Comparative Studies
in English and American Language,
Literature, and Culture

Master of Arts

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Comparative – Cross-Medial – Job-Oriented

Our MA Comparative is a unique, interdisciplinary program and is one of the broadest in the country giving you the chance to choose from and combine subjects from the fields of Medieval English Studies, American Studies, Linguistics, Modern English Literature Anglophone Literatures and Comparative Literature. You have the possibility to combine all fields of English studies or specialize in one. Fully taught in English, the four-semester Master program starts once a year in the winter term (October).

Study Contents

Approaching literature and linguistics comparatively, you can research and discuss cultural phenomena within the changing contexts of history, taking into consideration theories on such socio-cultural variables as class, gender, ethnicity, technology, or media. In this, you will not just work on texts but also cross-medial, for example on song, film, sound, dance, music videos, images, photography, graphic novels, blogs, social media etc.

The course allows you a considerable degree of choice, both in developing your personal interests across core subjects, in choosing a topic for your papers and master thesis or for a special option in your individual course of studies.

With its global and intercultural focus, we designed our Master program to pave your way into domestic and international job markets for both academic and non-academic careers.

Training of job-oriented professional skills e. g. language proficiency, communicative competence, text analysis and production, rhetoric, project management, presentation skills, audience management, moderation, media competence, marketing is integrated into the curriculum. For example, through organizing your own conference, you will be engaged in marketing, sponsoring, project management, social media communication and public presentations.

Our partnerships with academic institutions in the UK (Reading, Winchester, UCL London), Ireland (UCD), India, and the United States (Madison/Wisconsin, Davis/California) provide many opportunities to study or make contacts abroad.

Application

If you wish to apply for our M. A. program, please go to master-comparative-international.hhu.de (students from abroad), or master-comparative.hhu.de (students with a German B. A.) and fill in the form. Please upload copies of the following documents (translated into German or English and certified):

- B.A. certificate (or a comparable degree) indicating final degree
- B.A. thesis (or a comparable written term paper) on English literature and/or linguistics
- Transcript of records and „Leistungsschreibung“
- Personal statement (letter of intent), indicating general motivation and/or expected specialization
- Curriculum vitae and photograph

Deadlines for application

For students from abroad:
May 31 prior to enrollment
For students with a German B.A.:
September 30 prior to enrollment