M.A. British, American and Postcolonial Studies
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Key Features
- unique combination of literary and cultural studies, linguistics, and book studies
- broad range of subjects across historical periods, media, genres, cultures and regions
- maximum flexibility for specialization according to individual research interests
- solid preparation for careers in academic and non-academic settings
- all courses at the department are taught in English

Requirements and Admissions
We welcome applicants with a three-year undergraduate degree (Bachelor or equivalent) that is thematically related to this M.A. programme. In addition to documenting their language skills and previous academic achievements, prospective students are expected to outline their research interests and plans for their future studies and career.

For detailed admissions regulations (Zugangsordnung) including the application deadlines for EU and non-EU applicants, please refer to:
http://go.wwu.de/uzdkq

The M.A. programme begins in October.
The four-semester M.A. programme in British, American and Postcolonial Studies offers students the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the social and cultural dynamics of the English-speaking world through a unique combination of literary and cultural studies, linguistics, and book studies. It allows students to focus on subjects across a wide range of historical periods, cultures and regions and facilitates the development of individual research interests and career profiles. The curriculum is designed to give students maximum flexibility in constructing specific areas of specialization, while at the same time providing a solid basis for interdisciplinary research and collaboration.

Nine out of ten modules have elective options, thus encouraging students to enhance their knowledge in areas that match their personal preferences and career goals. In addition to seven research-oriented modules in British, American and Postcolonial studies, the curriculum includes a two-semester module that focuses on work experience and an external module, which further broadens students’ academic and professional skills by adding studies in related fields such as art history, sociology or communication studies.

This programme is intended to prepare students for national and international careers in both academic and non-academic settings. Its practical and international orientation is reflected in the two-semester module "Work Experience" and the possibility to work or study abroad.

Through a sound academic training and the opportunity to gain teaching experience, graduates pursuing academic careers will be well-equipped to continue their research, typically in the form of a PhD. Graduates aiming at the non-academic sector will be especially qualified for professions requiring intercultural competence and expertise in the fields of language, literature, and communication – e.g., in cultural management, publishing, media, advertising, and public relations.

For further information, please refer to the “Career” and “Alumni” sections of the programme’s website.