

# Regensburg European American Forum (REAF) Graduate Student Exchange—University of Kansas

The Regensburg European American Forum (REAF) offers students in the American Studies MA Program, MEAS, the opportunity to apply for a semester abroad (usually MA students' 3<sup>rd</sup> UR semester) at the **University of Kansas (KU) at Lawrence**. In addition to KU American Studies being a highly and widely recognized American Studies department that engages in up-to-date American Studies scholarship, the exchange option is designed to match your Regensburg schedules and requirements.



*Mission Statement—American Studies KU:* American Studies at the University of Kansas is an interdisciplinary department whose faculty and students think critically about community, identity, and social justice in American culture, politics, and society. We study the multiple and contested meanings of “American” both nationally and transnationally, in terms of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, class, region, age, and sexuality. To prepare students to engage a diverse and globalized society, we must learn from and about communities who have been too often marginalized in society and in the academy. Such an inclusive definition of “American” requires an equally capacious understanding of scholarship. Recognizing the critical impact of difference and power on the formation of traditional scholastic disciplines, American Studies embraces research methods that combine, cross, and stretch conventional academic boundaries. We encourage scholars to advance civic discourse at the local, national, and global levels. Through rigorous analysis of historical and current events, encompassing official institutions, social and religious movements, popular and media culture, and other areas, we illuminate the complex formations of American community and identity, both within and beyond US borders. (<https://americanstudies.ku.edu/>)

## Application requirements / documents:

- cover letter/statement of academic objectives including
  - (a) preliminary schedule of courses (*Studienplan*), i.e. the courses you wish to enroll in at KU; please also explain why you chose those particular courses
  - (b) research interests, academic activities, and your preparedness for completing graduate-level coursework
  - (c) your relevant experience and background
  - (d) any further information that you consider relevant.
- CV
- BA certificate
- transcript of records (including BA courses)
- demonstration of English proficiency ( <https://gradapply.ku.edu/english-requirements> ; Please note that the UR Center for Language and [Communication \(ZSK\)](#) is a certified TOEFL test center)
- application form provided by the Regensburg International Office (IO) (pls. see below)

## Application deadline: **18 December 2023**

- 1) **Please submit all the documents listed above to REAF / Dr. Hebel-Bauridl** (submit @ American Studies Office). After a short period of evaluation, REAF will invite specifically apt candidates for an **interview**.

## **! AND !**

- 2) **Please complete the following [online application](https://www.uni-regensburg.de/international/outgoings/wege-ins-ausland/studium-in-uebersee/bewerbung/be/index.html) @ the UR International Office:**

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/international/outgoings/wege-ins-ausland/studium-in-uebersee/bewerbung/be/index.html> -> *Online-Bewerbung*

- Please fill in the application form electronically.
- Within the electronic IO application form, there is also an upload section with several mandatory fields. *Please upload a short note in each field stating that REAF/Dr. Hebel-Bauridl will receive the application documents.*
- **Submit the application electronically.** (And add a printout of the IO application form to the required documents and submit your complete application to REAF/ Dr. Hebel-Bauridl; pls. see above)