Master of Arts in American Studies

The Program in American Studies offers a M.A. Degree that affords students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the experiences and values of the people of the United States as embodied in their history, literature, art, and other forms of cultural expression.

Students interested in the American Studies five-year BA/MA program option should visit the American Studies Undergraduate Graduate program page (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/american-studies/#graduatetext).

The American Studies Masters Program offers two program plans/options for degree completion: Plan A/Thesis Option, Plan B/Coursework Only Option. Students can develop advanced research skills through the production of a Masters thesis. The table below shows required coursework and outlines for two-year plans of study by degree option:

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.
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