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# NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

**MASTER'S DEGREE**

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

## MASTER'S DEGREE NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

**Areas of Knowledge:** Arts and Humanities

**Offered Jointly By:** School of Languages and Literatures, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) - Instituto Franklin. U. de Alcalá (UAH)

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**Orientation:** academic and scientific

**Credits:** 60 ECTS

**Duration:** 1 year (2 terms)

**Mode:** on-campus

### OBJECTIVES

A joint project of Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, the Master's aims to cater to the current demand in Spain for a graduate degree in North American Studies. This Master's Degree seeks to offer an opportunity of multidisciplinary study to those students interested in advancing their knowledge of the United States.

The Master's Degree in North American Studies (MANAS) will enable prospective students to do course work emphasizing the literature, culture, history, politics and social structures of North America. Students will improve their analytical and argumentative skills, and will engage with the latest methodologies in the field of North American Studies. Those students with specific interests in developing their scholarly and academic capacities will find the opportunity to do so with the guidance of the Master's faculty.

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

The primary goal of the Master's program is the training of specialists in North American Studies. The Master's will admit students holding a BA degree (or its Spanish equivalents, i.e. "graduado" or "licenciado") in any field of study. Prospective students must have an advanced level of English (C1 or higher), and be motivated to become proficient in the analysis of the history, politics, and culture of the United States, with a special emphasis on the country's social diversity and ethnicity.

### WHY THIS MASTER'S?

- The Master's Degree in North American Studies will enable students to gain extensive knowledge of all aspects concerning American society from a multidisciplinary perspective.
- The Master's Degree in North American Studies seeks to train experts who can work in Spanish, American, or international institutions in the fields of education, culture, communications, media, public relations, and political analysis.
- The Master's Degree in North American Studies will prepare students to refine their capacities for research, analysis and debate, which are central to working in a global context.
- The Master's Degree in North American Studies will emphasize critical and analytical reading with a view to training experts and prospective scholars in the field of North American Studies.
- The faculty at the two institutions which coordinate the degree (Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Institute Benjamin Franklin at Universidad de Alcalá) includes distinguished scholars specialized in North American Culture.

### STRUCTURE

**Program requirements:** the Master's requires the completion of 60 credits, distributed in two modules and a master's thesis:

- Module of General Instruction and Research in North American Studies: 36 credits, in 7 Required Courses.
- Module of Specialization in North American Studies: 12 credits, in 2 elective courses.
- Master's Thesis: 12 credits

Program specialization: the Master's Degree in North American Studies offers three areas of specialization:

- Literature and Culture (includes electives "Key Authors and Texts of American Literature" and "Multiculturalism: Ethnic American Cultural Expressions").
- Policy and International Relations (includes electives "US Foreign Policy" and "American Natural Heritage and Environmentalism: History, Policy, Science, Thought, and Culture").
- History and Social Sciences (includes electives "History of America as a Land of Immigrants" and "US Domestic and Foreign Economic Policies").

These three areas are designed to help students create their own specialization. This means that students may combine any two elective courses from the three options given according to their own interests.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

| TYPE OF COURSE   | ECTS      |
|------------------|-----------|
| Required Courses | 36        |
| Elective Courses | 12        |
| Master's Thesis  | 12        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>60</b> |

| ASIGNATURAS OBLIGATORIAS   | ECTS | SEMESTER        |
|--|------|-----------------|
| <i>Module of General Instruction and Research in North American Studies</i>                    |      |                 |
| American Studies and Research Methods  | 5    | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| American Thought and Political Tradition   | 5    | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| American Visual Cultures   | 5    | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| History of the American People: Memory and Identity  | 6    | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Institutions and Organizations: Meaning and Function   | 5    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| The Exported America: The Social History of Americanization in the World                       | 5    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| The Hispanic Heritage ("La Hispanidad") in the US  | 5    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| ELECTIVE COURSES   | ECTS | SEMESTER        |
| <i>Module of Specialization in North American Studies</i>                                      |      |                 |
| Key Authors and Texts of American Literature   | 6    | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| The History of America as a Land of Immigrants   | 6    | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| US Domestic and Foreign Economic Policies  | 6    | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| US Foreign Policy  | 6    | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| American Natural Heritage and Environmentalism: History, Policy, Science, Thought, and Culture | 6    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Multiculturalism: Ethnic American Cultural Expressions   | 6    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| MASTER'S THESIS  | ECTS | SEMESTER        |
| Master's Thesis  | 12   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |



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