



Universität Regensburg

Module Catalog M.A. European-American Studies

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Course types:

L = Lecture

S = Seminar

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EAS-M1: Theories, Approaches, Methods

1. Module title:			Theories, Approaches, Methods				
2. Responsible professor:			American Studies/ Professors of the American Studies Department				
3. Contents of the module:			In-depth examination of approaches, theories, concepts, methods, and texts in American Studies, American cultural history, and comparative cultural studies.				
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:			Upon successful completion of the module, students will be familiar with fundamental questions and issues addressed in key publications on methods and theories in American Studies and European-American Studies and will be able to critically analyse them. They will be able to explore and analyse various texts in American Studies and comparative cultural studies and apply the theories and methods of American Studies and European-American Studies.				
5. Requirements:							
a) Recommended skills:							
b) Mandatory prerequisites:							
6. Applicability of the module:			Master programme European-American Studies				
7. Frequency:			Each winter semester				
8. Module can be completed in:			1 semester				
9. Recommended semester:			1 st semester				
10. Workload/Credit points:			Workload: Total number of hours: 420 Split into: 1. Course attendance: 60 hours (4 semester hours per week) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 360 hours Credit points: 14 <i>Credit points will only be awarded after the completion of the module.</i>				
11. The module is successfully completed once the credit requirements have been passed:							
12. Components of the module:							
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/topic	Credit hours	CP	Coursework requirements	
1.1	C	S	Fundamentals and Frames of Transnational American Studies	2	7	Presentation	
1.2	C	S	Theories and Concepts in European-American Studies	2	7	Presentation	
13. Module exam:							
No.	Competence / Topic / Area		Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade

EAS-M2: Readings, Approaches, Sources

1. Module title:		Readings, Approaches, Sources						
2. Responsible professor:		American Studies/ Professors of the American Studies Department						
3. Contents of the module:		In-depth examination of topics, texts and sources related to American cultural history, American Studies and comparative cultural studies.						
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:		Upon successful completion of the module, students will be familiar with key sources and fundamental questions and issues in American cultural history, as well as with key publications on the history of American Studies and European-American Studies, and will be able to critically analyse them. They will be able to explore, analyse and critically evaluate various texts and sources of American cultural history, American Studies and comparative cultural studies in their historical depth and cultural diversity.						
5. Requirements:								
a) Recommended skills:								
b) Mandatory prerequisites:								
6. Applicability of the module:		Master programme European-American Studies						
7. Frequency:		Each winter semester						
8. Module can be completed in:		1 semester						
9. Recommended semester:		1 st semester						
10. Workload/Credit points:		Workload: Total number of hours: 420 Split into: 1. Course attendance: 60 hours (4 hours per week) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 360 hours Credit points: 14 <i>Credit points will only be awarded after the completion of the module.</i>						
11. The module is successfully completed once the credit requirements have been passed:								
12. Components of the module:								
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit hours	CP	Coursework requirements		
2.1	C	S	Readings and Sources in European-American Cultural Relations I: From the Beginning through the End of the 19 th Century	2	7	Presentation		
2.2	C	S	Readings and Sources in European-American Cultural Relations II: The 20 th and 21 st Centuries	2	7	Presentation		
13. Module exam:								
No.	Competence / Topic / Area		Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work		CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade

EAS-M3: Spaces, Regions, Spheres

1. Module title:		Spaces, Regions, Spheres					
2. Responsible professor:		American Studies/ Professors of the American Studies Department					
3. Contents of the module:		In-depth examination of the contents, theory and methodology of selected topics from the field of “Spaces, Regions, Spheres” in their historical genesis and transformation, cultural, political and social diversity, and media and material diversity, and against the backdrop of discipline-specific research developments.					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:		Upon completion of the module, students will be able to combine current methodological and conceptual approaches with relevant scientific issues from the field of ‘Spaces, Regions, Spheres’ using oral, visual and written materials and analysing them in depth; identify relevant research questions, independently develop problem-oriented, method-based solutions, and critically question them and defend them in a reflective manner.					
5. Requirements:							
a) Recommended skills:							
b) Mandatory prerequisites:		EAS-M1, EAS-M2					
6. Applicability of the module:		Master programme European-American Studies					
7. Frequency:		Each semester					
8. Module can be completed in:		1 – 2 semesters					
9. Recommended semester:		2 nd – 4 th semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:		Workload: Total number of hours: 480 Split into: 1. Course attendance: 60 hours (4 hours per week) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 420 hours Credit points: 16 ---					
11. The module is successfully completed once the credit requirements have been completed:							
12. Components of the module:							
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit hours	CP	Coursework requirements	
3.1	C	S	Topics in Spaces, Regions, Spheres I	2	8	Presentation/ Paper Proposal	
3.2	C	S	Topics in Spaces, Regions, Spheres II	2	8	Presentation/ Paper Proposal	
13. Module exam:							
No.	Competence / Topic / Area	Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade	

3.MP	Term paper on a topic from a seminar on Topics in Spaces, Regions, Spheres	Term paper	At least four weeks/ 15-20 pages.		At the end of the semester in which both seminars are attended.	100%
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14. Remarks: Students may choose two different seminars on the overarching topic "Spaces, Regions, Spheres". Students will write an academic paper on a topic related to "Spaces, Regions, Spheres".

EAS-M4: Mobilities and Cultural Transfers

1. Module title:			Mobilities and Cultural Transfers				
2. Responsible professor:			American Studies/ Professors of the American Studies Department				
3. Contents of the module:			In-depth examination of the contents, theory and methodology of selected topics from the field of “Mobilities and Cultural Transfers” in their historical genesis and transformation, cultural, political, and social diversity, and media and material diversity, and against the backdrop of discipline-specific research questions.				
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:			Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to combine current methodological and conceptual approaches with relevant research questions from the field of “Mobilities and Cultural Transfers” and to apply them to oral, visual, and written materials; identify relevant research questions and independently develop problem-oriented, method-based solutions, critically question them, and defend them in a reflective manner.				
5. Requirements:							
a) Recommended skills:							
b) Mandatory prerequisites:			EAS-M1, EAS-M2				
6. Applicability of the module:			Master programme European-American Studies				
7. Frequency:			Each semester				
8. Module can be completed in:			1-2 semesters				
9. Recommended semester:			2 nd – 4 th semester				
10. Workload/Credit points:			Workload: Total number of hours: 480 Split into: 1. Course attendance: 60 hours (4 hours per week) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 420 hours Credit points: 16 <i>Credit points will only be awarded after the completion of the module.</i>				
11. The module is successfully completed once the credit requirements have been passed:							
12. Components of the module:							
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit hours	CP	Coursework requirements	
4.1	C	S	Topics in Mobilities and Cultural Transfers I	2	8	Presentation/ Paper Proposal	
4.2	C	S	Topics in Mobilities and Cultural Transfers II	2	8	Presentation/ Paper Proposal	
13. Module exam:							
No.		Competence / Topic / Area	Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade
4.MP		Term paper on a topic from a seminar on	Term paper	At least four	--	At the end of the semester	100%

	Topics in Mobilities and Cultural Transfers		weeks/ 15-20 pages.		in which both seminars are attended.	
14. Remarks: Students may choose two different seminars on the overarching topic “Mobilities and Cultural Transfers”. Students will write an academic paper on a topic related to “Mobilities and Cultural Transfers”.						

EAS-M5: Politics and Responsibilities

1. Module title:			Politics and Responsibilities				
2. Responsible professor:			American Studies/ Professors of the American Studies Department				
3. Contents of the module:			In-depth examination of selected topics from the field of politics and responsibilities in terms of content, theory, and methodology, focusing on their historical origins and transformation, cultural, political, and social diversity, and media and material diversity, against the cultural backdrop of developments in specialist discipline-specific research developments.				
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:			Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to combine current methodological and conceptual approaches with relevant scientific questions from the field of “Politics and Responsibilities” and to apply them to oral, visual, and written materials; identify relevant scientific issues and independently develop problem-oriented, method-based solutions, critically question them, and defend them in a reflective manner.				
5. Requirements:							
a) Recommended skills:							
b) Mandatory prerequisites:			EAS-M1, EAS-M2				
6. Applicability of the module:			Master programme European-American Studies				
7. Frequency:			Each semester				
8. Module can be completed in:			1-2 semesters				
9. Recommended semester:			2 nd – 4 th semester				
10. Workload/Credit points:			Workload: Total number of hours: 480 Split into: 1. Course attendance: 60 hours (4 hours per week) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 420 hours Credit points: 16 <i>Credit points will only be awarded after the completion of the module.</i>				
11. The module is successfully completed once the credit requirements have been passed:							
12. Components of the module:							
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit hours	CP	Coursework requirements	
5.1	C	S	Topics in Politics and Responsibilities I	2	8	Presentation/ Paper Proposal	
5.2	C	S	Topics in Politics and Responsibilities II	2	8	Presentation/ Paper Proposal	
13. Module exam:							
No.	Competence / Topic / Area	Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade	
5.MP	Term paper on a topic from a seminar on	Term paper	At least four weeks/ 15-20 pages		At the end of the semester in	100%	

	Topics in Politics and Responsibilities			which both seminars are attended.	
14. Remarks: Students may choose two different seminars on the overarching topic "Politics and Responsibilities". Students will write an academic paper on a topic related to "Politics and Responsibilities".					

EAS-M6: Professional Orientation

1. Module title:		Professional Orientation/ Internship					
2. Responsible professor:		American Studies/ Professors of the American Studies Department					
3. Contents of the module:		Application subject-specific knowledge and acquisition of program related competences in an internship that usually lasts 8 weeks; ability to document and evaluate practical experience on an advanced scientific basis.					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:		Upon successful completion of the module, students will have independently organised an internship in a field relevant to their future career and will be able to identify possible future career prospects; tested their subject-specific knowledge in an internship under various professional requirements and gained an insight into career prospects after completing their master's degree. They are able to reflect on their practical experience in light of their subject-specific knowledge and to document and critically evaluate it from a scientific perspective.					
5. Requirements:							
a) Recommended skills:							
b) Mandatory prerequisites:		EAS-M1, EAS-M2					
6. Applicability of the module:		Master programme European-American Studies					
7. Frequency:		Each semester					
8. Module can be completed in:		1-2 semesters					
9. Recommended semester:		2 nd – 4 th semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:		Workload: Total number of hours: 420 Split into: 1. Internship: 330 hours 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 90 hours Credit points: 14 <i>Credit points will only be awarded after the completion of the module.</i>					
11. The module is successfully completed once the credit requirements have been passed:							
12. Components of the module:							
No.	C/CC	Form of teaching	Subject area/ topic	Credit hours	CP	Coursework requirements	
6.1	C	Internship	Internship in the Field of European-American Studies		14		
13. Module exam:							
No.	Competence / Topic / Area		Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of the module grade
6.1	Scientific documentation and evaluation of the internship.		Internship Report	At least eight weeks/ 10-12 pages	--	At the end of the semester in which the internship is completed/ in	ungraded

				which the end of the internship falls.	
14. Remarks: The internship (duration: 8 weeks, full-time) should be completed in a field related to European-American Studies. The internship report presents the institution, organization, agency, company, society, or similar entity where the internship was completed, as well as the activities performed and the resulting practical experience. The report should reflect on and critically evaluate the connection between practical experience and subject-specific knowledge gained from studying European-American Studies, e.g. to what extent the knowledge acquired during the course of study could be applied and utilized during the internship and vice versa.					

EAS-M7: Professional Orientation and Electives in Independent European-American Studies

1. Module title:		Professional Orientation and Electives in Independent European-American Studies				
2. Responsible professor:		American Studies/ Professors of the American Studies Department				
3. Contents of the module:		Application of subject-specific knowledge and acquisition of program-related competences in an internship, usually lasting four weeks; ability to document and evaluate practical experience on an advanced scientific basis. In-depth examination of the content, theory, and methodology of specialized and interdisciplinary issues in European-American Studies in current research.				
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:		Upon successful completion of the module, students will have independently organised an internship in a field relevant to their future career and will be able to identify possible future career prospects; tested their subject-specific knowledge in an internship under various professional requirements and gained an insight into career prospects after completing their master's degree. They are able to reflect on their practical experience in light of their subject-specific knowledge and to document and critically evaluate it from a specialist perspective. They are able to recognise, document and critically question the relevance of current research questions and topics in light of their subject-specific knowledge and also with regard to interdisciplinary contexts, and to defend their own position in a reflective manner.				
5. Requirements:						
a) Recommended skills:						
b) Mandatory prerequisites:		EAS-M1, EAS-M2				
6. Applicability of the module:		Master programme European-American Studies				
7. Frequency:		Each semester				
8. Module can be completed in:		1-2 semesters				
9. Recommended semester:		2 nd – 4 th semester				
10. Workload/Credit points:		Workload: Total number of hours: 420 Split into: 1. Course attendance/ Internship: 2 hours per week/ 180 hours 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 240 hours Credit points: 14 <i>Credit points will only be awarded after the completion of the module.</i>				
11. The module is successfully completed once the credit requirements have been passed:						
12. Components of the module:						
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit hours	CP	Coursework requirements
7.1	C	Internship	Internship in the Field of European-American Studies		7	

7.2	C	L/S	Topics in European-American Studies	2	7	Presentation and/or Exam and/or other Written Assignment
13. Module exam:						
No.	Competence / Topic / Area	Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of module grade
7.MP	Scientific documentation and evaluation of the internship and the lecture or seminar on "Topics in European-American Studies".	Internship Report	At least 15 weeks (during the semester and the internship)/ 10-12 pages	-	At the end of the semester in which the last module component is completed (end date of the internship or end of the lecture or seminar in 7.2)	ungraded
14. Remarks:						
The internship (duration: 4 weeks, full-time) should be completed in a field related to European-American Studies. In the internship section, the report presents the institution, organisation, agency, company, society, etc. where the internship was completed, as well as the activities carried out and the resulting practical experience. The report should reflect on and critically evaluate the connection between practical experience and subject-specific knowledge gained from studying European-American Studies, e.g. to what extent knowledge acquired during the course of study could be applied and utilised during the internship and vice versa. The internship report is linked to the report on the course (lecture or seminar) attended. The part of the report on the lecture or seminar 'Topics in European-American Studies' presents the relevance of current research questions and topics discussed and analysed in the selected course in light of the student's expertise and also with regard to interdisciplinary connections. In addition, the student should critically question the connections presented and defend their own position in a reflective manner. The type of coursework depends on the selected lecture or seminar. The lecturer determines the type of coursework to be completed and announces it at the beginning of the semester.						

EAS-M8: Electives in Independent European-American Studies

1. Module title:		Electives in Independent European-American Studies					
2. Responsible professor:		American Studies/ Professors of the American Studies Department					
3. Contents of the module:		In-depth examination of the content, theory and methodology of specialised and interdisciplinary issues in European-American Studies in current research.					
4. Qualification objectives / intended learning outcomes:		Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to recognise, document and critically examine the relevance of current research questions and topics in light of their subject-specific knowledge and with regard to interdisciplinary contexts, and to defend their own position in a reflective manner.					
5. Requirements:							
a) Recommended skills:							
b) Mandatory prerequisites:		EAS-M1, EAS-M2					
6. Applicability of the module:		Master programme European-American Studies					
7. Frequency:		Each semester					
8. Module can be completed in:		1-2 semesters					
9. Recommended semester:		2 nd - 4 th semester					
10. Workload/Credit points:		Workload: Total number of hours: 420 Split into: 1. Course attendance: 60 hours (4 hours per week) 2. Self-study (incl. exam): 360 hours Credit points: 14 <i>Credit points will only be awarded after the completion of the module.</i>					
11. The module is successfully completed once the credit requirements have been passed:							
12. Components of the module:							
No.	C/CC	Course type	Subject area/ topic	Credit hours	LP	Coursework requirements	
8.1	C	L/S	Topics in European-American Studies I	2	7	Presentation and/or Exam and/or (Short) Essay	
8.2	C	L/S	Topics in European-American Studies II	2	7	Presentation and/or Exam and/or (Short) Essay	
13. Module exam:							
No.	Competence / Topic / Area		Type of exam	Timeframe / scope of work	CP	Timing of the examination	Percentage of the module grade
8.MP	Scientific documentation and evaluation of the two lectures or seminars attended.		Report	At least 15 weeks (during the semester)/ 10-12 pages	--	At the end of the semester in which the two lectures or seminars are completed.	ungraded

14. Remarks:

The report elaborates on the relevance of current research questions and topics discussed and analysed in the selected lectures or seminars in light of the student's expertise and also with regard to interdisciplinary connections. In addition, the student should critically examine the connections presented and defend their own position in a reflective manner.

The type of coursework depends on the selected lecture or seminar. The lecturer determines the type of coursework to be completed at the beginning of the semester.