outcomes	Students gain in-depth, case-related knowledge of fundamental methodological and theoretical problems as well as exposure to the multiple possible approaches to a cultural history topic.
Type of examination	Thesis
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender
Language(s)	English

Additional information

None

Module: WP 8 Historiography: Advanced Theories and Concepts

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Exercise	WP 8.1 Approaches to the Study of History 2	SoSe	30 h (2 SWS)	150 h	(6)

For successful completion of the module, 6 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 2 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 180 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Compulsory elective module with mandatory course
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules: Modules with a total value of 6 ECTS credits have to be taken from the compulsory elective modules WP 5 – WP 8.
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 2
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students are introduced to advanced approaches to the study of history through in-depth examination of selected epochs and topics from North American history and society as well as the political system of the USA and Canada.
Learning outcomes	Students gain advanced historical, cultural, social, and political knowledge as well as an in-depth understanding of the methods of culture history while examining concrete examples as well as engaging in focussed, critical discussions.
Type of examination	Essay or exercise portfolio
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender
Language(s)	English

Additional information

None

Module: P 3 American Studies: Current Approaches

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society
(Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's seminar	P 3.1 New Fields of Research	WiSe	30-45 h (2-3 SWS)	240-225 h	(9)
Lecture	P 3.2 Lecture on New Fields of Research	WiSe	30 h (2 SWS)	60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 12 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 4-5 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 360 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Mandatory module with mandatory courses
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	None
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 3
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students are introduced to new fields of research and current approaches in American studies and the study of American history. Students study selected topics and epochs from North American cultural, literary, and media history with special attention to social and political dimensions.
Learning outcomes	Students gain increased ability in relating and interpreting relevant, topic-specific knowledge in the fields of history, literature, media, the social sciences, and cultural studies.
Type of examination	Thesis
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender

Language(s) English

Additional information None

Module: WP 9 Literature and Media: Advanced Case Studies

Programme

Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society
(Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's seminar	WP 9.1 Literary and Media Communication	WiSe	30-45 h (2-3 SWS)	240-225 h	(9)
Reading course	WP 9.2 Readings on Literary and Media Communication	WiSe	15-30 h (1-2 SWS)	75-60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 12 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 3-5 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 360 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Compulsory elective module with mandatory courses
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Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
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Elective guidelines	<p>The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules:</p> <p>From the elective compulsory modules WP 9 to WP 12, elective compulsory modules with a total value of 18 ECTS points are to be chosen.</p> <p>Alternatively to the elective modules WP 9 to WP 12, elective modules of 18 ECTS points can be selected from the Common Profile Area of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The elective modules of the subject "American History, Culture and Society (Am)" may not be selected.</p> <p>Elective modules may only be chosen from either the elective modules WP 9 to WP 12 or from the Common Profile Area of the Humanities and Social Sciences.</p>
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Entry requirements	None
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Semester	Recommended semester: 3
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Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
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Content	Students examine advanced case studies in literary and media communication that deal with crossovers between literary forms, media, cultural formations, and theoretical discourses.
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Learning outcomes	Students gain advanced skills for independent research in the analysis and interpretation of cultural, literary, media, and theoretical issues.
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Type of examination	Thesis
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Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker
Language(s)	English
Additional information	None

Module: WP 10 Interdisciplinary Theories and Concepts

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Exercise	WP 10.1 Approaches to Interdisciplinarity	WiSe	30 h (2 SWS)	150 h	(6)

For successful completion of the module, 6 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 2 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 180 hours have to be invested.

Module type Compulsory elective module with mandatory course

Usability of the module in other Programmes None

Elective guidelines

The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules:
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 Elective modules may only be chosen from either the elective modules WP 9 to WP 12 or from the Common Profile Area of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Entry requirements None

Semester Recommended semester: 3

Duration The completion of the module takes 1 semester.

Content Students are introduced to interdisciplinary theories, concepts and methods for the study of history, literature, culture, and media.

Learning outcomes Students gain practice in new methods and techniques for the analysis of history, culture, and society while also engaging in discussions about concrete historical, cultural, and social issues.

Type of examination Essay or exercise portfolio

Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender
Language(s)	English
Additional information	None

Module: WP 11 History and Society: Advanced Case Studies

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's seminar	WP 11.1 Historical Events and Processes	WiSe	30-45 h (2-3 SWS)	240-225 h	(9)
Reading course	WP 11.2 Readings on Historical Events and Processes	WiSe	15-30 h (1-2 SWS)	75-60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 12 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 3-5 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 360 hours have to be invested.

Module type Compulsory elective module with mandatory courses

Usability of the module in other Programmes None

Elective guidelines

The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules:
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 From the elective compulsory modules WP 9 to WP 12, elective compulsory modules with a total value of 18 ECTS points are to be chosen.
 Alternatively to the elective modules WP 9 to WP 12, elective modules of 18 ECTS points can be selected from the Common Profile Area of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The elective modules of the subject "American History, Culture and Society (Am)" may not be selected.
 Elective modules may only be chosen from either the elective modules WP 9 to WP 12 or from the Common Profile Area of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Entry requirements None

Semester Recommended semester: 3

Duration The completion of the module takes 1 semester.

Content Students examine advanced case studies of historical events and processes focusing on the historical, social, and cultural development of the USA and Canada.

Learning outcomes Students gain advanced skills for independent research in the analysis and interpretation of historical, social, political, and cultural issues.

Type of examination	Thesis
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender
Language(s)	English
Additional information	None

Module: WP 12 Independent Study Project

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Study project	WP 12.1 Independent Research and Field Work	WiSe	30 h (2 SWS)	150 h	(6)

For successful completion of the module, 6 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 2 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 180 hours have to be invested.

Module type Compulsory elective module with mandatory course

Usability of the module in other Programmes None

Elective guidelines

The module can be chosen in compliance with the following rules:
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 From the elective compulsory modules WP 9 to WP 12, elective compulsory modules with a total value of 18 ECTS points are to be chosen.
 Alternatively to the elective modules WP 9 to WP 12, elective modules of 18 ECTS points can be selected from the Common Profile Area of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The elective modules of the subject "American History, Culture and Society (Am)" may not be selected.
 Elective modules may only be chosen from either the elective modules WP 9 to WP 12 or from the Common Profile Area of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Entry requirements None

Semester Recommended semester: 3

Duration The completion of the module takes 1 semester.

Content Students work on independent research and fieldwork. They develop and implement individual academic, methodological, creative, practical, or professional interests into a project.

Learning outcomes Students gain the ability to pursue new methods and forms of research or to transfer their academic knowledge to professional life beyond the university. Students gain practice in the various skills required in relevant career fields.

Type of examination	Report
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender
Language(s)	English
Additional information	None

Module: P 4 Master's Thesis Module

Programme Master's Programme: American History, Culture and Society (Master of Arts, M.A.)

Related module parts

Course type	Course (mandatory)	Rotation	Contact hours	Self-study hours	ECTS
Master's thesis	P 4.1 Master's Thesis	WiSe und SoSe	-	810 h	(27)
Advanced seminar	P 4.2 Writing a Thesis	WiSe und SoSe	30 h (2 SWS)	60 h	(3)

For successful completion of the module, 30 ECTS credits have to be acquired. Class attendance averages about 2 contact hours. Including time for self-study, 900 hours have to be invested.

Module type	Mandatory module with mandatory course
Usability of the module in other Programmes	None
Elective guidelines	None
Entry requirements	None
Semester	Recommended semester: 4
Duration	The completion of the module takes 1 semester.
Content	Students learn how to write an academic research paper on a topic of their choice. They are introduced to methods for the preparation, research, and completion of a thesis.
Learning outcomes	Students gain the skills necessary to complete the Master's thesis in the area of American History, Culture and Society. They gain advanced skills in academic writing and argumentation as well as in the oral presentation of their selected MA topic.
Type of examination	Master's thesis
Type of assessment	The successful completion of the module will be graded.
Requirements for the gain of ECTS credits	ECTS credits will be granted when the module examination (or the examination of pertinent mandatory and potential elective compulsory module parts) has been completed successfully.
Responsible contact	Prof. Dr. Christof Decker

Prof. Dr. Michael Hochgeschwender

Language(s) English

Additional information None
