



M.A. in American Studies

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Program Objectives

The competencies to be obtained by the M.A. student in American Studies have been officially defined. At the end of his studies, the Master:

1. knows the history of the field of American Studies and is familiar with the key terms of the discipline
2. understands the position of the discipline of American Studies in the larger group of disciplines that seek to understand a specific geographical unit
3. knows the possibilities and the limits of the interdisciplinary approach as it is practised in the field of American Studies
4. is capable of gathering a wealth of information in connection with any item related to American Studies, and also of judging that information
5. can evaluate American current events, not least thanks to his or her command of American history. The term “current events” applies to the political, the social, the economic as well as to the cultural realms
6. is able to communicate this evaluation in a logical and coherent way, either in writing or orally
7. knows the channels that allow for this communication
8. can analyze coverage of the USA in the media
9. is aware of the ideological position he or she inevitably takes up with his or her evaluation and analysis
10. is capable of using his or her knowledge to enhance the objectivity of the image of America, either in Flanders, Belgium, or abroad.