Entry requirements

Please visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply for detailed information on the application process.

Applicants for this degree programme should have a first degree in a social science, cultural studies, business, economics or a related discipline, with a result of at least 3.0 according to the German marking system or equivalent, gained at the end of a three-year programme of study.

Applicants must have English and Spanish language skills at level UNIcert® II or B2 of the Common European Framework for Languages (CEFR). International students should also provide a German language certificate at level CEFR B2 (e.g. DSH-1 or TestDaF TDN 3×4).

The application deadline for the programme, which commences in the winter semester, is 30 June.

Programme of study North and Latin American Studies
Degree awarded Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration and credits 4 semesters; 120 ECTS credits
Starts in October (winter semester)
Languages of instruction German, with courses in English and Spanish

Further information and contact details

Programme page on the web
www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-nolas

Academic Advice Service
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International Office
Assists international students with the immigration formalities and with getting settled in Passau
www.uni-passau.de/en/international

Student Registration Office
Contact for enquiries related to your application
www.uni-passau.de/en/student-registration-office

Language Centre
Offers a wide range of language courses
www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en

Centre for Careers and Competencies
Helps students seeking internships or career entry positions and offers transferable skills courses
www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk

iStudi Coach for job market induction
Provides job market orientation and advice on internship and job search to international students
www.uni-passau.de/en/iStudi

German Courses Passau
German language courses for international students
www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german
M.A. North and Latin American Studies

About the programme

The Master of Arts in North and Latin American Studies degree programme packs North American Studies and Latin American Studies into a single and unique degree programme which draws from a variety of academic disciplines and gives its students profound insight into the two Americas as distinct entities, as well as their global ties.

This answers to a rising demand for graduates with a broad academic background and specific knowledge of the two Americas, particularly when North and South are growing together on many levels, while the rift between Europe and America is widening.

This is an accredited programme of study which has received the Seal of Quality of the Foundation for the Accreditation of Study Programmes in Germany.

Features

- Emphasis on both Americas.
- Core subjects: Geography, Literary and Cultural Studies, Political Science.
- Transferable skills are developed with the aim of generating inter-disciplinary co-operation.
- Students can create their own individual study profile.

Programme syllabus

The programme is comprised of three module groups:

A) Module Group Inter-American Studies
B) American Module Groups
C) Profile Module Group: Foreign Languages and Research

A) This area deals with important research questions and problem areas related to North and Latin America. It combines teaching content and methods from various disciplines and provides the tools for deepening and setting the focus on North and Latin American Studies. Key topics are cultural comparison and intercultural communication.

B) Module group B comprises the three American modules Cultural, Literary and Linguistic Studies (I), Political Science (II) and Geography (III). Within the modules, students can set their own thematic and regional focus. Two of the three module groups must be completed.

C) One of the following foreign languages must be selected in the profile module:
   - German as a Foreign Language
   - English
   - Spanish

You will also complete the research project module and the associated research colloquium.

The programme concludes with a master’s thesis on a topic chosen from module group B. In total, 120 ECTS points must be earned throughout the programme.

Career prospects

Depending on the chosen thematic and geographical focus, this master’s degree prepares students for a vast number of different career paths.

The ability to shape your own study profile makes it easier for you to join the global job market for Humanities graduates with intercultural skills, while the hands-on approach of the degree programme additionally qualifies you for non-academic careers.

Furthermore, having graduated from this degree programme, you have the prerequisites to work in transatlantic, trans-American or international organisations. Other potential sectors for employment are tourism, education and professional training, the media industry as well as cultural institutions and associations.

Being closely focused on up-to-date research and teaching you the methodological and analytical prerequisites for consolidation of scientific findings, the degree programme is also a strong foundation for subsequent doctoral study, if you are considering embarking on an academic career.