



Arizona State University (Tempe campus)

American Studies, MA

Study details

Course type: Master's degree

Degree: American Studies, MA LAAMSTMA

Study mode: Full time

Duration: 24 Month

Cost of study

Cost : 38 526 USD

Reg. fee : 115 USD

Scholarship :

Insurance : 2 765 USD

Intake/s

Apr/Dec

Requirements

Admission requirements

- Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. writing sample
5. curriculum vitae
6. two letters of recommendation
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency (TOEFL 80 (no band below 20) (IELTS 6.5 at least 6.0 in all skills)) regardless of their current residency.

The writing sample may be an article, published or unpublished; a research paper; a seminar paper; or any other extended sample of expository skill. A minimum of 4,000 words is required. The document should not be password protected.

The statement of purpose must be about 500 words and should be addressed to the American Studies Graduate Studies Committee. It must explain the applicant's scholarly background and training, career goals, the area of study they wish to pursue, and why they want to pursue graduate study at ASU.

Two references are required. Applicants should contact the faculty or professional supervisors they intend to use for references before listing them on the application and inform the intended recommenders that they will receive an email from the ASU American studies program asking them to complete a questionnaire and provide comments on the applicant's suitability for graduate study. Applicants should confirm references' email addresses before submitting them on the application. References from family members or relations are not recommended.

Accommodation

Provided by partner agencies;

On-campus housing and meals \$18,933

Speciality

Additional Curriculum Information

Students must complete one methods course for the degree, with academic advisor approval; AMS 502 cannot be used to meet this requirement. These courses can be drawn from a wide array of units across the various ASU campuses, but students should take advantage of the SST graduate methods courses. The academic unit sends lists of SST methods courses once per semester; students should consult with their faculty advisor or chairperson and get approval from the graduate chairperson in American studies to determine the best courses to take.

For electives or research, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list. Students choose 18 credit hours for the thesis option or 21 for the applied project option.

Additional information

Program description

Degree awarded: MA American Studies

ASU's MA program in American studies trains students in interdisciplinary approaches aimed at understanding the American experience in local and global contexts.

The array of disciplines spans the arts, humanities and social sciences, and faculty expertise covers a broad variety of ethnographic, historical, literary and media studies as well as interdisciplinary and community-based approaches. Given its geographical location in the American Southwest, ASU's American studies program values an exploration of diasporic and transnational influences in U.S. cultures and social and political history.

The American studies faculty have strengths and expertise in the areas of critical ethnic studies, Indigenous studies, gender studies, Black studies, immigration studies, justice studies, disability studies, queer studies, Latino studies, transborder studies, Asian American studies, cultural studies, environmental humanities and sports studies, allowing students to focus their education around these areas.

Students gain expertise from working in a community of scholars dedicated to addressing critical questions of what America means, what American studies uncovers and how to expand the boundaries of the new American conversation. Graduate students are immersed in conversations of how one develops, conducts and engages in research on the American experience in academia and beyond. Additionally, faculty and students explore the field of American studies as the interdisciplinary analysis of American culture from multiple critical perspectives within transnational dynamics and exchanges.

American studies graduates can bridge a strong theoretical foundation with applied research to equip them to enter national and international dialogues.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree with:

- Asian Pacific American Studies, BA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program.

Career opportunities

Graduates may go on to law school, graduate school or other professional degree programs. Graduates of the Master of Arts program in American studies find success in a number of areas in local and international contexts, including:

- business
- communications
- education
- government
- journalism
- law and medical fields
- nonprofits
- political consulting
- professional writing
- public engagement and community relations