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# What is American Studies?

American Studies is a field that brings together scholars of the Americas across disciplines in the humanities and social sciences to gain a more complete understanding of American cultures. Located 25 miles north of Atlanta, Kennesaw State University is the third largest of Georgia's state universities. The Master of Arts in American Studies program (MAST) focuses on the interdisciplinary study of American cultures as they exist locally, regionally, nationally and transnationally.

The MAST program is flexible, allowing students to pursue work that fits their own professional goals and interests. MAST students will not only learn cutting-edge approaches to the study of American history, politics, literature, arts and culture, but they will apply them outside the classroom. Our students engage a range of fields from the performing arts to public health, from educational policy to studies of African-American literature, from immigration history to creative writing.

Our professors study and teach courses in diverse topics including the African Diaspora, The American West, Environmental Movements, Film Studies, Gender and Sexual Identity, Human Rights Politics, Immigration History, Labor History & Literature, Literature of the Americas, Local History, Popular Culture, Racial Formation, and Visual Culture.

## Careers

American Studies graduates are well prepared to work in:

- Teaching
- Research
- Educational Leadership
- Public Service
- Journalism
- Museum Interpretation
- Human Relations - Diversity

The Ma in American Studies provides an infield upgrade for certified English and History teachers in the state of Georgia; please contact us for further details.



## The Curriculum

The program is 36 credits, including a two-semester sequence of theory and methods, 12 credits from four cluster areas, 9 hours of electives, and an applied research project, internship or study abroad. The program concludes with a two part 6 credit-hour capstone sequence, which can be a traditional thesis, or an applied or creative project. Students have the option of pursuing a concentration focusing on transnational approaches to American Studies.

### Introductory Sequence:

American Studies Scholarship  
American Studies Methods

### Historical Studies:

Public History and Culture  
Historical Period  
American Cultural Movements

### Place-Based Studies:

Regional Studies  
Cities, Suburbs and Countryside

### Cultural Production

The Film Industry in American Culture  
Literature and Performance in American Culture  
Popular Culture in America  
Identities and Social Groups  
Enterprise and Labor in American Culture

### Transnational American Studies:

Passages to America  
America in Transnational Context  
Any approved graduate-level study-abroad course

## Graduate Assistantships

Assistantships that provide tuition remission and stipends are available and are awarded on a competitive basis.