

## **Optional Modules – BA American Studies (Goethe University)**

As part of the BA American Studies Program at Goethe University Frankfurt, students must complete the Academic Optional Module (10 Credit Points (CP)) and the Practice-Oriented Optional Module (10 CP). The former allows students to strengthen their individual profile over the course of their studies and further explore the workings of academia. The latter provides students with the opportunity to examine connections between their education and possible career paths and fosters organizational and communicative skills.

These optional modules are administered via the OLAT course “BA American Studies – Optional Modules.” This course provides students with information concerning eligible activities, guidelines on CP and the required documentation. Additionally, the OLAT forms “Academic Optional Module – BA American Studies – Requirements” and “Practice-Oriented Optional Module – BA American Studies – Requirements” guide students through the process of submitting the relevant documentation of their activities. Students are encouraged to enroll in this OLAT course early during their studies in order to familiarize themselves with the requirements of both optional modules. For further information on the submission process, please see the information below.

### **Submission of Required Documentation**

- Students can find the OLAT course via this link: <https://olat-ce.server.uni-frankfurt.de/olat/auth/RepositoryEntry/19573997581>.
- Students may only use the OLAT forms to submit the documentation required for demonstrating successful completion of the optional modules, i.e. completion of activities totaling at least 10 CP from at least two different categories of activities for each module. The forms provide guidance concerning which documentation is necessary.
- Please note that the forms appear as tests, but they are not graded. Their sole purpose is to support the submission process. Additionally, filling in the form may be interrupted and continued at the students’ convenience.
- Once students have completed this form and uploaded the necessary materials, including a module sheet with their name and matriculation number, submissions will be checked against the requirements set out by the examination regulations. If the submissions fit the requirements, students will receive the signed module sheet via their student e-mail address. If questions remain, the module coordinator will reach out via the student e-mail address.
- The OLAT course includes a link list that provides access to the examination regulations and the respective module sheets.

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Fig. 1, OLAT-Course, Buttons for Forms for Submission of Required Documentation Indicated

Academic Optional Module

Academic Optional Module - Courses in Other Departments

As part of the BA American Studies program at Goethe-University Frankfurt, students must complete the Academic Optional Module. It allows students to earn credit points (CP) in other departments.

Credit Points (CP) may be earned through a variety of different activities, including, but not limited to:

- courses in other departments (with a connection to American Studies)
- summer schools (with a connection to American Studies)
- attendance of guest lectures/conferences
- work as a tutor at the writing center of the IEAS.

This overview of academic activities may not be exhaustive; if you wish to gain credit for activities that do not fall neatly into these categories, please provide a detailed list of involved activities including time spent on them, as well as a signature by a person in charge of the activity. The module coordinator will contact you via your student e-mail-address.

**Please note that the CP for this module must be earned by completing activities from at least two different categories!**

The following sections will provide further guidance on the documents necessary to demonstrate completion of the requirements of the module as we necessary materials, your submissions will be checked against the requirements set out by the examination regulations. If your submissions fit the requirements, the module coordinator will contact you via your student e-mail-address.

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**Courses in Other Departments**

Students may earn CP for the Academic Optional module by completing courses in other departments. While the examination regulations require a connection across a broad range of disciplines that are either methodologically or content-wise related to the field of American Studies. We ask you to explore the why the class of your choice is relevant to American Studies. Additionally, please upload a syllabus of the class. The module coordinator will decide on the module coordinator as you embark on the course (preferably during the first week of classes). In this case, please include a syllabus along with your work. If you are awarded for this module follow the guidelines of the respective department in which you have completed the course. You must document the completion of the certificate.

Please explain the connection of the seminars with American Studies and upload the syllabi as well as the certificates for the completion of the courses

Fig. 2, Form "Academic Optional Module – BA American Studies – Requirements"