

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DEGREE-SEEKING B.A. STUDENTS

- **Additional Foreign Language Skills:** Students in the B.A. programs American Studies, British Studies, and English Linguistics will need to show some proof of foreign language skills in addition to English by the time they apply for admission to their final thesis at the Examinations Office. The level needs to be at least A1 according to the CEFR. Additional foreign language skills may be acquired during the course of study.
- **Fundamentals and Orientation Exam** (Grundlagen- und Orientierungsprüfung): At the end of the second semester, students in the B.A. programs American Studies, British Studies, and English Linguistics should be able to show proof of having completed at least the following mandatory courses / number of credit points in the core modules:
 - major (1st and 2nd): at least **20 ECTS credit points**, including *General Language Course A (GLC A)* + 3 introductory courses
 - minor: at least **10 ECTS credit points**, including *General Language Course A (GLC A)* + 1 introductory course
- NOTE: This is a **minimum requirement!** Ideally, courses of approximately 30 ECTS credit points (major) or 12-15 ECTS credit points (minor) should be successfully completed by the end of the 2nd semester.
- **Language courses in the intermediate and advanced modules:**
 - B.A. American Studies: Language courses in the intermediate and advanced modules must be taken with an American Studies instructor.
 - B.A. British Studies: Language courses in the intermediate and advanced modules must be taken with a British Studies instructor.
 - B.A. English Linguistics: Language courses in the intermediate and advanced modules can be taken with either a British Studies or an American Studies instructor.

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE TABLES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

- Course format: L = lecture (Vorlesung); S = seminar (Seminar)
- Language of instruction: Almost all courses at the Department of English and American Studies are taught in English. Courses taught in German are marked with G in the tables.
 - Translation of module names into German: ◦ CORE MODULE = Basismodul
 - INTERMEDIATE MODULE = Vertiefungsmodul
 - ADVANCED MODULE = Profilmodul

BA Amerikanistik/American Studies (Studienbeginn ab SS 2025)

Compulsory courses and modules according to the examination regulations of 21.07.2008 and the module description of winter semester 2012/13.

This overview is valid for students taking up their studies in the B.A. American Studies or starting with the module M14 in or after summer semester 2025.

	FOR MAT	Course Title / Course Type	ECTS credit points	1st major American Studies	2nd major American Studies	minor American Studies
CORE MODULE LANGUAGE AMST-M11 (10 CREDIT POINTS)	S	General Language Course A	3	AMST-M11.1	AMST-M11.1	AMST-M11.1
	S	General Language Course B	4	AMST-M11.2	AMST-M11.2	AMST-M11.2
	S	Composition	3	AMST-M11.3	AMST-M11.3	AMST-M11.3
	-	Pronunciation Exam	-	AMST-M11	AMST-M11	AMST-M11
CORE MODULE LINGUISTICS AMST-M12 (12 CREDIT POINTS)	L	Introduction to English Linguistics I: Theory and Structure	4	AMST-M12.1	AMST-M12.1	--
	L	Introduction to English Linguistics II: Phonetics and Phonology	4	AMST-M12.2	AMST-M12.2	--
	L	Introduction to English Linguistics III: English in Use	4	AMST-M12.3	AMST-M12.3	--
CORE MODULE LITERARY STUDIES AMST-M13 (12 CREDIT POINTS) / AMST-M16 (12 CREDIT POINTS)	L/S	Introduction to English and American Literary Studies	4	AMST-M13.1	AMST-M13.1	AMST-M16.1
	L	British Literary History	4	AMST-M13.2	AMST-M13.2	--
	L	American Literary History	4	AMST-M13.3	AMST-M13.3	AMST-M16.2
	S	American Literature I Beginnings through 19 th Century	4	--	--	AMST-M16.3 (one of the two)
	S	American Literature II 20 th and 21 st Centuries				
CORE MODULE CULTURAL STUDIES AMST-M14 (10 CREDIT POINTS)	L	Culture & Society: UK	5	AMST-M14.1	AMST-M14.1	AMST-M14.1
	L	Introduction to American Studies	1	AMST-M14.2	AMST-M14.2	AMST-M14.2
	S	American Cultural History	4	AMST-M14.3	AMST-M14.3	AMST-M14.3
INTERMEDIATE MODULE LANGUAGE AMST-M21 (7 CREDIT POINTS) / AMST-M24 (4 CREDIT POINTS)	S	General Language Course C (AmE)	4	AMST-M21.2	AMST-M24.1	--
	S	Writing (AmE)	3	AMST-M21.1	--	--
INTERMEDIATE MODULE LITERARY STUDIES AMST-M22 (8 CREDIT POINTS)	S	American Literature I Beginnings through 19 th Century	4	AMST-M22.1	--	--
	S	American Literature II 20 th and 21 st Centuries	4	AMST-M22.2	--	--
	S	Undergraduate Seminar American Studies	4	(two of the three seminars)		
INTERMEDIATE MODULE AMERICAN STUDIES AMST-M23 (12 CREDIT POINTS)	S	Political Institutions	4	AMST-M23.1	AMST-M23.1	--
	S	Undergraduate Seminar American Studies	4	AMST-M23.2	AMST-M23.2	--
	L	Lecture American Studies	4	AMST-M23.3	AMST-M23.3	--
ADVANCED MODULE SKILLS B.A. AMST-M31 (6 CREDIT POINTS)	S	Presentation (AmE)	3	AMST-M31.1	--	--
	S	Academic Writing B.A. (AmE)	3	AMST-M31.2	--	--
ADVANCED MODULE AMERICAN STUDIES AMST-M32 (16 CREDIT POINTS)	L	Lecture American Studies	4	AMST-M32.1	--	--
	S	Cultural Studies Advanced	5	AMST-M32.2	--	--
	S	Graduate Seminar American Studies	7	AMST-M32.3	--	--
		B.A. Thesis	10	Yes	--	--
TOTAL ECTS CREDIT POINTS				93 + 10	60	32