

American Studies, PhD

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
72 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^a		
Students work with their faculty advisor to map out a plan of study that reflects their particular interests; needs to include foundation courses, area foundation courses, two interdisciplinary fields of concentration, a research skills course, elective coursework, and a dissertation. ^b		
	Hours	0
First Year		
Fall		
AMST:5000	Frameworks for Interdisciplinary Research in Ethnic and American Studies	3
American studies seminar course ^c		3
Field of concentration course ^d		3
	Hours	9
Spring		
American studies seminar course ^c		3
Field of concentration course ^d		3
Field of concentration course ^e		3
	Hours	9
Second Year		
Fall		
Field of concentration course ^d		3
Field of concentration course ^e		3
Field of concentration course ^e		3
	Hours	9
Spring		
Field of concentration course ^d		3
Field of concentration course ^d		3
Field of concentration course ^e		3
	Hours	9
Third Year		
Fall		
Exam: Doctoral Comprehensive Exam ^f		
Field of concentration course ^d		3
Field of concentration course ^e		3

Elective course ^g		3
	Hours	9
Spring		
AMST:7085	Dissertation Writing Workshop ^h	1
Field of concentration course ^e		3
Elective course ^g		3
	Hours	7
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Prospectus Defense		
AMST:7085	Dissertation Writing Workshop ^h	1
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
	Hours	7
Spring		
AMST:7085	Dissertation Writing Workshop ^h	1
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
	Hours	7
Fifth Year		
Fall		
AMST:7090	PhD Thesis	3
	Hours	3
Spring		
AMST:7090	PhD Thesis	3
Exam: Doctoral Final Exam ⁱ		
	Hours	3
	Total Hours	72

a Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

b The two fields of concentration may be defined to correspond with a student's strongest intellectual interests, but they must be interdisciplinary in concept and multidisciplinary in scope. Each must include coursework from more than one department and program. The two concentration areas may, and usually should, have an intellectual relationship with each other.

c Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate graduate seminars.

d Complete at least 18 s.h. in a first field of concentration. Work with faculty advisor and department's Plan of Study Committee to determine appropriate graduate coursework in an interdisciplinary field with a historical concentration.

e Complete at least 18 s.h. in a second field of concentration. Work with faculty advisor and department's Plan of Study Committee to determine appropriate graduate coursework in an interdisciplinary field.

f Consists of three written exams and one oral exam.

g Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate graduate elective coursework; may include AMST:7090.

h Take two or three times for 1 s.h. each (2-3 s.h. total).

i Dissertation defense.