

Evaluation report Spring 2023

American Studies

Study Programme: American Studies

Level: BA/BA minor/MA

Study Board: English and American Studies

Evaluation strategy for the education: Midterm and final

What specific courses does this summary include:

BA level: American Literature after 1900, American Politics, American Business and the Rise of Capitalism, Themes in American Literature and Culture, Case studies in American History, American Cities in Popular Culture

MA level: Communicating American Studies, Perspectives in American Studies, American Cities in Popular Culture

Positive examples for inspiration:

The evaluations are overall positive and for once generally speaking a high percentage of students have done the evaluations, in some courses over 80 per cent. The students also report that they participate in a high amount of or all classes. The vast majority of students express great satisfaction with their lecturers. One course, however, stands out in this. But since the number of students evaluating on this course is low and there historically has been some conflict between a specific group of students and this particular lecturer (who is from this point on no longer teaching), there is no need to address this further.

Conditions that call for further follow-up:

Some students express confusion as to the purpose of a given class, especially if it covers grounds that they perceive to be similar to other classes. Similarly, the classes in which several seemingly disparate topics are presented, more work could be done making it clear why a given set of topics are presented and how these topics are interconnected. Also, not all lecturers have managed to provide feedback to the student feedback.

Future initiatives based on the evaluations: Address the above.

Initiatives since the last evaluation: The new fully revamped and restructured BA and MA programs coming into effect have been streamlined to address the overlap between courses and made them more distinct.