

# 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
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Specialization Requirements</b>		
Select 18 credits of specialization courses, with nine credits in each		18
<b>Dissertation Research Requirements</b>		
AMST899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>51</b>

## Students entering with a Master's degree

Minimum of 30 credits required

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Specialization Requirements</b>		
Select 12 credits of specialization courses, with six credits in each		12
<b>Dissertation Research Requirements</b>		
AMST899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>45</b>