

STUDY UNIT LIST (MA)

FOR STUDIES COMMENCED IN 2023

Abbreviations:

sem = seminar

lect = lecture

obl = obligatory

elec = elective

Explanation of prerequisites

- A prerequisite not enclosed in brackets: **‘strong’** prerequisite; must be completed successfully at least one semester before the course in question for which it is a prerequisite
- A prerequisite enclosed in brackets: **‘weak’** prerequisite; can be taken up in the same semester with the course in question for which it is a prerequisite, but must be completed successfully for the course for which it is a prerequisite to be valid (if the prerequisite course is failed, the course for which it is a prerequisite will be invalid; such a course (with its prerequisite) may be retaken in the next semester at the earliest)

MA IN AMERICAN STUDIES

HOST INSTITUTE:

School of English and American Studies (SEAS)

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MA PROGRAM IN AMERICAN STUDIES:

MA program title:

American Studies

Duration of the program:

4 semesters (2 years)

Credits required for graduation:

120

Graduation, Thesis

<http://seaswiki.elte.hu/studies/MA/American>

<http://seaswiki.elte.hu/studies/graduation>

<http://www.btk.elte.hu/Alias-258>

- From the AY 2020/21, the Thesis has to be submitted electronically, via Neptun. The Thesis needs to be prepared and uploaded in an electronic format (PDF, Word or zip). You can upload only 1 document/file to Neptun (including all attachments).
- While uploading it, the student needs to declare in Neptun that the Thesis is their own intellectual product.
- Please, take the university's regulations regarding plagiarism-checking into consideration.
- From September 2021, the supervisor's consent is needed for uploading the Thesis on all study programmes. For the approval, click on the button 'Thesis admission request' (in Neptun under Studies > Degree Thesis/Thesis application).

THE FINAL EXAMINATION

The final examination is held before a committee; the student is assessed on a scale of 1 to 5. The aim of the final examination is for the student to demonstrate a satisfactory knowledge of American literature, history, culture, and linguistics, and that the student is able to verbalize this knowledge in high-quality English.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION

The aim of the final examination is to examine and assess whether the student has been able to acquire and apply all the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities required for the MA degree.

The prerequisites for the final examination are:

- (i) The Student is in possession of the final certificate (“abszolutórium” in Hungarian): the final certificate confirms that the student has completed all the required [study units](#) and related general academic obligations as specified in the Study Unit List (except for the [thesis](#), the [required language proficiency examination](#), and the final examination), and has collected all credit points specified in the qualification requirements, except for those to be obtained for the thesis. The final certificate is to be issued in the semester in which the student has met all the requirements for the final certificate.
- (ii) The Student has no outstanding financial obligations (such as e.g. an unpaid tuition fee or any other type of unpaid fee) and the student has returned all University property (see form _____ on _____ website: http://seaswiki.elte.hu/studies/MA/American/Graduation/final_examination).
- (iii) The Student has submitted a thesis in time and the thesis has been awarded a pass mark.

Note: You must complete ALL the prerequisites at least 3 days before the final examination (there can be no examinations left for after the final examination).

REGISTERING FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION

The Student must register for the Final Examination in the semester when the exam is attempted. International Students must fill in a form found on the website (http://seaswiki.elte.hu/studies/MA/American/Graduation/final_examination), and take it to Mr Bíró. Failing to do so will result in disqualification. If this happens, registration may be attempted in the following semester at the earliest.

EVALUATION AND GRADING OF THE FINAL EXAMINATION

The final examination consists of two parts: defense of the thesis and the main subject exam. The examination proceeds as follows:

1. defense of the thesis;
2. main subject exam: the discussion of a topic the student draws and then presents without preparation. The [topic](#) is from the general subject area approved by the department and specified on the candidate’s thesis title submission form, approved by the head of the department. (If one of the topics matches the subject of the thesis, that topic is removed from among the list of questions before the candidate draws one).

The main subject areas of the American Studies program are the following: American literature, American history, American culture, and American English and linguistics.

The final result of the final examination is the mathematical average of the two grades received at the final examination (defence, discussion of a topic). If the candidate fails any of these parts, the relevant regulations of the HKR are to be followed.

DEGREE CERTIFICATE

The degree certificate states the *weighted* average of the grade received on the Final Examination (A) and the grade for the thesis (B) according to the following formula: **(A*0,45) + (B*0,55)**.

According to Section 84 (6) of Academic Regulations, (HKR) the diploma is classified according to its average down to two decimals:

- outstanding (5), if the average is 5.00
- excellent (5), if the average is 4.51–4.99
- good (4), if the average is 3.51–4.50
- satisfactory (3), if the average is 2.51–3.50
- pass (2), if the average is 2.00–2.50

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Pál Hegyi, Department of American Studies

STUDY UNIT LIST OF MA IN AMERICAN STUDIES

Code BMI-	Name of Study Unit	Semester When Offered	Type of Course	Obl./Elec.	Hours/Week	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Ideally taken in ... semester	Host
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I. FOUNDATION STUDIES: 18 CREDITS

AMED 102E	The Basic Texts of American Studies	1	e m	obl	28	3		1	Department of American Studies
AMED 103E	Theories of American Studies	1	lect	obl	28	3		1	Department of American Studies
AMED17 110E	The American People: A Social History	1	lect	obl	28	3		1	Department of American Studies
AMED 112E	American Historiography	1	lect	obl	28	3		1	Department of American Studies
AMED17-130E	An Interdisciplinary Approach to American English	1	lect	obl	28	3		1	Department of American Studies
AMED143E	Research Methodology and Academic Writing	1	e m	obl	28	3		1	Department of American Studies

Total: 196 18

II. CORE STUDIES: 21 CREDITS

AMED-202E	American Literary Canons	2	se m	obl	28	3	AMED-102E, 103E, 17-130E	2	Department of American Studies
AMED-203E	American Literary Theories	2	lect	obl	28	3	AMED-102E, 103E, 17-130E	2	Department of American Studies
AMED17-211E	The Political System of the US	2	lect	obl	28	3	AMED17 110E, AMED-143E	2	Department of American Studies
AMED17-220E	From Immigration to Multiculturalism: Assimilation in the US	2	lect	obl	28	3	AMED17 110E, AMED-143E	2	Department of American Studies
AMED17-230E	Visual Culture in the United States	2	lect	obl	28	3	AMED-102E, 103E, 143E	2	Department of American Studies
AMED17-240E	Language, Mind and American Culture	2	lect	obl	28	3	AMED17 130E, AMED-143E		Department of American Studies
AMED-250E	American Popular Culture	2	lect	obl	28	3	AMED-102E, AMED-143E		Department of American Studies

Total: 196 21

III. SPECIALIZATION STUDIES: 45 CREDITS

AMED17 302E	Topics in North American Literature 1	3	lect	elec	28	4	AMED-143E	3	Department of American Studies
AMED17 303E	Topics in North American Literary Criticism 1	3	lect	elec	28	4	AMED-143E	3	Department of American Studies
AMED17 312E	Issues in U.S. History 1	3	lect	elec	28	4	AMED17 220E	3	Department of American Studies
AMED17 313E	Issues in U.S. Political culture 1	3	lect	elec	28	4	AMED17 211E	3	Department of American Studies
AMED17-322E	Issues in U.S. Social History 1	3	lect	elec	28	4	AMED17 220E, 230E	3	Department of American Studies
AMED17 323E	Topics in North American Culture 1	3	se m	elec	28	4	AMED-143E	3	Department of American Studies
AMED17-324E	Topics in North American Film, Visual and Popular Culture 1	3	lect	elec	28	4	AMED-143E	3	Department of American Studies
AMED17 330E	Cognitive Science and the Critique of American Society	3	lect	elec	28	4	AMED17 240E	3	Department of American Studies
AMED17 331E	Media and Communication in the U.S.	3	lect	elec	28	4	AMED17 240E	3	Department of American Studies
AMED17 402E	Topics in North American Literature 2	4	se m	elec	28	5	AMED-143E	4	Department of American Studies
AMED17 403E	Topics in North American Literary Criticism 2	4	lect	elec	28	5	AMED-143E	4	Department of American Studies
AMED17-413E	Issues in U.S. History 2	4	lect	elec	28	5	AMED17 312 or AMED17-313 or AMED17-322	4	Department of American Studies
AMED17-414	Issues in U.S. Political Culture 2	4	se m	elec	28	5	AMED17 312 or AMED17-313 or AMED17-322	4	Department of American Studies
AMED17-415	Issues in U.S. Social History 2	4	se m	elec	28	5	AMED17 312 or AMED17-313 or AMED17-322	4	Department of American Studies
AMED17 422	Topics in North American Culture 2	4	se m	elec	28	5	AMED-143E	4	Department of American Studies
AMED17-424	Topics in North American Film, Visual and Popular Culture 2	4	se m	elec	28	5	AMED-143E	4	Department of American Studies
AMED 430E	Cognitive Linguistics	4	se m	elec	28	5	330E O r 331E	4	Department of American Studies
AMED-431E	The Methodology of Cognitive Linguistic Research	4	se m	elec	28	5	330E or 331E	4	Department of American Studies
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During the Specialization Studies (third and fourth semesters), the student must complete at least 10 courses as follows:

In the *third semester* the student must complete *at least five* courses (from the available eight obligatory elective units) so that each course represents a different academic area (literature, history, culture, linguistics).

In the *fourth semester* the student must complete *at least five* courses (from the available nine obligatory elective units) so that the courses follow as closely as possible the topic of the thesis.

IV. FREE ELECTIVES: 10 CREDITS

Freely chosen electives from the pool of courses offered by ELTE. Restrictions may apply (check with Institute/Department in charge of the course prior to taking the course).

V. THESIS, THESIS WRITING, FINAL EXAMINATION: 26 CREDITS

AMED 451E	Tutorial seminar 1	3	e m	obl	28	3		3	Department of American Studies
AMED 452E	Tutorial seminar 2	4	e m	obl	28	3		4	Department of American Studies
AMED-TH	Thesis Writing	4	indi vid ual wor k	obl	0	20		4	Department of American Studies <i>(Take it in your last semester under your supervisor's name)</i>
	Final Examination	4	fin l exa m	obl	0	0	(Thesis)	4	

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