



### ***Twin Cities Campus***

## **American Studies Ph.D.**

*American Studies*

### **College of Liberal Arts**

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

#### **Contact Information:**

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- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Length of program in credits: 63 to 69
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

American studies is an interdisciplinary, interdepartmental program. The American studies graduate faculty consists of American studies core faculty members and graduate faculty members drawn from a wide number of departments. Students develop subfields (understood as a more specific focus of research and teaching) and also pursue broad training in analyzing the development of cultural and historical processes that shaped the nation and its diverse cultures, as well as analyzing contemporary practices.

## **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

## **Prerequisites for Admission**

An undergraduate major in a field related to American studies or other preparation acceptable to the Admissions Committee for American studies is required.

#### **Special Application Requirements:**

American studies admits students for graduate study at the PhD level only. (PhD students may obtain a MA during the course of their studies, but students are not admitted for a terminal MA.) Students entering the PhD program must hold at least a bachelor's level degree from a recognized institution of higher education. The deadline for application to the Department of American Studies is December 1 of the year prior to intended entry. Refer to the program website for application procedures and additional information.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

## **Program Requirements**

33 to 45 credits are required in the major.

0 credits are required outside the major.

24 thesis credits are required.



This program may not be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Language Requirement: Reading knowledge of one foreign language.

A minimum GPA of 3.50 is required for students to remain in good standing.

### Requirements

The following courses are required for all students:

[AMST 8201](#) - Historical Foundations of American Studies (3.0 cr)

[AMST 8202](#) - Theoretical Foundations and Current Practice in American Studies (3.0 cr)

[AMST 8401](#) - Practicum in American Studies (3.0 cr)

[AMST 8801](#) - Dissertation Seminar (3.0 cr)

### Core Areas

Of the 3 core areas below, at least 3 credits must focus on American cultural diversity. Coursework is chosen in consultation with the advisor and director of Graduate Studies.

#### 1. Research Seminars

A minimum of 3 and maximum of 9 credits (3 courses) worth of research seminars offered by the department of American Studies or another department related to research area. Requires DGS approval.

One of these seminars requires original research.

#### 2. Comparative Culture

3 credits (1 course) in a course on comparative cultures, covering international or non-US subjects.

#### 3. Electives

21 credits (7 courses) of American studies courses or courses related to an area of study chosen in consultation with your advisor.

#### Outside Coursework

Take 12 credits in a declared minor field or supporting program in integration with the research focus.