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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	• English
Languages	Courses and examinations are held in English, and all student work has to be submitted in English.
Full-time / part-time	• full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	Applications via uni-assist: • by 31 May for the following winter semester (starting in October) • by 30 November for the following summer semester (starting in April)
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The Master's programme in English and American Literary and Cultural Studies explores the literatures and cultures of English-speaking regions and includes language training as well as mandatory work and teaching experience. All classes in this study programme are taught in English and impart an in-depth understanding of cultural, literary, historical, and political relations in anglophone countries, particularly in Great Britain and the USA. The literature courses situate contemporary English and American writing in broader historical contexts and cover a range of fictional and non-fictional genres. In cultural studies, classes examine different media such as photography, film, fine arts, and music while at the same time provide case studies and broader overviews of more general cultural phenomena. Alongside this, the programme offers advanced English language practice, imparting oral communication and writing skills at a professional level and teaching students to produce texts in different formats and for various audiences. They have the opportunity to develop and complete independent research projects in literary and cultural studies and present these projects in English with near-native proficiency. Moreover, they gain skills such as intercultural competences and cultural empathy, which help them understand and analyse cultural materials and processes from

various angles.

One main focus of the MA programme is developing critical literacy with regard to media and other texts, especially by analysing and applying cultural studies methods and theories. Previous seminar topics include Shakespeare's Stage and Old and Middle English Literature and Culture as well as Victorian Culture and Transcendentalism. In addition, there have been seminars on Photographic Representations of Englishness, Modernist American Poetry, Gender and Power in the American Theatre, Dementia, Postcoloniality, Progressivism, Queer Theory, and many more. While literary studies include literary history, narratology, performance theory, and the relations between literature and culture, cultural studies courses deal with visual representations, the new media, and popular culture to discuss cultural history and dynamics in anglophone societies from a broad perspective. There are, of course, numerous overlapping research areas in which literary and cultural studies come together. Students can choose to specialise in either of the two areas or adopt an interdisciplinary approach across anglophone regions and analytical methods in order to comprehend larger cultural developments.

As a research-oriented MA programme, English and American Literary and Cultural Studies prepares graduates for a career in academic research, particularly if they are interested in pursuing a PhD. Furthermore, the acquired competences match essential requirements in many other professional areas in a globalised, post-industrial service economy, especially in the cultural sector. Graduates are able to critically engage with different text forms and produce texts for various target groups in the media sector. Students who have successfully obtained this degree find themselves particularly well-equipped to take up jobs in sectors ranging from adult education, journalism, and publishing to cultural or educational management, advertising, the tourist industry as well as international business and politics.

Course Details

Course organisation	Since the Master's programme in English and American Literary and Cultural Studies has a strong international outlook and aims at preparing students for international academic work as well as an international job market, it includes a mandatory, one-semester study abroad and a six-week internship in an English-speaking country. Both the semester abroad and the internship are self-organised, but Paderborn University offers numerous exchange programmes and informal contacts that can help students find a suitable academic or internship-related institution. Students are encouraged to use their experience abroad to prepare for possible future career options. They are also required to prepare and conduct a tutorial for BA students in a literature, cultural studies, or practical language course at the Paderborn University. By doing so, the MA English and American Literary and Cultural Studies students gain teaching experience at university level, which provides them with the opportunity to increase their classroom confidence and develop basic pedagogical skills. » PDF Download
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	• International guest lecturers • Integrated study abroad unit(s) • Language training provided
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	**Students study abroad for one semester**in an English-speaking country, e.g. at one of our partner universities in the UK, Ireland, USA, India, etc. • Self-organised • Third semester (recommendation)

Integrated internships	**Six-week internship** in an English-speaking country • Self-organised • In or after the third semester (recommendation)
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	Yes

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Approx. 350 EUR per semester
Costs of living	Estimated average cost of living per month: 800 to 950 EUR (Information provided by the UPB International Office) https://www.uni-paderborn.de/studyfinances
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Bachelor's degree in English and American Studies; **minimum grade point average: 2.3** (Students who have completed their degrees in related fields are also welcome to apply. Depending on their background in English and American Literary and Cultural Studies, they might have to complete additional courses before beginning the programme.)
Language requirements	• Proof of advanced knowledge and use of the English language (TOEFL score of 250 points computer-based test / Cambridge Advanced Certificate graded A and B or Cambridge Proficiency Certificate graded A, B, or C as well as level C1 Certificate / IELTS score 7.0 Academic Module) • Depending on previous studies and diplomas, proof of English language knowledge might not be required. • Knowledge of the **German language is not required** for this programme. (We recommend studying German language courses as part of the "General Studies" module).
Application deadline	Applications via uni-assist: • by 31 May for the following winter semester (starting in October) • by 30 November for the following summer semester (starting in April)
Submit application to	**International applicants:**

	University Paderborn c/o uni-assist e.V. 11507 Berlin Germany https://www.uni-assist.de/en/ **German applicants:** https://go.upb.de/PAULBewerbung

Services

Career advisory service	For general information about the German job market, application workshops, networking possibilities in and around Paderborn, or getting involved with the community, see InRegio: https://www.uni-paderborn.de/en/studies/international-office/inregio
Support for international students and doctoral candidates	• Welcome event • Specialist counselling
General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates	Specialist academic advice on the course and on the German university system

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