



North American Studies

*Road map for your BA thesis
in American Studies*



Four skills

At the end of your Bachelor's degree, you will write your Bachelor's thesis. There are FOUR skills or competences that are essential for writing a thesis in American Studies:

- (1) Information literacy (How to access secondary literature)
- (2) Reading (How to use secondary literature)
- (3) Inquiry & Analysis (How to analyze primary texts)
- (4) Written communication (How to present your discussion in written form)

These skills are taken from the Aurora competence framework LOUIS (based on AAC&U-VALUE). You can find precise definitions, dimensions, and performance indicators for each of these competences here: <https://www.uibk.ac.at/en//international/aurora/aurora-european-universities-allianz/arbeitspakete/wp-3/workshop-kees-k./workshop-.html/> or you can ask your instructor.

Four seminars/modules

All instructors in American Studies are committed to enable you to develop these skills over the course of your studies. More precisely, each skill or competence will be the focus of one particular seminar or module:

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| (1) Information literacy | Lit1: <i>A History of American Literature /</i>
Lit2: <i>A Survey of American Literature</i> |
| (2) Reading | Lit2: <i>Seminar Literary Studies</i> |
| (3) Inquiry & Analysis | Lit1: <i>A History of American Literature /</i>
Lit2: <i>A Survey of American Literature</i> |
| (4) Written communication | AAC: <i>Seminar Advanced Competences</i> |

In case you miss a class/competence or if you would like to further develop a particular competence, intensive competence focus workshops will be regularly offered by our instructors on top of individual classes. And in „Theses in American Studies“, you will perfect your skills together with other students writing their theses in American Studies.

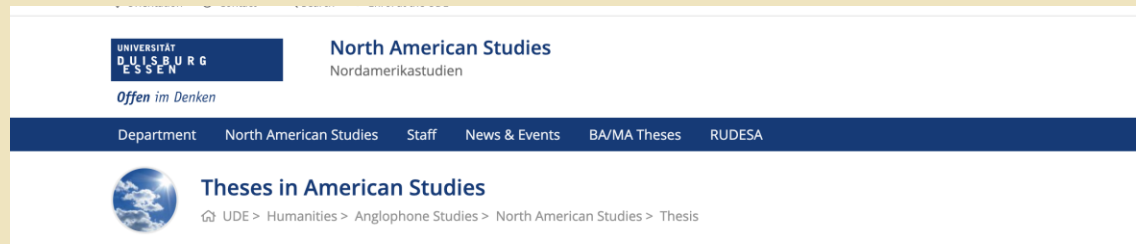
Ready?

Are you ready to learn what it takes to write a Bachelor's thesis in American Studies? We are looking forward to accompanying and guiding you on your journey.

If you have questions or suggestions, please come and talk to us. We're open-minded.

Assessing the Skills

- Smaller assignments in class on each competence
- Thesis Colloquium



The screenshot shows the top section of the North American Studies website. On the left is the University of Duisburg-Essen logo with the tagline "Offen im Denken". To the right, the text "North American Studies" and "Nordamerikastudien" is displayed. Below this is a dark blue navigation bar with links for "Department", "North American Studies", "Staff", "News & Events", "BA/MA Theses", and "RUDESA". Underneath the navigation bar is a section titled "Theses in American Studies" with a globe icon and a breadcrumb trail: "UDE > Humanities > Anglophone Studies > North American Studies > Thesis".

Colloquium "Theses in American Studies" Winter (2024/25)

Wednesdays, 4-6pm, R12 S03 H20

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Theses in American Studies

Interested in writing your bachelor's or master's thesis in American Studies? Our supervision concept includes one-on-one meetings with your supervisors, a weekly colloquium during the semester, and thesis consultation sessions with international researchers during [RUDESA](#).