Master of Arts in American Studies

Five-Year M.A.
Qualified students can complete a bachelor’s and master of arts in five years.

Course Requirements
The Master of Arts degree requires completion of 30 credits, of which no more than 9 can be at the 400-level. Students who enter the program after receiving their baccalaureate degree will normally require two years of full-time work to complete it.

The program includes a 10-credit Master’s Thesis (Plan A) option, and an all course-work (Plan B) option. All students are required to take AMST 501 Methods in American Studies, and AMST 502 Research in American Studies. Additional course work will be selected by the student in conjunction with his or her committee chair and committee members. Under Plan A, students must register for a minimum of 10 credits of AMST 590 Master’s Thesis and defend their thesis in an oral examination. The format of thesis work is determined by the Graduate School.

Graduate Committee
A student’s committee will consist of a chair and two additional members. The committee must be formed by the end of the second semester of attendance.

Financial Support
Currently, the only form of financial support available through the program is the Graduate Teaching Assistantship. A small number of teaching assistantships will normally be awarded each academic year, based on merit, as determined by the Graduate Committee. Interested students should apply for a teaching assistantship by submitting a letter of interest to the Program Director.

For information about general scholarship opportunities and Financial Aid, please see the “resources for students” link.