

These degree programme and examination regulations have been worded carefully to be up to date; however, errors cannot be completely excluded. The official German text available at the Examinations Office is the version that is legally binding.

Note: For students who started their studies before the latest amendment came into effect: please also note the previous amendments with their transitory provisions.

**Degree Programme and Examination Regulations for the
Master's Degree Programme The Americas/Las Américas at
the
Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology
of the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg – FPOAm –
Dated 08 June 2010**

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Based on Section 13 (1)(2), Section 43 (5)(2), Section 61 (2)(1) of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz, BayHSchG), the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg enacts the following examination regulations:

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Section 1 Scope

The degree programme and examination regulations for the research-orientated consecutive Master's degree programme The Americas/Las Américas with the title 'Master of Arts (MA)' complement the valid version of the General Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg – ABMStPO/Phil.

**Section 2 Qualification for a Master's Degree Programme,
Certificates and Admission Requirements**

(1) ¹Subject-specific degrees are degrees in two-subject Bachelor's degree programmes in the subjects American studies or English/American studies and/or Hispanic studies or Latin American studies. ²Subject-related degrees within the meaning of Section 34 (1)(1) in conjunction with Paragraph 2 ABMStPO/Phil are defined as one-subject Bachelor's degrees in English/American studies or Latin American/Hispanic studies, three-subject Bachelor's degrees covering content related to English/American studies and/or Latin American/Hispanic studies worth at least 60 ECTS credits, Diplom or Magister degrees in English/American studies and/or Latin American/Hispanic studies, and the first State Examination in English and/or Spanish.

(2) The application documents shall contain proof of English language proficiency on at least level C1 and Spanish at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or vice versa.

(3) ¹Applicants with an overall grade on their subject-specific degree or, in the case of Section 34 (4) ABMStPO/phil, an average of their achievements hitherto of 2.51 and worse may be admitted to the Master's degree programme The Americas/Las Américas on the basis of a selection interview. ²The selection interview is supposed to demonstrate that the applicant possesses the required technical and methodological expertise and can be expected to carry out independent academic work in a more research-orientated degree programme. ³In the selection interview, applicants shall be evaluated according to the following criteria in particular, which are weighted as specified:

1. Quality of basic knowledge of North American studies and Latin American studies (50 percent).
2. A positive prognosis based on improving progress during their course of studies (50 percent).

Section 3 Scope and Structure of the Master's Degree Programme, Examinations

Scope and structure of the Master's degree programme The Americas/Las Américas as well as scope and type of the examinations shall be set forth in the **Appendix**.

Section 4 Legal Validity, Transitory Provisions

These degree programme and examination regulations shall come into effect on the day after their publication.

Appendix: Structure of the Master's Degree Programme The Americas/Las Américas

Module names	Course types	SWS (semester hours per week)			ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits				Type and scope of the examination	Factor Module grade
		L	T	S		1.	2.	3.	4.		
Module 1 Basic module The Americas/Las Américas	L Introducción a los estudios latinoamericanos	2			15	5				Oral examination 30 mins.	1
	L North American Cultural Studies	2				5					
	T Inter-American studies		2			5					
Elective compulsory module 2a Lengua Española/ Español de América 1	AS/L Español de América	(2)		2	10		7			Portfolio examination: oral examination (15 mins., 70%) or written assignment (15 p./30,000 char., 70%) and written examination (90 mins., 30%) ²⁾	1
	T Gramática y estilística II		2			3					
Elective compulsory module 2b Lengua Española/Español de América 2	AS/L Español de América	(2)		2	10		7			Portfolio examination: oral examination (15 mins., 50%) or written assignment (15 p./30,000 char., 50%) and written examination (90 mins., 50%) ²⁾	1
	T Producción escrita		2			3					
Elective compulsory module 2c Applied Language Skills	T Translation German-English		2		10	5				Portfolio examination: translation task (60 mins., 50%) and grammar task (oral examination 20 mins. or written examination 40 mins., 50%) ²⁾	1
	T Advanced Grammar		2				5				
Elective compulsory module 2d Advanced Language Skills 2	T Discourse Structure		2		10	4				Oral examination (20 mins.)	1
	T Academic Discourse		2				6				
Elective compulsory module 3a Raum und Region	L Einführung in die Ansätze der Kulturgeographie u. der raumtheoretischen Diskussion	2			10	5				Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) ¹⁾	1
	AS			2		5					
Elective compulsory module 3b North American Studies	AS			2	10			8		Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.)	1
	AS/T/L	(2)	(2)	2				2			
Module 4 North America: Culture and Literature	AS American Culture or Literature			2	10		8			Portfolio examination: written assignment (20 p./40,000 char., 80%) and handout (5 pages, 20%)	1
	T Readings in American Cultural or Literary Studies		1				2				

Module 5 América Latina: Cultura y literatura	AS Literatura y cultura latinoamericana			2	10		8		Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.)	1	
	T Lecturas latinoamericanas		2				2				
Elective compulsory module 6a Migration	AS/L Migration und Integration	(2)		2	10		5		Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) ¹⁾	1	
	T/AS Migration und Integration		(2)	2			5				
Elective compulsory module 6b Menschenrechte	L/AS	2		(2)	10			5	Written examination (90 mins.) or written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.) ^{1) 2)}	1	
	AS/T		(2)	2				5			
Elective compulsory module 6c Estudios latinoamericanos	AS			2	10			8	Written assignment (20 p./40,000 char.)	1	
	AS/T/L	(2)	(2)	2				2			
Module 7 North America: Politics and Society	L Introduction to International Political Economy	2			10			3	Portfolio examination: written examination (90 mins., 30%) and written assignment (20 p./40,000 char., 70%)	1	
	AS Area Studies, English Speaking Countries			2				7			
Module 8 América Latina: Política y Sociedad	L Economía, sociedad y política en América Latina	2			10			5	Portfolio examination: written examination (60 mins., 50%) and written assignment (20 p./40,000 char., 50%)	1	
	AS Economía, sociedad y política en América Latina			2				5			
Module 9 Project module The Americas/Las Américas	Project				5			5	Presentation (15 mins.) or project report (15,000 char.)	0	
Master's thesis	Master's thesis				30				30	Master's thesis (approx. 80 p./160,000 char.)	1
Total:		8-14	7-13	12-18	120	30	30	30	30		

¹⁾ Students of this Master's degree programme who take this module choose a region-specific topic for the written assignment that is relevant to the degree programme as a whole and must not necessarily correspond to the regional specialisation of the module.

²⁾ The type and scope of the examination are dependent on the chosen type of course. Details can be found in the module handbook.