AMERICAN STUDIES, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Doctoral students entering with a Bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 42 credits of coursework. Doctoral students entering with a Master's degree must complete a minimum of 30 credits of coursework.

Advance to Candidacy: In addition to the coursework requirements below, all doctoral students must pass two comprehensive exams, as well as submit a Dissertation Prospectus. The first Comprehensive exam is on History, Theory, and Methods. The second exam is an Interdisciplinary Synthesis Paper.

Post-Candidacy: Complete at least 12 credits of AMST899 and write and defend an interdisciplinary dissertation that answers significant questions about American culture(s) and experiences, past or present.

Students entering with a Bachelor's degree

Minimum of 42 credits required

Course	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
AMST601	Introductory Theories and History in American Studies	3
AMST603	Current Approaches to American Studies	3
AMST898	Pre-Candidacy Research	3
Select nine credits of AMST designated seminar courses		9
Select a three-credit methods seminar course		3
Specialization Requirements		
Select 18 credits of specialization courses, with nine credits in each		18
Dissertation Research Requirements		
AMST899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
Total Credits		**51**

Students entering with a Master's degree

Minimum of 30 credits required

Course	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
AMST601	Introductory Theories and History in American Studies	3
AMST603	Current Approaches to American Studies	3
AMST898	Pre-Candidacy Research	3
Select nine credits of AMST designated seminar courses		9
Select a three-credit methods seminar course		3
Specialization Requirements		
Select 12 credits of specialization courses, with six credits in each		12
Dissertation Research Requirements		
AMST899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
Total Credits		**45**