

## The 5-Year BA/MA Program in American Studies

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#### 5-Year Program Undergraduate Requirements in American Studies or History

The **American Studies undergraduate** major in the 5-year program requires 12 courses as follows:

2 courses at the 200 level (one must be AMST 203)

4 courses at the 300 level (one must be AMST 301)

2 courses at the 800 level (these count for graduate credit)

4 electives at any level (a thesis may count as two elective credits)

A course will not count for the major if the grade earned is below C-.

**Honors:** To receive honors in American studies a student must earn a major GPA of at least B+ and complete four 400/800 level courses (earning an average of at least an A-).

Students may apply one credit (the research component) of their 3-credit graduate thesis to fulfill an elective credit in American Studies.

The **History undergraduate** major in the 5-year program requires 12 courses as follows:

#### Distribution Courses

Students must complete five distribution courses at any level (100, 200, or 300) in order to acquire thematic, geographical, and chronological breadth in the discipline. Each requirement must be fulfilled with a distinct course:

- One course in European history
- One course in U.S. history
- One course covering a time period before 1700
- Two courses in areas other than Europe and the U.S.

#### Common Courses

These courses constitute the common experience of all history majors. They develop methodological sophistication and research skills.

- **HIST 299: Historiography:** This course introduces students to debate among historians and historical methods. It is expected that students will complete this course in the spring semester of their sophomore year.
- **HIST 300: History Workshop:** This course guides students in writing a major research paper using primary sources. It is expected that students will complete this course by the end of their junior year. History Workshop fulfills the Writing Intensive Part II requirement.

### 300-level seminars

Students are required to take a minimum of four 300-level seminars, two of which can be satisfied by 800-level graduate courses in American Studies.

### Elective

Students may apply one credit (the research component) of their 3-credit graduate thesis to fulfill the History Department elective

### 5-Year Program Graduate Requirements for the MA in American Studies

The M.A. in American Studies consists of 9 course credits (2 to 3 of which are completed as an undergraduate senior):

- American Studies 801, Approaches to American Studies.
- Four courses in four approaches: 1 archival course; 1 spatial course; 1 public humanities course; 1 transnational course.
- One elective: course selected according to a student's interest.
- A 3-credit thesis (one credit of this earned during senior year as undergraduate). The thesis capstone is a guided, independent research effort.
- \*Two courses taken must be designated as meeting the Professional Development (PD) requirement. PD courses cultivate skills essential to academic and public engagement in American Studies.