

# MAS

## Master of Arts in American Studies



## American Studies at Heidelberg

### Inside Knowledge with an Outside Perspective



Ruprecht-Karls-Universität  
Heidelberg, est. 1386

### Master of Arts in American Studies (MAS)

The MAS is a preeminent interdisciplinary program aimed at qualified graduate students from around the world. It offers inside knowledge combined with an outside perspective.

The MAS is a three semester program taught in English. A performance-related fast track option (two semesters) is available. Admission is competitive and depends on the quality and academic merits of the candidates.

MAS participants benefit from both excellent academic teaching by internationally renowned scholars and from an interdisciplinary approach which meets the needs of future leaders.



### Program

American Studies at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA) is defined by exemplary and interdisciplinary teaching of U.S. culture and society.

The curriculum includes a selection of courses from economics, geography, history, law, literature, musicology, philosophy, political science, sociology, as well as theological and religious studies.

The HCA admits up to 25 students to the MAS every year. Most candidates will have studied humanities, social sciences, or law at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Applicants from outside the EU should have successfully completed degree programs involving a minimum of four years of study at recognized academic institutions.

### Benefits

- ★ Interdisciplinary seminars and courses
- ★ Excellent student to faculty ratio
- ★ Outstanding teaching by internationally renowned scholars
- ★ Superb research opportunities for the M.A. thesis under the supervision of distinguished experts
- ★ Practical training in small groups
- ★ A set number of scholarships
- ★ A truly international and intercultural setting: To date, more than 100 students from more than 30 countries and five continents have earned their MAS at Heidelberg University.

### Heidelberg University

Study in an international learning community: Heidelberg is home to almost 30,000 students, including more than 5,000 foreign students. The university also attracts many international visiting professors each year.

Study at the HCA, a premier institute for interdisciplinary research at Germany's oldest university: an ideal combination of innovation and tradition.

Study at a world-class research university. Heidelberg University was recently named one of eleven German universities of excellence and is the country's highest ranked university in the 2011 QS World Universities Ranking. The university is spread across the 800-year-old historic town and the Neuenheimer Feld. Enjoy a first-class library: Along with 3.2 million vo-



lumes, the university library system boasts over 71,000 electronic journals, more than 2,000 databases, and over 1 million dissertations in full text.

Enjoy access to outstanding research facilities: Our students conduct research at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (a United Nations depository library), and the Schurman Library for American History, among others.

Enjoy faculty expertise: Accomplished scholars from numerous disciplines teach in the MAS program. Our students have access to the resources of the participating departments, such as American literature, geography, history, law, political science, and theology.

## Heidelberg Center for American Studies

Heidelberg University established the HCA in 2004 to serve as an institute for higher education, a center for interdisciplinary research, and as a forum for public debate.



The HCA is an intellectual center dedicated to the study of the United States in a global context, providing space for academic, public, and political discussion.

Heidelberg University offers unique conditions for the HCA: an outstanding academic tradition, a sterling international reputation, an attractive location in the historic center of one of Germany's most beautiful and welcoming cities, and a strong record of study of the United States.

The HCA calls the Curt and Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais its home. Located just steps away from the University Library and the main lecture halls, this 300-year-old baroque townhouse with a state of the art modern annex offers perfect working conditions as well as a welcoming atmosphere for students, scholars, and the public.

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## MAS Contact and Information

- ★ To learn more about the HCA and its MAS program, please contact: [mas@uni-hd.de](mailto:mas@uni-hd.de)
- ★ For our online application, downloadable application forms, and previous course outlines, please visit: [www.mas.uni-hd.de](http://www.mas.uni-hd.de)
- ★ Applications are accepted from  
**October 1 to March 31**
- ★ Start of the program: **September**
- ★ Tuition fee: **2,500 EUR / semester**



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## The Heidelberg Experience



### ★ REVEL IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Cherish a safe and serene urbanity with bustling restaurants, cafes, and shops only a step away from a placid stroll or leisurely bike ride along the Neckar's shoreline. What's more, metropolises like Berlin, Paris, and Prague are all within easy reach.

### ★ EXPERIENCE ONE OF EUROPE'S TOP INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Heidelberg University has been named as one of eleven German universities of excellence and has been listed among Europe's top 20 universities in the most important international rankings.

### ★ DOUBLE DOWN ON TOWN AND GOWN

Youthful vigor abounds in this town that is home to Germany's oldest university. Discover the Heidelberg experience and become a link in a 600 year old chain of knowledge.

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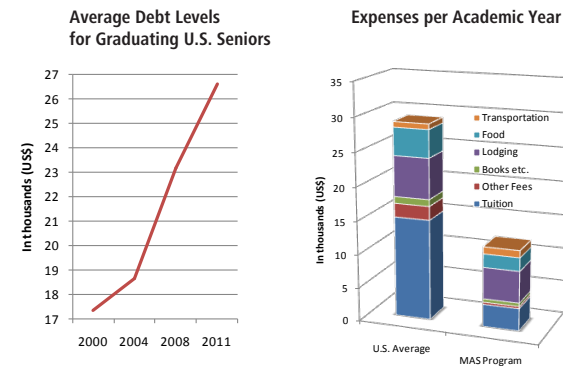
## Why American Studies at Heidelberg?

### ★ EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

Get a world-class education, international experience, and intercultural competence at a very affordable price.

### ★ NO CRUSHING DEBT

At 2,500 EUR/semester and with a good number of scholarships available, most of our students are able to graduate loan-free. Moreover, German state regulations guarantee steady tuition fees.



### ★ A WIDE RANGE OF DISCIPLINES

The inclusion of courses in U.S. Constitutional Law, Political Economy, Theology/Religious Studies, and Human Geography stands out as a unique feature of the MAS.

### ★ CLASSMATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

To date, 117 students from 36 countries on five continents have earned the master's degree.

### ★ AN UNUSUAL PERSPECTIVE

Experience America anew—through the eyes of your foreign peers and with renowned professors providing inside knowledge with an outside perspective.

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