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QUICK OVERVIEW

Duration

4 semesters

Language of Instruction

English

Emphases

American literature from the eighteenth to the twenty-first century, American cultural theory and media studies, social and cultural history of the United States

Goethe University's Institute of English and American Studies is home to one of the largest American Studies programs in Germany.

Learn from our diverse, accomplished, and internationally renowned American Studies faculty that builds its work on the intellectual history of Frankfurt.

"I really enjoyed the wide variety of seminars in all subjects. Each had a small number of students so that the professors were always available. Each seminar has its share of innovative challenges and I particularly enjoyed the creative assignments. I came to Frankfurt from France hoping to find a supportive international community, and I was not disappointed. The challenges of being new in a foreign country were made easier for me by a number of helpful factors that Frankfurt has to offer: I was given student housing, financial support with a stipend for international students, and I was able to find a student job on campus. Numerous student associations or "Vereine" allowed me to make new friends from Germany and all around the world! I'm really glad I came to Frankfurt for this Master's degree, and I even decided to stay here afterwards to find a job!"

— LÉO DANCETTE

"I came to the American Studies program at Goethe University after having graduated from Barnard College. Frankfurt was a wonderful place to earn my Master's degree. I savored the intellectual independence common in German universities and prioritized by the American Studies department, in particular. I learned a lot about myself as a writer and an academic thinker, and I formed several close mentoring relationships with advisers and professors. In fact, I've decided to stay in Frankfurt to pursue a Ph.D."

— CARLY CRANE



**THE MASTER'S PROGRAM
IN AMERICAN STUDIES**
Goethe-University Frankfurt



ADVANTAGES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Goethe University's master's program in American Studies is designed for accomplished, well-rounded students with high academic standards who wish to work in an international and challenging learning environment.

In the established tradition of German higher education, our program focuses on developing students' intellectual autonomy by foregrounding independent and self-directed research. In this way, we foster critical writing, research, and problem-solving skills that prepare students for demanding PhD programs and/or the pursuit of professional occupations in areas such as publishing, media, politics, and public relations.

Our program values interdisciplinary scholarship. Frankfurt is among the largest American Studies departments in Germany, offering close and goal-oriented cooperation with professors and lecturers. The quality of education is furthered by small classes that facilitate a productive learning environment. In addition to our introductory courses on American Studies methodology and history, our methodically diverse faculty offer cutting edge seminars drawn from various fields of research such as literary and cultural studies, media studies, history, aesthetics, political theory, gender studies, critical race studies, cultural sociology, and posthumanism. Through independent study and student projects, students and professors work closely together to achieve learning goals set individually.

WHY FRANKFURT?

Take part in a robust and supportive international learning community and study at a world-class research university: on its campuses around the city, Goethe University offers its nearly 48,000 students a community to learn, grow, and connect. Goethe University is an international university with about 8,000 foreign students.

About 30% of the students in the American Studies department are international students.

The International Office offers support for social services for new students from abroad. If you have issues with visa, residence permit, and health insurance, you can contact their staff. Goethe University also provides free German language classes for beginners and advanced German speakers. The Writing Center supports students in academic writing.

COURSES AND SEMESTER STRUCTURE

The course of studies is divided into four semesters, which facilitates student autonomy, close cooperation with the faculty, and individual research emphases. The course of studies is flexible to allow for part-time work outside the university in Frankfurt's striving economy.

Semester

1 30CP

BASIS MODULE (15 CP)
Lecture course (winter term only), seminar (winter term only), written test at end of lecture course

ORIENTATION MODULE 1 OF 2 (15 CP)
Seminar, independent study, research paper in seminar

3 25–30 CP

PROFILE MODULE 2 OF 2 (15 CP)
Seminar, student project, research paper in seminar

MODULE ACADEMIC TRAINING (15 CP)
Colloquium, practical language course, academic activity

2 30–35 CP

ORIENTATION MODULE 2 OF 2 (15 CP)
Seminar, independent study, research paper in seminar

PROFILE MODULE 1 OF 2 (15 CP)
Seminar, student project, research paper in seminar

MODULE ACADEMIC TRAINING (15 CP)
Colloquium, practical language course, academic activity

4 30 CP

MODULE MASTER'S DISSERTATION (30CP)

