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We are one of the largest American Studies institutes in Germany. Made up of leading American Studies experts, our highly engaged faculty is committed to passing on its expertise. We provide classroom instruction and personal mentorship that fosters your individual potential.

The City and the University

Mainz offers the energetic buzz and cultural diversity of a state capital combined with the hospitality and warmth of Germany's largest wine region. Johannes Gutenberg University's vibrant student culture can be felt on campus as well as in all parts of the city.



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M.A. in American Studies



Master in American Studies at the Obama Institute

The Master Program in American Studies is closely linked to the internationally renowned research done by the Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies.

Objectives and Focus

The program offers a broad spectrum of courses and conducts research on American literature and culture from the 16th to the 21st century.

The teaching and research of the American Studies Master Program focus on the following areas:

- Early American Literature and Culture
- Modern American Literature
- Ethnic and Indigenous Studies
- Life Writing
- American Social, Political, and Intellectual History
- Film and Performance Studies
- Print Culture and History of the Book

In cooperation with other departments at the JGU, our professors offer a multitude of interdisciplinary courses and projects.

International Experience

The M.A. program especially emphasizes the need for students to experience the United States at first hand and is committed to offering students the possibility of studying at one of our partner universities in the United States, Canada, or China.

We take pride in international co-operations with scholars from around the world. Students of the program benefit from the international orientation of the Obama Institute through the courses and lectures that are offered by visiting professors from the US and Canada who are acclaimed experts in their respective fields.

The M.A. program encourages international students to apply. In recent years, the program has attracted students from all over the world, including the US.



Transnational American Studies

American Studies has seen a number of major changes in theory and practice in the last decade. Its traditional emphasis on the language, literature and culture of the United States has been expanded both conceptually and methodologically.

Reaching beyond the mere focus on the continental United States, the more recent concept of Transnational American Studies draws attention to the “contact zones” and intercultural encounters characteristic of the American experience.

The Mainz M.A. program responds to these new developments and encourages students to explore the transnational dimensions of American Studies and to engage in the study of new regions of language and literature, branching out into Atlantic, Caribbean, and Pacific Studies.

The program also includes a special module on interdisciplinary studies allowing students to expand their research into neighboring fields for a broad perspective on the Americas.