

Optional Modules – BA American Studies (Goethe-University)

As part of the BA American Studies Program at Goethe-University Frankfurt, students must complete an Academic Optional Module (10 Credit Points) and a Practice-Based Optional Module (10 Credit Points). The former allows students to strengthen their individual profile over the course of their studies and further explore the workings of academia. The latter is intended to provide students with the opportunity to examine connections between their education and possible career paths. Additionally, participation in the institute's theater group or work on the institute's student publications may foster organizational and communicative skills.

Optional modules are administered via the OLAT-course “BA American Studies – Optional Modules.” This course provides students with all relevant information concerning eligible activities, guidelines on the Credit Points (CP) awarded as well as the required documentation. Additionally, the OLAT-forms “Academic Optional Module – BA American Studies – Requirements” and “Practice-Based Optional Module – BA American Studies – Requirements” guide students through the process of submitting the relevant documentation of their activities. Students are encouraged to enrol in this OLAT-course early during their studies in order to familiarize themselves with the requirements of both optional modules. Students can find the course using OLAT’s search function.



Fig. 1, OLAT search function

Submission of required documentation

- 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 totalling at least 10 CP from at least two different categories of activities for each module.
- The forms provide guidance concerning which kind of documentation is necessary. Within the forms, the manner of submitting falls into two different categories: uploads and description fields.
- Once students have completed this form and uploaded the necessary materials, including a module sheet with name and matriculation number already provided, the 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.

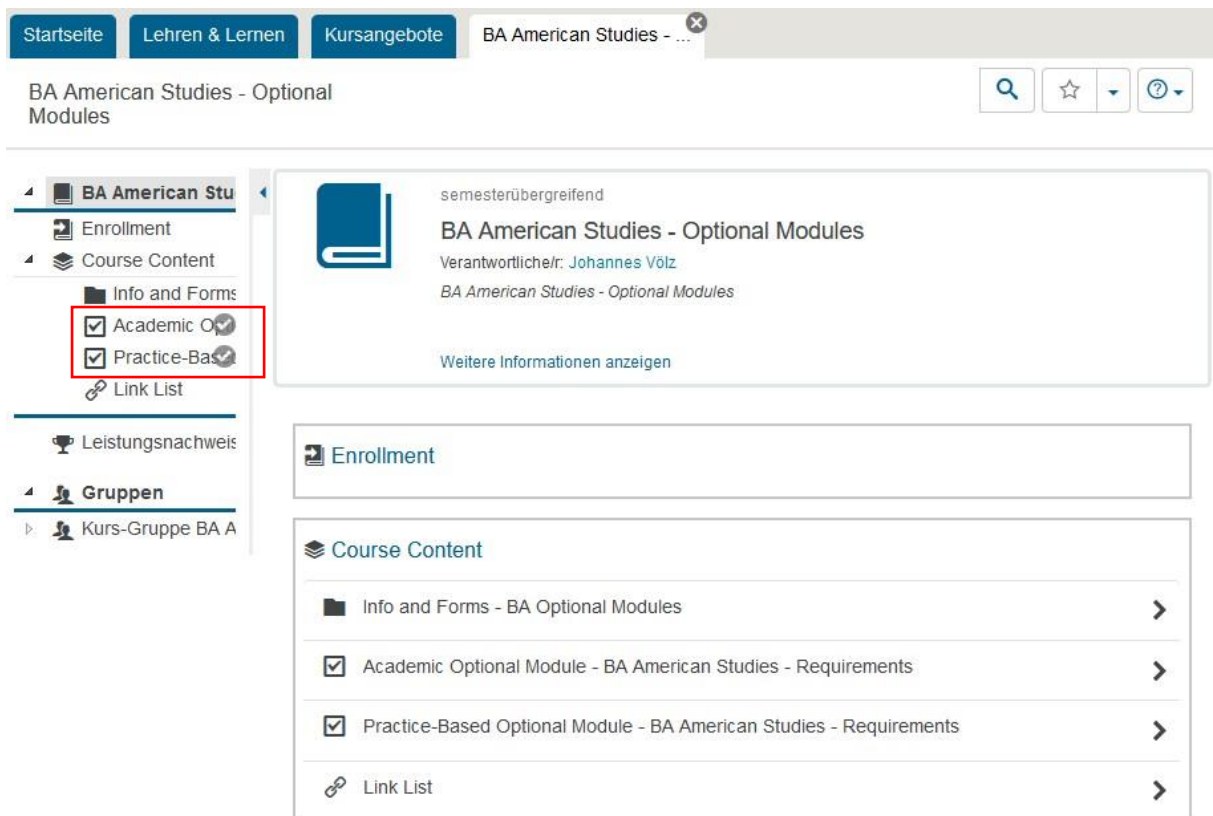


Fig. 2, OLAT-Course, Buttons for Forms for Submission of Required Documentation Indicated

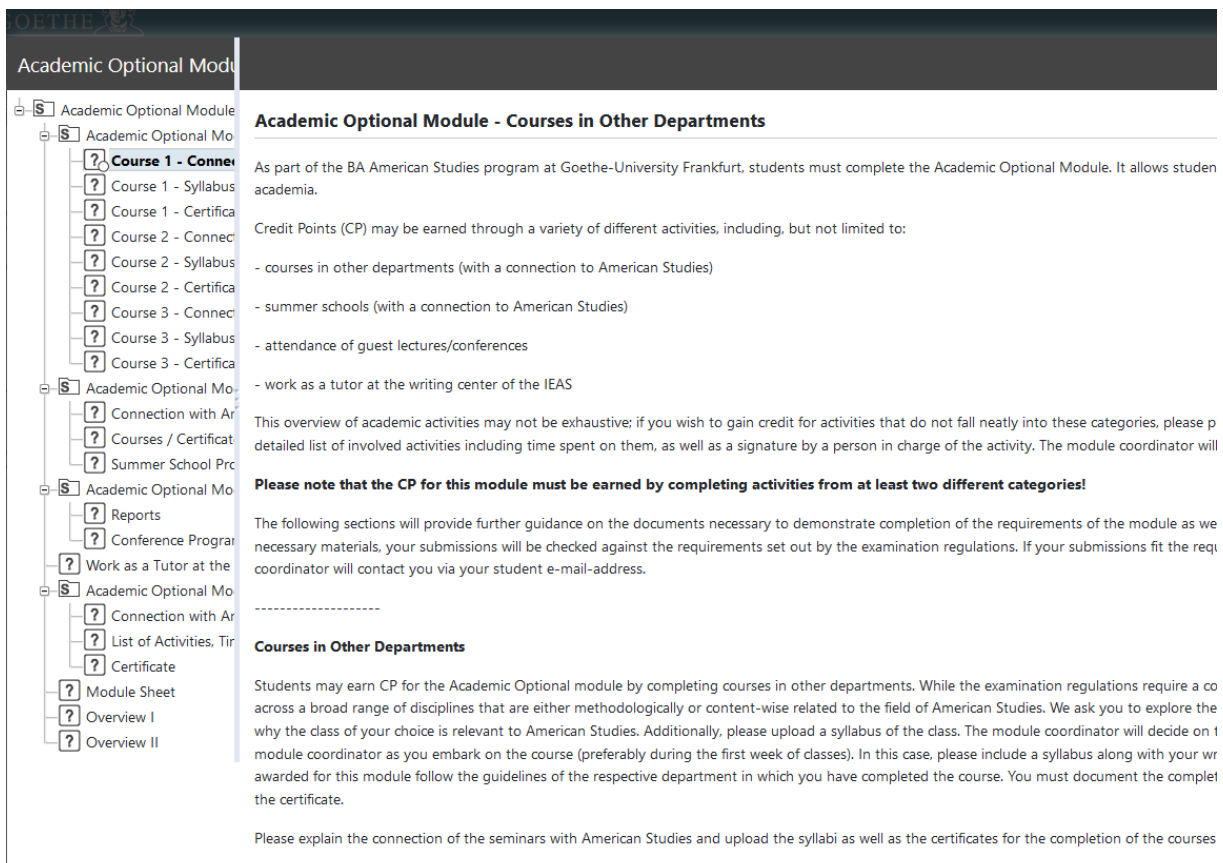


Fig. 3, Form "Academic Optional Module – BA American Studies – Requirements"