

# 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:

Independent Study	3
Internship	3
Year Total:	9
<b>Total Program Credits:</b>	<b>30</b>

## Degree Requirements

### Required Courses

AMST 501	Methods in American Studies	3
AMST 502	Research in American Studies	3
AMST 590	Master's Thesis	9

### Master's Thesis: Plan A Option

Year 1	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
AMST 501 - Methods in American Studies	3	
Elective	3	
AMST 502 - Research in American Studies		3
Elective		3
Elective, Independent Study, or Internship		3
Year Total:	6	9
Year 2	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
AMST 590 - Master's Thesis	3	
Elective	3	
Independent Study or Internship	3	
AMST 590 - Master's Thesis		6
Year Total:	9	6
<b>Total Program Credits:</b>	<b>30</b>	

### Coursework Only: Plan B Option

Year 1	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
AMST 501 - Methods in American Studies	3	
Elective	3	
AMST 502 - Research in American Studies		3
Elective		3
Elective, Independent Study, or Internship		3
Year Total:	6	9
Year 2	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Independent Study or Internship	3	