

Heidelberg Center for American Studies

Heidelberg University established the HCA in 2004 to serve as an institute for higher education, a center for interdisciplinary research, and as a forum for public debate.



The HCA is an intellectual center dedicated to the study of the United States in a global context, providing space for academic, public, and political discussion.

Heidelberg University offers unique conditions for the HCA: an outstanding academic tradition, a sterling international reputation, an attractive location in the historic center of one of Germany's most beautiful and welcoming cities, and a strong record of study of the United States.

The HCA calls the Curt and Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais its home. Located just steps away from the University Library and the main lecture halls, this 300-year-old baroque townhouse with a state of the art modern annex offers perfect working conditions as well as a welcoming atmosphere for students, scholars, and the public.

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Ph.D. Contact and Information

- ★ To learn more about the HCA and its Ph.D. program, please contact: phd@hca.uni-heidelberg.de
- ★ For detailed information on how to apply, downloadable application forms, and course outlines, please visit: www.hca.uni-heidelberg.de/phd/index_en.html
- ★ **Annual Deadline for Applications: March 31**
- ★ Start of the program: **October**
- ★ Tuition fee: There are currently **no tuition fees** except for the regular semester fee at Heidelberg University



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American Studies at Heidelberg

A three-year program
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Ph.D. in American Studies

This structured, three-year English-language program is open to German and international applicants who wish to earn a research-oriented academic degree.

The Ph.D. program aids students in acquiring the skills to conduct independent scholarly research in the fields of American history, politics, geography, religion, literature, and culture.

This program offers a modern multidisciplinary curriculum. It is committed to building a true community of scholars by fostering academic debate.



Program

The curriculum includes classes on method and theory, academic writing as well as presentation and media skills workshops. Ph.D. students also attend the research colloquium (on a weekly basis during the winter semester, and for a long weekend at our summer retreat near Heidelberg). Regular progress reports and consultation with supervisors form an integral part of the Ph.D. program.

Benefits

- ★ Debate the world: Currently over two dozen Ph.D. candidates from Germany, the United States, Canada, Chile, India, Vietnam, the Netherlands, Italy, and many other countries participate in the HCA's Ph.D. program.
- ★ Enjoy excellent supervision: Great student to faculty ratio.
- ★ Present your research to the community: Participate in panel discussions, workshops, and summer schools.
- ★ Build a network: Join a vital transatlantic community of aspiring scholars in the HCA Ph.D. Network featuring American Studies institutes at King's College London, Charles University Prague, and the University of Alcalá/Madrid, as well as the Program in American Studies at Northwestern University.
- ★ If available, scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.
- ★ Graduates are awarded either a "Doktor der Philosophie (Dr. phil.);" or a "Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)," according to their choice.

Heidelberg University

Study in an international learning community: Heidelberg is home to more than 30,000 students, including about 6,000 foreign students. The university also attracts many international visiting professors each year.

Study at the HCA, a premier institute for interdisciplinary research at Germany's oldest university: an ideal combination of innovation and tradition.

Study at a world-class research university. Heidelberg University is one of eleven German universities of excellence and the country's highest ranked university in the 2015 Shanghai Ranking. The university is spread across the 800 year old historic town and the Neuenheimer Feld.



Enjoy a first-class library: Along with 3.2 million volumes, the university library system boasts almost 95,000 electronic journals, more than 3,000 databases, and over one million dissertations in full text.

Enjoy access to outstanding research facilities: Our students conduct research at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (a United Nations depository library), and the Schurman Library for American History, among others.

Enjoy faculty expertise: Accomplished scholars from numerous disciplines teach in the Ph.D. program. Our students have access to the resources of the participating departments, such as American literature, geography, history, law, political science, and theology.