

Explanation of changes to the Advanced Track program

Due to the fact that we cannot run the Advanced Program as a separate course of studies but only as a Track (specjalizacja) we have to establish the following rules for that track. We have made these changes only to the extent that we have to for formal reasons. We are still fully committed to offering our and other American Studies BA graduates an advanced program which will build upon their previous education. For administrative reasons, advanced track students are regarded as general MA students, the same formal rules of study applying to both groups. However, listed below are some special features of the program which reflect the “advanced” nature of these studies.

ADVANCED TRACK STUDIES

1. the program will be incorporated into the already existing MA studies program which means that students will have to go through the full program: 120 ECTS, 4 semesters, certain number of exams.
2. instead of the introductory lectures for MA students, advanced track students will take special courses which will be called: Advanced Topics in (here the title of the introductory lecture): American Society, Politics, History, Literature etc. These courses will be similar to advanced electives. For formal reasons they will run as lectures and end with exams.
3. these “advanced topics” courses will be mandatory for all advanced track students.
4. 50% of the courses in the program will be specially offered only for the advanced track students. Starting with the 2nd semester of studies Students will be choosing from a list of advanced electives.
5. the remaining electives will be chosen from the general offer of MA electives
6. the rules for MA theses and seminars will be the same for all MA students. Advanced Track students will join the same seminars as regular MA students
7. all advanced courses will carry the same ECTS points as general MA courses.
8. advanced Track students on top of the regular MA diploma will obtain a “certificate of advanced studies”

RULES OF ADMISSION FOR ADVANCED TRACK STUDENTS

9. advanced track candidates have to take general admission test to the MA program both parts: knowledge of American culture and English proficiency part.
10. they will be evaluated according to the same criteria as general admission candidates
11. advanced track candidates have to have proof of a BA degree by the admission deadline in September (not in June)