

What is the language of instruction?

The language for both spoken communication and written work (including the thesis project) at the IfAA is English. You will further develop your language aptitude during your studies in our intense language modules and tutorials, but it is crucial that you already have a solid basis in English before you start in order to follow seminars and discussions.

What qualifications are needed to enrol?

There are certain prerequisites that need to be met before you apply to the master's program, in particular:

- a B.A. degree in English and American Studies (or similar subjects) with an average grade of at least 2.5
- 70 Credit Points in English Linguistics, English and American Literature and/or Cultural Studies from your B.A. studies
- Qualified knowledge (B1 level) of one additional foreign language, besides English.

How do I apply?

If you have gone through the German Abitur and university system, you can apply directly online at:

www.uni-osnabrueck.de/219.html

If you have received your undergraduate qualifications outside of Germany, there might be different conditions for your application procedure. You can read about the process for applying with foreign qualifications here:

www.uni-osnabrueck.de/2086.html

Can I earn credits for my master's degree by studying abroad?

The IfAA strongly encourages graduate students to spend at least a semester at a foreign institution, as this is a vital way to learn about the language and literatures of English-speaking cultures. Students can take advantage of exchange partnerships with universities in North America, Great Britain, and Australia, or pursue receiving ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) points from other universities by working with the International Students Office. You will get more detailed information at one of the several meetings which are offered regularly throughout the semester or by going online at:

www.uni-osnabrueck.de/2457.html

General Information and Contact

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English and American Studies Master of Arts (M.A.)



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Program Profile

Taking into account the global significance as well as the regional specifics of Anglo-American language and culture, the Master of Arts in English and American Studies at the University of Osnabrück offers a unique learning experience through the integrated study of the language, literature, and cultures of the English speaking world.

Program Features

Interdisciplinary and Integrated Study: What is unique about the Osnabrück M.A. in English and American Studies is its combined approach to studying. The fields of English Linguistics, Anglo-American Literature and Cultural Studies are closely intertwined, and students graduating from the program will come away with an interdisciplinary and in-depth knowledge of the fields. The ability to integrate theoretical viewpoints, methodological approaches, and knowledge from different disciplines will be a distinct advantage that gives you a professional head start, no matter which career you end up pursuing.

Innovative Teaching: At the Institute for English and American Studies (IfAA), we believe in learning through active engagement and the effective combination of theoretical knowledge and practical skills. This is why we place great emphasis on using up-to-date communication practices and digital media for class work and presentations, such as recorded lectures, weblogs, podcasts, wikis and databases.

Flexible Learning: The IfAA offers an inspiring environment with a wide range of flexible learning opportunities that help you to follow your interests in the way that suits you best. In your studies towards your degree, we offer you everything from lectures and weekly seminars in traditional formats, to smaller discussion groups and more informal independent projects with individual time frames.

Career Opportunities and Professional Orientation

The IfAA offers the opportunity to become a specialist in a wide variety of professional settings. We help students identify their individual strengths during the course of study, and further assist them with the process of making professional contacts, so that by the time students complete their master's degree, they will have developed a field of personal and professional expertise.

In order to professionalize our students and train them to become competent in highly sophisticated forms of presentation and communication, the IfAA regularly sponsors graduate student activities such as film programs, research excursions, and high profile student conferences and symposia.

Graduating students will be highly qualified to work in fields as diverse as international relations, advertisement, editing and translation, cultural management, and event marketing – as well as a wide variety of options in the culture sector, from museums, libraries and archives to media production. Another major goal of the program is preparing students to study at the PhD level, to further work as academic teachers and researchers.



Program Structure: Basic Facts and Questions

When can I start the master's program? How long does it take to complete?

The graduate program starts every year in the winter semester as well as in the summer semester. Students enrolling fulltime normally take four semesters, or two years, to graduate from the program.

What kind of courses does the program offer?

Students who matriculate in the master's program will initially select from a broad range of graduate courses in the fields of English Linguistics, Literature, and Cultural Studies. These courses are aimed to help students deepen and hone their academic interests, and subsequently develop a research project suitable for a master's thesis. Besides the final thesis requirement, students must complete a total of 120 credit points to receive the M.A. degree. Seminars are regularly offered in the following subjects:

Linguistics:

- Advanced Courses on Language Variation and Change
- Current Methods in Linguistic Research
- Theoretical Models of Language Structure and Use

Literature:

- Advanced Studies in English and American Literatures
- Models and Methods in Literary Theory and Interpretation
- Major Periods, Genres and Themes in English and American Literature

Cultural Studies:

- Approaches and Models in Popular Culture
- Film, Media, and Visual Culture
- Gender and Ethnic Studies

In addition to the seminars, the master's program offers intensive English language instruction with modules on essay writing, rhetoric, debating, and textual analysis. These modules will help cultivate a high level of spoken and written competence in English.