



Williamstown is located in the Berkshire in NW Massachusetts, 135 miles from Boston and 165 miles from New York City (Google Maps, 2023)

## Williamstown, Massachusetts

Williamstown is the home of many art galleries and museums as well as small cafés and restaurants. It also offers a variety of athletic activities in an all-around culturally enriching experience. It is located in northwestern Massachusetts, about 200 km from Boston and 265 km from New York City. Thus, it also serves as the ideal starting point for weekend trips to these major cultural capitals.

## Williams College

Williams College is a liberal arts college that was established in 1793 with funds from Colonel Ephraim Williams. It is private and residential. In the college's undergraduate programs approximately 2,000 students are enrolled. The low student-faculty-ratio of 7:1 guarantees a unique and personal academic experience.

Further information on Williams College is provided on their website: <https://communications.williams.edu/media-relations/fast-facts/>.

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# Williams College

Williamstown/Massachusetts  
Teaching Associate (TA)  
in German



Universität Regensburg  
FAKULTÄT FÜR SPRACH-, LITERATUR-  
UND KULTURWISSENSCHAFTEN



Teaching Associates from around the world live together in shared housing and use the same office space

## About the Program

The exchange program of the Chair of American Studies in Regensburg and Williams College in Williamstown, MA, offers you the opportunity to study at one of America's most prestigious liberal arts colleges as well as gain teaching experience as a teacher for German. This teaching associate (TA) program involves:

- assisting in German language courses on an elementary or intermediate level; teaching own sessions and oral practice hours with students; tutoring and holding office hours; creating syllabi for the 3.5-week winter study period in January; and planning and organizing German related cultural events and day trips
- collaboration with a teaching associate (TA) from Austria
- a stipend of \$8,085 for the stay
- flight costs up to \$2,000
- full tuition waiver, including room and board

You have the possibility to attend **two** courses of your choice offered by Williams' different departments as well as participate in student organizations and a broad range of extracurricular activities on campus.



A sunny winter day at Williams College

## Application

Deadline for applications (for academic year 2025/2026):  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2024.**

Stay for the academic year: **September 1 to May 31.**

Your are:

- a student in Lehramt Englisch (vertieft), Amerikanistik/American Studies (B.A.), or European American Studies (M.A.)
- open-minded, flexible, and passionate about engaging in intercultural exchange
- confident in sharing your knowledge of the German language and culture
- eager to gain intercultural, personal, and professional experiences within a diverse academic environment

## To Apply

If you are interested in applying for the German TA position at Williams College, please contact Dr. Carmen Dextl ([carmen.dextl@ur.de](mailto:carmen.dextl@ur.de)) for a consultation along with your CV, FlexNow transcript of records, and a letter of motivation **by November 12 latest.**

Qualified candidates will be invited to an interview by the Chair of American Studies in Regensburg. Selected candidates will then receive assistance to submit their full applica-

tion to Williams College. An interview with the College will take place in **December.**

If you are selected to apply to the College, you will need to submit the following documents (as one PDF):

- a letter of motivation\*
- a short diversity statement (no more than one page)\*\*
- a letter of recommendation (2 copies)
- a copy of your secondary school leaving certificate (*Abiturzeugnis* or an equivalent "unbeglaubigt")

\*The letter of motivation should answer the following questions:

1. Which image(s) of Germany would you want to present to students at Williams College?
2. How would studying at Williams College and participating in student life on campus contribute to your academic and personal interests?
3. What kind of practical experiences, e.g. teaching experiences for young adults or secondary school students, do you have?

\*\*A diversity statement explains your experiences and commitments to diversity as well as how these experiences have contributed to your personal and professional growth. Your diversity statement should answer the following questions:

1. What does diversity mean to you?
2. How has your experience with diversity impacted your academic and personal growth?
3. How could your work further diversity?



The Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts