

Master of Urban Planning and Master of Arts in American Studies

M.U.P. and M.A. in American Studies

This program combines the normal two-year Master of Urban Planning degree (48 credit hours) and the normal two-year Master of Arts degree in American Studies (30 credit hours) into a two and one-half year program (60 total credit hours). This program is designed for students interested in careers in policy planning and research involving the arts, social planning, cultural activities and facilities, and historic preservation.

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 Joint M.A./M.U.P.

Students seeking admission to the joint degree must apply to both the American Studies M.A. and M.U.P. programs separately and will be expected to meet the established admission requirements of each program. Please see the American Studies (<http://americanstudies.ku.edu/admissions>) and Urban Planning (<https://urbanplanning.ku.edu/application>) websites for their respective admission requirements.

Eligibility criteria for admission follow Graduate Studies' admission policy (<http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study>). To be considered for admission to regular graduate status in the joint program, a student must hold a bachelor's degree and have earned at least a B (3.0) grade-point average in previous academic work.

Non-native speakers of English must meet English proficiency requirements as described here (<http://graduate.ku.edu/english-proficiency-requirements>).

M.U.P. Degree Requirements

The M.U.P. portion of the joint degree requires 24 credit hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
UBPL 705	Economic Analysis for Planners	21
UBPL 736	Planning Institutions	
UBPL 741	Quantitative Methods I	
UBPL 742	Quantitative Methods II	
UBPL 763	Professional Practice	
UBPL 815	History and Theory of Planning	

UBPL 850	Urban and Regional Theory	3
Elective in Urban Planning		

A list of approved UBPL elective courses can be found on the Urban Planning website (<https://urbanplanning.ku.edu/courses>).

M.A. in American Studies Degree Requirements

The American Studies M.A. portion of the joint degree requires 24 credit hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
AMS 801	Introduction to American Studies	12
AMS 802	Theorizing America	
AMS 803	Research Methods in American Studies	
AMS 804	Research Seminar	

Electives in American Studies		9
These courses will serve as the student's area of concentration, preparing them for their thesis or publishable article. Electives must have an AMS course number and must be taken at the 700-level or above.		

Thesis/Article Hours		3
Students completing the joint degree program are required to defend either a thesis or publishable article in their final semester. After completing the AMS required coursework, the student enrolls in AMS 899 until their thesis or publishable article is accepted by their committee. An oral defense of the thesis or article will serve as the M.A. examination		

Joint Requirements

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Specialization Courses in Urban Planning		
The curriculum requires each student to declare a specialization in housing and development planning, sustainable land use planning, or transportation planning. In each specialization, the student must complete one course each in theory and policy, methods, and implementation. The student must also complete a supplemental course in the area of specialization.		

A list of approved specialization courses can be found on the Urban Planning website (<https://urbanplanning.ku.edu/urban-planning-specializations>).

Please review the AMS Graduate Student Handbook (<http://americanstudies.ku.edu/graduate-student-documents-0>) and the UBPL Prospectus (<https://urbanplanning.ku.edu/urban-planning-prospectus>) for additional information.

If a student decides to complete only the M.A. or M.U.P. and withdraw from the other program, they must complete all requirements for the stand-alone degree.