

PhD Amer Stdy
Doctor of Philosophy in American Studies
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

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Workflow Status

In Progress

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Department Chair Approval, American Studies

Approved | Department Chair

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✓ Michael Raine | 9/17/2025 9:40 AM

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SGPC Approval, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee

Approved | Chair

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Approved | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair

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The FSCC voted to approve. Thank you!

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- Catalog Activation Date

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Proposal Information

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College

College of Arts & Sciences: Humanities
& Interdisciplinary

Department

American Studies

Campus

Main Campus

Existing

College

College of Arts & Sciences

Effective Term and Year

Proposed
Proposed Effective Term and Year
Fall 2026

Existing
Proposed Effective Term and Year
Fall 2007

Justification

Proposed
Program Justification
Revisions requested to have the requirements in the catalog in line with the departmental graduate handbook for the upcoming APR.

Existing
Program Justification

Proposed
Graduate program revision
No

Existing
Graduate program revision
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Program Category and Level

Program Category	Program Level	Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name
Degree	Graduate	Doctor of Philosophy in American Studies

Certificate or Degree Type
Doctor of Philosophy

Degree/Certificate Level
Doctoral

Proposed
Is this program also offered online?
No

Existing
Is this program also offered online?
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File Uploads

Document uploads

Associated Quali Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

Interdepartmental Program

No

Catalog Information

Program Description

American Studies is an interdisciplinary graduate program focused on the critical analysis of the United States and U.S empire. Students in American Studies are given flexibility while creating their own path through the program with the assistance of faculty. While American Studies encompasses a wide-range of topics, faculty in the program specialize in the following focus areas: Environmental and Social Justice; Feminist, Queer and Transgender Studies; Southwest and Borderlands Studies; Critical Legal Studies ; Critical Indigenous Studies; Cultural Studies, Visual Culture and Popular Culture; Colonialism and Decolonization; and Critical Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Studies.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants to the Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programs in American Studies should hold a bachelor's degree and/or a strong background in American Studies or a related field. In making their application, candidates are expected to submit a substantive letter of intent with a clear statement of their American Studies research interests and their goals in pursuing such investigations on at the master's- or doctoral-level. Only candidates who show purpose and promise, and whose research needs can be appropriately met, are admitted by a committee of the department faculty. Application Deadlines Annual: January 15. NOTE: Early application is recommended. No new applications are accepted after January 15.General guidelines for completion of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in American Studies are set forth in the Graduate Program section of this Catalog.

Graduation Requirements

General guidelines for completion of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in American Studies are set forth in the Graduate Program section of this Catalog.

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

License/Certification associated with program

No

Professional Accrediting Bodies

Degree Information

Proposed	Minimum Major Hours
Degree Hours	
69	
Existing	
Degree Hours	
66	

Degree Requirements

Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - AMST500 - American Culture Study Seminar (3)
 - ~~AMST501 - Theories and Methods in American Studies (3)~~
 - ~~AMST502 - Research Methods Practicum (2)~~
 - Earn at least ~~18~~ **24** credits from the following types of courses:
Seminars in American Studies
 - Earn at least this many additional elective credits: ~~45~~ **18**
 - Earn at least 6 credits from the following types of courses:
Independent study in preparation for comprehensive qualifying examination
 - Foreign Language Requirement: In addition to the coursework requirements, students must fulfill the department's foreign language requirement either through the various options approved by the Graduate Studies office or through satisfactory completion of an alternative methodology option to be determined by the student in consultation with the student's committee on studies and the chairperson of the department.
 - Comprehensive Qualifying Examination: The comprehensive qualifying examination is taken after completion of coursework. The primary purpose of this written exam is to determine the student's ability at synthesizing the subject matter and various methodologies covered during his or her time in the program. Detailed guidelines for the comprehensive examination are available at the American Studies department.
 - Earn at least 18 credits from the following:
 - AMST699 - Dissertation (3 - 12)

Grand Total Credits: 69

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code	Title
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Concentration Required

No

Emphases

Emphasis required	Emphasis Hours
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No

Emphasis Rules

No Rules

Program Learning Outcomes

Proposed

Learning Outcomes

American Studies Graduate Program Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Critical Thinking

- **Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding** of the key theories, methodologies, and scholarly debates within American Studies.
- **Analyze complex cultural phenomena** and historical events by integrating multiple disciplinary perspectives, such as history, literature, art, and sociology.
- **Evaluate and critique** primary and secondary sources with a high degree of rigor and intellectual sophistication.

Research and Scholarship

- **Formulate original research questions** and develop a project that contributes new knowledge to the field of American Studies.
- **Conduct extensive research** using appropriate methods to gather and synthesize relevant information.

- **Produce a capstone project**, such as a thesis or dissertation, that represents a significant and original scholarly contribution.

Communication and Pedagogy

- **Communicate complex ideas effectively** in both written and oral formats for scholarly and public audiences.
- **Present research findings** clearly and persuasively at academic conferences and in peer reviewed publications.
- **Develop pedagogical skills** and an interdisciplinary approach to teaching, preparing them for potential careers in academia or education.
- **Engage in interdisciplinary collaboration** and professional networking within the academic community.

Existing

Learning Outcomes

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CM Program Code PhD Amer Stdy	BANP	Banner Program Code PHD-AMST	Major Code AMST
Online Program Code	Online Major Code	Pre-major Program Code	Pre-major Major Code
CIP Code 050102	Concentration Inheritance No		
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