Graduate Certificate in American Studies

The American Studies program at Kennesaw State University is now offering a fifteen credit-hour graduate certificate. Our program’s courses offer an interdisciplinary approach to the study of American cultures as they exist locally, regionally, nationally, and transnationally. Students interested in cultural diversity, intercultural communication, social justice, education, or interdisciplinary studies of history, literature, cultural interpretation, and critical analysis of media are strongly encouraged to apply. The Certificate Program can be taken by itself or as a complement to another graduate program.

Content of the Curriculum

3 Credits: AMST 6201: History and Culture of the Americas, This course covers the history and cultural interaction of the United States and the Americas, with attention to relationships between policy, labor dynamics, and cultural expressions across the Americas, as well as theoretical frameworks common in transnational study of the US and the Americas. Topics covered may include the Atlantic slave trade; culture and history of migrant labor; indigenous studies; and history and culture of transnational social movements in the Americas.

3 Credits: AMST 6401: Literature and Culture of the Americas, In this interdisciplinary course, students learn about major transnational literary movements in the Americas, with an emphasis on understanding literature in a global context. Course readings and assignments provide an overview of important questions, methods, and theoretical approaches in contemporary American Studies literary scholarship as well as an advanced introduction to important literary works.

9 Credits: Any THREE of the Following American Studies Courses:

AMST 7000: American Studies Scholarship
AMST 7200: American Social Movements
AMST 7210: Historical Period
AMST 7230: Public History and Culture
AMST 7240: Enterprise and Labor in American Culture
AMST 7300: American Cities, Suburbs, and Countryside
AMST 7310: Regional Studies
AMST 7330: Identities and Social Groups
AMST 7410: Literature and Performance in American Culture
AMST 7420: American Popular Culture
AMST 7450: American Visual Culture
AMST 7460: Movements in American Culture
AMST 7510: Passages to America
AMST 7520: America in Transnational Context
Any Approved Graduate Level Study-Abroad Course

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