

Master of Arts (MA) Program

The two-year tuition-free MA Program in American Studies at the ASC comprises a highly individualized, research-oriented curriculum focused on the various cultural and social phenomena of the United States and the Western Hemisphere at large. Depending on their interests, students can pursue coursework in American literature, media, culture, society, history, and politics.

ASC graduates possess skills and competences allowing them to compete successfully in multiple career paths and professions, including media, culture, education, administration, foreign service, international organizations, business, foreign trade, journalism, and tourism. We attribute our graduates' robust job placement rates to the fact that we provide rigorous academic preparation while simultaneously fostering a culture of mentoring and extracurricular education. A number of our graduates also continue their education in doctoral programs in Poland and abroad in a range of disciplines.



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Semester 1



Hemispheric Lecture: International Relations in the Western Hemisphere

Key Readings in American Studies

Two of the following research proseminars of your choice (one in humanities and one in social sciences):

- *Social Movements and Social Change in Contemporary America*
- *Power and Society in the Americas*
- *American Political Parties: The Past and the Present*
- *Popular Genres in the United States*
- *Politics in American Audiovisual Media*
- *Slavery and the Making of the Americas*

Academic Writing MA

Advanced English or Spanish - various levels following placement test

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Semester 2



One of the following research lectures of your choice:

- *"Never Ain't Here Yet": The Western, a National Art Form*
- *Writing against Slavery: Early American Abolitionist Discourses and Their Repercussions*

Three research proseminars of your choice. The listings for Spring 2021 are not finalized, but in the previous semesters course offerings included:

- *Cities and Immigrants*
- *Photography in American Literature*
- *American Political Parties: The Past and the Present*
- *Contemporary American Cinema*
- *Social Movements and Social Change in Contemporary America*
- *Haunted America: Horror and Politics*
- *Issues in American Political Thought*
- *Transatlantic ModernismS*

Advanced English or Spanish - various levels following placement test

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Semester 3



MA Seminar I

Texts in American Culture/Texts in Latin American Culture

Two senior research lectures:

The Fall 2021 course offerings are not finalized yet. Fall 2020 options for second-year students include Cultural Diversity of the Western Hemisphere; US and Poland; and Imaginative Resonances: Literature and Science in the 19th-Century America.

Two elective courses:

The Fall 2021 course offerings are not finalized yet. Fall 2020 options for second-year students include Gender, Populism, and the New Culture Wars: Social and Cultural Change in the Trump Era; Post-secularism and Religions in the Time of Globalization; The New Normal; and Images of Native Americans.

Practical project

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Semester 4

MA Seminar II

Open lectures

You need to collect 30 credits worth of open lectures offered by the ASC and other departments. Individual lectures typically earn you 2 or 3 credits each.

1 or 2 elective courses offered by other departments at UW worth the cumulative of 6 ECTS points