

Application Period: February 15, 2025 – July 15, 2025 (for the winter term 2025/26)

In the interest of learning more about your intellectual aspirations, the North American Studies Admissions Committee asks that you write a response to one of the following questions. Please write a concise, sharply focused, well-crafted essay of **1000—1500 words**. (Note: This essay serves as your writing sample. No alternative topics are permitted.)

**Question A: Cultural Studies**

Critically discuss the significance of Frederick Jackson Turner’s notion of the frontier for a contemporary understanding of US national identity.

**Question B: Literary Studies**

Analyze and interpret the following poem (2024) by Percival Everett

