American Studies Program

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Admission Requirements

• Baccalaureate degree in American Studies or closely related field
• 3.0 Grade Point Average
• Official undergraduate transcripts from all universities attended
• Three letters of recommendation
• Acceptable Graduate Record Exam scores
• Letter of application that addresses the applicant’s areas of intended study and the applicant’s qualifications for Master’s level work.
• Writing sample

Applications can be obtained online from The Graduate School (http://www.montana.edu/wwwdg/apply.html).

Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Applications for students wishing to be considered for a teaching assistantship for the Fall semester will normally be due by March 1. Applications for Fall semester will be accepted until July 15. Applications for candidates wishing to begin in Spring semester are due by November 1. International degree and non-degree seeking applications are due April 15 for Fall semester and September 1 for Spring semester.

Programs

• Ph.D. of Philosophy in American Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/american-studies/phd-philosophy-american-studies)
• M.A. in American Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/american-studies/ma-arts-american-studies)

American Studies offers the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy, with a special focus on the American West. Major fields include American Arts, American History, American Literature, American Pluralism, and Public History.

Focus Areas

American Arts
Explore how visual and performing arts have shaped and reflected American culture, both past and present.

American History
MSU is internationally recognized for its strength in American history from the colonial period through the present.

American Literature
MSU offers a breadth and depth literary theory of past and present American Literature.

American Pluralism
Explore why American is considered a “nation of nations” by drawing on expertise from faculty in the departments of Anthropology, Latin American Studies, Native American Studies, Religious Studies, and Women’s Studies.

Public History
Develop research interests and critical theory dedicated to understanding the roles of museums, historical sites, and heritage tourism in American culture.