



Content of the Curriculum: MA in American Studies

Core Requirements (12 hours)

AMST 6201	History and Culture of the Americas
AMST 6401	Literature and Culture of the Americas
AMST 7000	American Studies Scholarship
AMST 7100	American Studies Methods

Cluster Requirements (9 hours)

Take one course each from the Place and Identity Cluster and the Transnational cluster. Take one additional course from either the Historical Studies or Cultural Production cluster.

Historical Studies Cluster

AMST 7200	American Social Movements
AMST 7210	Historical Period
AMST 7230	Public History and Culture
AMST 7420	Enterprise and Labor in American Culture

Place and Identity Studies Cluster

AMST 7300	Cities, Suburbs and Countryside
AMST 7310	Regional Studies
AMST 7330	Identities and Social Groups

Cultural Production Cluster

AMST 7410	Literature and Performance in American Culture
AMST 7420	Popular Culture in America
AMST 7450	American Visual Culture
AMST 7460	Movements in American Culture

Transnational American Studies Cluster

AMST 7510	Passages to America
AMST 7520	America in a Transnational Context
Any approved graduate level study-abroad course	

Electives (6 hours)

Students can choose any additional cluster courses or approved-graduate level courses from other programs can be taken as electives.

Practicum or Study Abroad

AMST 7700	Practicum
Or any approved graduate level study abroad	

Capstone

AMST 7901	Literature Review
AMST 7902	Capstone

Language

Two years of any foreign language, or language exam as approved by the program director.

American Studies Concentrations (Optional)

The Transnational Concentration

This concentration consists of 6 elective credit hours in courses with a transnational emphasis, an advanced foreign language requirement, a study abroad requirement, and a transnational capstone requirement as follows:

6 Elective Credit Hours

Students shall complete an additional 6 credit hours of graduate-level study in courses in the transnational cluster: AMST 7510, AMST 7520. Courses outside the transnational cluster may be approved by the program director for this requirement provided the course syllabus meets the transnational course objectives. Students may do an additional study-abroad course as an elective.

Study Abroad Requirement

Each student in the Transnational Concentration shall participate in and receive a grade of "B" or better in an approved graduate-level study abroad program. All graduate-level study abroad courses offered by AMST-affiliated faculty at KSU can fulfill this requirement. Other graduate study abroad courses offered at KSU or by other institutions must be approved by the program director.

Transnational Capstone

Students receiving credit for the transnational concentration must do a capstone which is approved by the program director as meeting transnational learning objectives.

Language Requirement

Each student in the Transnational Concentration will pass a 3000-level proficiency test administered by the department of foreign languages, complete a 3000-level language course with a grade of "C" or better, or complete graduate-level coursework indicating language proficiency. Native speakers of languages other than English may apply to the program director for a waiver of this requirement.

The Place and Identity Studies Concentration

This concentration consists of 6 elective credit hours in courses with an emphasis on place and identity, a practicum or study abroad program with an emphasis on place and identity and a capstone requirement with an emphasis on place and identity as follows:

6 Elective Credit Hours

Students shall complete 6 credit hours of graduate-level study in place and identity courses beyond the place and identity studies cluster requirement: AMST 7300, 7310, or 7330. Courses outside the place and identity cluster may be approved by the program director for this requirement provided the course syllabus meets the place and identity course objectives.

Practicum or Study Abroad Requirement Each student in the Place and Identity Concentration shall complete a practicum course or graduate-level study abroad program that meets the Place and Identity learning objectives, as approved by the program director.

Place and Identity Studies Capstone

Students receiving credit for the place and identity concentration must do a capstone which is approved by the program director as meeting place and identity learning objectives.

The Cultural Production Concentration

This concentration consists of 6 elective credit hours in courses with an emphasis on cultural production, a practicum or study abroad program emphasizing cultural production and a capstone requirement with emphasis on cultural production as follows:

6 Elective Credit Hours

Students shall complete 6 credit hours of graduate-level study in courses beyond the cultural production cluster requirement that meet the cultural production course objectives: AMST 7410, 7420, 7450, or 7460. Courses not offered within the AMST cultural production cluster must be approved by the program director.

Practicum or Study Abroad Requirement

Each student in the Cultural Production Concentration shall complete a practicum course or graduate-level study abroad program that meets the cultural production learning objectives, as approved by the program director.

Cultural Production Capstone

Students receiving credit for the cultural production concentration must do a capstone which is approved by the program director as meeting cultural production learning objectives.