

M.A.
**NORTH
AMERICAN
STUDIES**



MASTER PROGRAM IN NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

Established in 1990, the North American Studies Program at the University of Bonn ranks as one of the best places in Germany to study and do research in the field. Our M.A. in North American Studies – a two-year research-oriented program – attracts graduates interested in transdisciplinary work and intercultural exchange who wish to gain a thorough expertise in North American cultures, literatures, politics, histories, and economics. The curriculum puts literary and cultural studies at its core and offers you a unique variety of potential fields of specialization. Run in joint venture with the Master program in North American Studies at the University of Cologne, our M.A. allows you to focus on areas of your own scholarly interest at different schools and departments both in Bonn and Cologne. Since we stress a systematic training in transdisciplinary work, you will have the opportunity to conduct original research toward an M.A. thesis.

The North American Studies Program maintains long-standing alliances with U.S. and Canadian universities, research institutions,

scholars and cultural practitioners, as well as with experts from the fields of politics and economics. We also cooperate with the embassies of the United States and Canada and keep in contact with our many alumni who pursue careers in journalism, publishing, media, public administration, politics and the foreign service, business, law as well as 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. program in North American Studies offers a carefully designed curriculum (120 CP), comprised of five core modules and four elective areas of specialization of which you choose two. The modules *Literature and Theory*, *Processes and Practices of Popular Culture*, and *Transdisciplinary Perspectives* explore North American literary and cultural studies as well as methods and theories of transdisciplinary research. In *Research in Dialogue* you meet established scholars in the field and successfully conceptualize, plan, and conduct your own research toward an original M.A. thesis to which you dedicate the final semester of the program. In *Professional and Intercultural*

Competence you develop career-oriented skills according to your individual interests. The composition of this module will vary for each student and can include advanced language courses, field work, or internships. For your own specialization you select two of the four areas *Politics & Society* and *Economics* (taught in Bonn), *History & Society* and *Postcolonial Studies* (taught in Cologne), in each of which you attend two modules. In addition, the North American Studies Program features various events and activities, including an active Lecture Series, symposia, panel discussions, and field trips.

1 st term	Literary and Cultural Studies	First Elective Politics & Society, Economics, History & Society, or Postcolonial Studies	Second Elective Politics & Society, Economics, History & Society, or Postcolonial Studies
2 nd term			
3 rd term	Trans-disciplinary Perspectives	Research in Dialogue	Professional and Intercultural Competence
4 th term	MA Thesis		

ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION

Every year we admit up to 30 new students to our M.A. program who come to Bonn with a diverse range of qualifications, training, and cultural backgrounds. Successful candidates have completed an accredited B.A. program in a field which will provide a solid basis for the M.A. Program in North American Studies. Your degree may be in literary, cultural, or media studies, linguistics, political science, economics, history, or postcolonial studies. Preferably, your educational background will include a special attention to North America and its cultures or a B.A. thesis with a focus on North America.

HOW TO APPLY

We admit students in the fall as well as in the spring. You can apply in May (to enter the program in October) and in December (to enter the program in April); a link on our website directs you to the online application portal.

Your application should include:

- the application form of the University of Bonn
- a notarized copy of your B.A. certificate and diploma supplement. If you are still enrolled in a B.A. program at the time of your application, please submit your current transcript of grades.
- a certified copy of your high school diploma
- a certificate of advanced English language proficiency, documented by results of one of the following tests: TOEFL, IELTS, CAE, or CPE. We will waive the language requirement for alumni of B.A. programs in English and American Studies and programs entirely taught in English.
- a certificate of intermediate German language proficiency (DSH-1, TestDaF TDN 3) if you are an international student. If you opt to take the DSH at the University of Bonn after acceptance into our program, please state your intent in your application.



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

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