

Graduate Certificate in American Studies

The Graduate Certificate in American Studies is designed to offer KU graduate students in the humanities and social sciences a portable credential demonstrating their engagement with the field of American Studies, including exposure to interdisciplinary theory and methods. This certificate also provides enrichment or an introductory experience to the field for non-KU students.

Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (<http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/>) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/>) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Admission to the Graduate Certificate in American Studies

Eligibility criteria for admission to the certificate program follow Graduate Studies' admission policy (<https://policy.ku.edu/admission-graduate-study/>). To be considered for admission, a student must hold a bachelor's degree.

Application requirements differ for current KU students versus non-KU students. Please visit the American Studies website (<https://americanstudies.ku.edu/admission/>) for a full list of the required application materials. Non-native speakers of English must meet Graduate Studies' English proficiency requirements (<https://policy.ku.edu/english-proficiency-requirements-admission-graduate-study/>).

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The American Studies Graduate Certificate will require 12 hours of course work.

Code	Title	Hours
AMS 801	Introduction to American Studies	3
Choose 1		3
AMS 802	Theorizing America	
or		
AMS 803	Research Methods in American Studies	
2 Electives in American Studies ¹		6
Total Hours		12

¹ The elective seminars must be 700 level or higher and carry an AMS catalog number. Due to their Department-specific purpose and content, AMS 804 Research Seminar and AMS 900 Teaching Seminar do not qualify as elective seminars for the certificate.