







Germany is one of the leading research nations in the world and offers excellent research facilities. Academic education is highly valued and has an outstanding reputation. In the German university system, a research-oriented master's program is the essential preparation for a doctorate and a transition to doctoral programs usually occurs after completion of a master's program. Both degrees serve as crucial steps for high-profile professional careers. In Germany, no tuition is charged for these excellent opportunities in higher education.

Why LMU Munich?

LMU Munich stands for groundbreaking research and challenging teaching. It is part of an exceptionally broadly based network of research institutions, universities, foundations and corporations in and around Munich.

LMU Munich is one of the top-ranked universities of continental Europe. International outreach is a key issue at LMU Munich, ranging from widespread international research networks to institutional partnerships with leading universities around the world (e.g. Berkeley, Edmonton).

Why American History, Culture and Society?

The Master's degree program is a research-oriented and highly flexible program of study. It offers advanced knowledge on historical, social, cultural, literary, economic and political topics relevant to the study of North America and encourages its students to develop and pursue individual research interests.

Faculty teaching in this program have particularly strong research credentials in the fields of history, literature, media and visual culture, popular culture, gender, race and ethnicity, technology and cultural theory. Students developing research projects are encouraged to place them in a transatlantic, transnational or global framework and to use comparative or interdisciplinary approaches.

The program has an international outlook with students coming from various countries and with varying academic backgrounds ranging from degrees in history and political science to literature and North American studies.



In many professional fields, the Master's degree represents a highly valued proof of academic knowledge and skills. Graduates of this program have found work in media, education, public and political institutions, and other related areas.

Prospective Students

Students wishing to enter the master's program need to meet certain requirements. The program only accepts students with a first university degree (e.g. a bachelor's degree) earned in a program of the humanities or social sciences with a substantial share of courses related to North American studies. Applica-

tions include, among other things, a writing sample and a researchoriented essay. The program is taught in English yet a basic knowledge of German is helpful for dealing with administrative and other matters, and an excellent knowledge is necessary for optional courses taken in subjects taught in German.

Program Overview

There are two basic modules in this program. Students may focus exclusively on one area, or they may combine the two.

The module "History and Politics" addresses the history of the USA and of Canada, transatlantic history, political culture and history, economic history, environmental history, and questions of historiography. The module "Culture, Media and Society" is dedicated to literary history and theory, visual and media studies, cultural history and theory, popular culture, ethnic and gender studies, technology and space studies. In the second and third semester students may import credit

points from a pool of subjects (e.g. English, German, History and others).

With lectures, foundation courses and advanced seminars, the program offers the chance to combine specific areas of research on a broad range of topics. The Master's thesis allows students to pursue an independent research project with the support of an advisor from our program. Furthermore, the Graduate School of Language and Literature Munich offers various high-profile doctoral programs for students wishing to pursue an academic career – among them the "Class of Culture and History" and the "Class of Literature".

MASTER'S PROGRAM IN "AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE AND SOCIETY"

1 st
year

HISTORY AND / CULTURE, MEDIA COURSEWORK Lectures, Foundation Courses,
POLITICS / AND SOCIETY Advanced Seminars, Independent Study Projects

MASTER'S THESIS AND ORAL PRESENTATION

DOCTORAL
PROGRAM
"CLASS OF
CULTURE AND
HISTORY" OR
"CLASS OF
LITERATURE"

3 rd
year
DOCTORAL RESEARCH

4 th
year
DOCTORAL RESEARCH

5 th
year
DOCTORAL THESIS AND DEFENSE



Further Information

Master of Arts in American History, Culture and Society www.en.amerikanistik.lmu.de/studium/ma

Doctoral Programs in the Graduate School of Language and Literature Munich

Class of Culture and History

www.en.proamhist.amerikanistik.lmu.de

Class of Literature www.en.prolit.lmu.de

Application

The deadline for the master's program is July 1st (each year). Students enroll in the winter semester (October 1st). Information on the application process: www.en.amerikanistik.lmu.de/studium/ma/application The deadline for the doctoral programs varies according to the requirements in the Class of Culture and History and the Class of Literature.