



M.A. North American Studies

transdisciplinary, intercultural, research-oriented

You believe that cultural processes are inseparable from political and economic developments? You have a transatlantic perspective and are interested in intercultural exchange? You want to develop your own individual research project? And you want to pursue a career with an international organization, in journalism, cultural institutions, or academia?

Then you may also want to enroll in the North American Studies Program at the University of Bonn and explore

- ◆ the history of North American literature and culture as well as concepts and theories of literary, cultural and media studies;
- ◆ the US and Canadian political systems, foreign policies, international politics along with political theory and the history of ideas in North America;
- ◆ US and Canadian micro- and macroeconomics;
- ◆ the history of North American societies, African-American history, gender history, and postcolonial studies;
- ◆ and much more that suits your own particular interests.

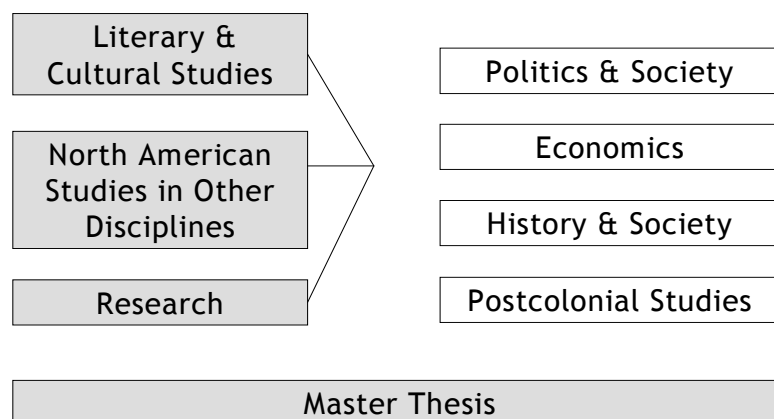
The M.A. in North American Studies is a two-year research-oriented program. We invite applications from graduates dedicated to transdisciplinary work and intercultural exchange in North American cultures, literatures, politics, histories and economics. Our program (120 CP) has literary studies at its core and offers you a unique variety of potential fields of specialization. Because our Master Program builds on the tradition and success of our North American Studies Program, established in 1990, and works in joint venture and close cooperation with the Master program in North American Studies in Cologne, you can focus on areas of your own scholarly interest at a large number of schools and departments both in Bonn and Cologne. While you undergo systematic training in transdisciplinary work and debate, you will also have the opportunity to conduct original research for your M.A. thesis.

We maintain long-standing alliances with US and Canadian universities and scholars and operate in close contact with the embassies of these countries, with research facilities and cultural institutions, as well as thinkers and

representatives from the spheres of politics and economics. We operate across a wide array of media and remain closely linked to our many alumni who have pursued careers in political institutions, journalism, and publishing, public administration, the foreign service, commerce, law, teaching, and research. If you have similar professional aspirations, our M.A. in North American Studies will put you on the right track!

The Program

The M.A. in North American Studies offers you seven carefully designed and coordinated modules of which you can choose five. The modules Literary & Cultural Studies, North American Studies in Other Disciplines, and Research constitute the program's mandatory core, offered at both universities, Bonn and Cologne. In addition, you select two areas of specialization from the fields of Politics & Society and Economics (taught in Bonn) and History & Society and Postcolonial Studies (taught in Cologne). A convenient train connection takes you from Bonn to Cologne in less than 30 minutes; since students have free access to public transport this is an easy and inexpensive commute.



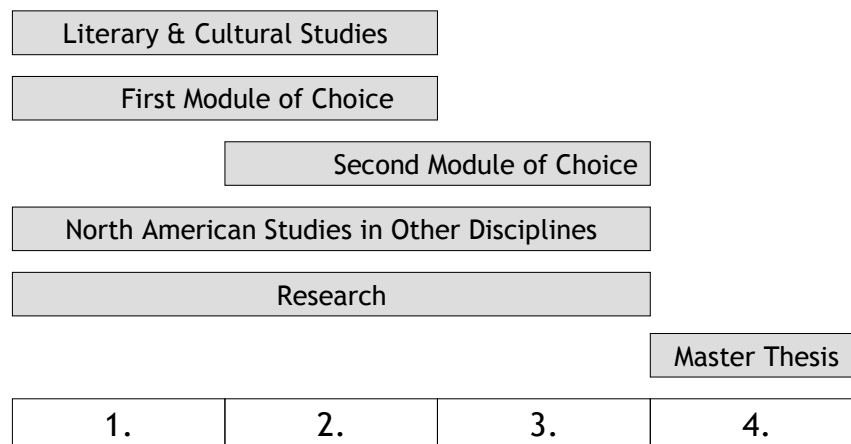
From the first term on, we encourage research toward an original and engaged M.A. thesis to which you dedicate the final term of your studies. All courses throughout the first three semesters familiarize you with methods and theories of transdisciplinary research through a diversity of class formats:

- ◆ The **lecture|seminar** introduces you to the field and consists of a lecture and an accompanying tutorial.
- ◆ The **lecture** conveys more detailed knowledge of a particular area of study within the field.
- ◆ During **seminars** we discuss specific problems of scientific debate and practice basic techniques of scientific research.

- ◆ In the **colloquium** we focus on methods of transdisciplinary research. Here you will learn how to plan, conceptualize, and conduct your own research project for the MA thesis.

In addition, the North American Studies Program features various scholarly events and activities, including our Lectures Series, symposia, panel discussions, and field trips.

Your Schedule



Who Can Apply?

Every year in the fall, we admit up to 30 new students to our M.A. program who come to Bonn with distinct individual qualifications, training, and cultural backgrounds. Successful candidates have completed an accredited B.A. program (with a minimum grade of 3.0|C+) which has provided them with a solid basis for the M.A. in North American Studies. Your degree may be in literary, media, or cultural studies, linguistics, sociology, political science, economics, contemporary or modern history, or postcolonial studies. Preferably, you have attended courses with special attention to North America and its cultures; or you have written a B.A. thesis (graded 2.0|B+ or better) with a focus on North America.

For more detailed information, please consult our website www.nap-uni-bonn.de

How to Apply

You can find our application materials on the website of the Philosophische Fakultät www.philfak.uni-bonn.de **between June 15 and July 2, 2010**. Please fill out the form and send it, along with the other required documents, to the address specified online.

In addition, we ask you to send the following documents **directly** to the North American Studies Program (our address is provided below):

- ◆ a **letter of motivation** (in English, 600 words maximum) which delineates why you are interested in North American Studies and why you have chosen our program;
- ◆ your **curriculum vitae (CV)**;
- ◆ and, **as an option**, certificates of internships, letters of recommendation, or other documents to support your application.

For more information and updates please visit our website at
www.nap-uni-bonn.de

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