

## Master of Arts (MA) Program

Graduates of the two-year tuition-free American Studies MA program at the ASC are equipped with specialized knowledge to understand the various cultural and social phenomena of the United States of America and the Western Hemisphere at large. They also have systematized and specialized knowledge of the terminology, theory, and methodology of interdisciplinary American Studies concerned with the Americas.

### What you will learn

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):

- *American Political Ideas/Political Thought*
- *Dynamics of American Political Parties: Continuity and Change*
- *Social Movements and Social Change in Contemporary America*
- *Urban Communities*
- *The Anatomy of Action Cinema*
- *Gender and Sexuality in Classical Hollywood Film*
- *American Literature and Visual Arts*
- *Anthropocene Now: Climate Change in American Culture*

### Academic Writing MA

Advanced English or Spanish - various levels following placement test

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Semester 2



## One of senior research lectures of your choice

Three research proseminars of your choice:

The listings for Spring 2022 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 2022 course offerings are not finalized yet. Fall 2021 options for second-year students include:

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Semester 4



- *Cultural Diversity of the Western Hemisphere*
- *Leadership in America: Cultural and Political Perspective*
- *Photography in the USA.*

Two elective courses:

The Fall 2022 course offerings are not finalized yet.

Fall 2021 options for second-year students include:

- *Marxist Critical Theories*
- *White Trash: Underclass That Runs Contrary to the American Dream*
- *American Women Filmmakers*
- *From Postmodernism to New Realism: Varieties of the American Short Story 1960-2000*

### Practical project

### 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.*