

MA Amer Std
Master of Arts in American Studies
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

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Department Chair Approval, American Studies

Approved | Department Chair

✓ Jennifer Denetdale | 9/07/2025 12:49 PM

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Registrar Technical Check Approval, Registrar Technical Check

Approved | Registrar Technical Check

✓ Michael Raine | 9/17/2025 9:44 AM

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College/School Approval, College of Arts & Sciences: Humanities & Interdisciplinary

Approved | College or School approver

✓ Anna Nogar | 9/25/2025 4:01 PM

Library Approval, Main Campus Library

Approved | Library Approval

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✓ Caitlin Wells | 9/26/2025 12:33 PM

SGPC Approval, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee

Approved | Chair

✓ Robben Brown | 11/06/2025 10:08 AM

FSCC Member notification, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

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Approved | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair

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FSCC voted to approve. Thank you!

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Provost Approval, Main Campus Provost

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Changes

- College
- Requirements
- participants
- Notes
- Proposed Effective Term and Year

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Proposal Information

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Proposed

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Existing

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Proposed

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 2006

Justification

Proposed
Program Justification
Amending graduate program requirements to be in line with the departmental graduate degree handbook.

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	Master of Arts in American Studies

Certificate or Degree Type
Master of Arts

Degree/Certificate Level
Graduate

Plan Options
Plan I (Thesis)
Plan II (Non-thesis)
Plan III (Coursework only)

Proposed
Is this program also offered online?
No

Existing
Is this program also offered online?
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File Uploads

Document uploads

Associated Kualī 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.

Students consult with department faculty to develop individual, interdepartmental programs of study in the humanities and social sciences that focus on these or other significant aspects of the United States and U.S. empire.

Admissions Requirements

Admission Information 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.

Graduation Requirements

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

License/Certification associated with program

No

Professional Accrediting Bodies

Degree Information

Degree Hours

33

Minimum Major Hours

Degree Requirements

Requirements

Core courses	9
Core course	3
	Total Credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">AMST500 - American Culture Study Seminar (3)AMST501 - Theories and Methods in American Studies (3)AMST502 - Research Methods Practicum (3)	

Plan requirements	24
	30
	Total Credits

- Complete 1 of the following
 - Plan I**
 - Earn at least ~~24~~ **30** credits from the following types of courses:
at least ~~24~~ **30** credit hours of graduate coursework. Coursework must include at least four other American Studies seminars beyond the ~~AMST500 introductory sequence~~ described above and at least six (6) thesis credit hours.
 - Plan II**
 - Complete all of the following
 - Earn at least ~~24~~ **30** credits from the following types of courses:
at least 24 credit hours of graduate coursework. Coursework must include at least four other American Studies seminars beyond the ~~AMST500 introductory sequence~~ described above.
 - Comprehensive examination.
 - Plan III**
 - Earn at least ~~24~~ **30** credits from the following types of courses:
at least 24 credit hours of graduate coursework. Coursework must include at least four other American Studies seminars beyond the ~~AMST500 introductory sequence~~ described above.

Grand Total Credits: 33

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code	Title
Concentration Required	
No	

Emphases

Emphasis required	Emphasis Hours
N/A	
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

Registrar Office Only

CM Program Code MA Amer Std	BANP	Banner Program Code MA-AMST	Major Code AMST
Online Program Code	Online Major Code	Pre-major Program Code	Pre-major Major Code
CIP Code 050102	Concentration Inheritance No		
Catalog Main Campus	Proposed Catalog Activation Date		
		Existing Catalog Activation Date 08/01/06	

Proposed
Notes
AG 7/9/22
FG 8/6/25
MR 9/17/25: edited requirement descriptions to match with the change in the "introductory sequence" to a single course.

Existing
Notes
AG 7/9/22