Content of the Curriculum: MA in American Studies

**Core Requirements (12 hours)**
- AMST 6201 History and Culture of the Americas
- AMST 6401 Literature and Culture of the Americas
- AMST 7000 American Studies Scholarship
- AMST 7100 American Studies Methods

**Cluster Requirements (9 hours)**
Take one course each from the Place and Identity Cluster and the Transnational cluster. Take one additional course from either the Historical Studies or Cultural Production cluster.

**Historical Studies Cluster**
- AMST 7200 American Social Movements
- AMST 7210 Historical Period
- AMST 7230 Public History and Culture
- AMST 7420 Enterprise and Labor in American Culture

**Place and Identity Studies Cluster**
- AMST 7300 Cities, Suburbs and Countryside
- AMST 7310 Regional Studies
- AMST 7330 Identities and Social Groups

**Cultural Production Cluster**
- AMST 7410 Literature and Performance in American Culture
- AMST 7420 Popular Culture in America
- AMST 7450 American Visual Culture
- AMST 7460 Movements in American Culture

**Transnational American Studies Cluster**
- AMST 7510 Passages to America
- AMST 7520 America in a Transnational Context
Any approved graduate level study-abroad course

**Electives (6 hours)**
Students can choose any additional cluster courses or approved-graduate level courses from other programs can be taken as electives.

**Practicum or Study Abroad**
- AMST 7700 Practicum
Or any approved graduate level study abroad

**Capstone**
- AMST 7901 Literature Review
- AMST 7902 Capstone

**Language**
Two years of any foreign language, or language exam as approved by the program director.
American Studies Concentrations (Optional)

The Transnational Concentration
This concentration consists of 6 elective credit hours in courses with a transnational emphasis, an advanced foreign language requirement, a study abroad requirement, and a transnational capstone requirement as follows:

6 Elective Credit Hours
Students shall complete an additional 6 credit hours of graduate-level study in courses in the transnational cluster: AMST 7510, AMST 7520. Courses outside the transnational cluster may be approved by the program director for this requirement provided the course syllabus meets the transnational course objectives. Students may do an additional study-abroad course as an elective.

Study Abroad Requirement
Each student in the Transnational Concentration shall participate in and receive a grade of "B" or better in an approved graduate-level study abroad program. All graduate-level study abroad courses offered by AMST-affiliated faculty at KSU can fulfill this requirement. Other graduate study abroad courses offered at KSU or by other institutions must be approved by the program director.

Transnational Capstone
Students receiving credit for the transnational concentration must do a capstone which is approved by the program director as meeting transnational learning objectives.

Language Requirement
Each student in the Transnational Concentration will pass a 3000-level proficiency test administered by the department of foreign languages, complete a 3000-level language course with a grade of "C" or better, or complete graduate-level coursework indicating language proficiency. Native speakers of languages other than English may apply to the program director for a waiver of this requirement.

The Place and Identity Studies Concentration
This concentration consists of 6 elective credit hours in courses with an emphasis on place and identity, a practicum or study abroad program with an emphasis on place and identity and a capstone requirement with an emphasis on place and identity as follows:

6 Elective Credit Hours
Students shall complete 6 credit hours of graduate-level study in place and identity courses beyond the place and identity studies cluster requirement: AMST 7300, 7310, or 7330. Courses outside the place and identity cluster may be approved by the program director for this requirement provided the course syllabus meets the place and identity course objectives.

Practicum or Study Abroad Requirement
Each student in the Place and Identity Concentration shall complete a practicum course or graduate-level study abroad program that meets the Place and Identity learning objectives, as approved by the program director.

Place and Identity Studies Capstone
Students receiving credit for the place and identity concentration must do a capstone which is approved by the program director as meeting place and identity learning objectives.

The Cultural Production Concentration
This concentration consists of 6 elective credit hours in courses with an emphasis on cultural production, a practicum or study abroad program emphasizing cultural production and a capstone requirement with emphasis on cultural production as follows:

6 Elective Credit Hours
Students shall complete 6 credit hours of graduate-level study in courses beyond the cultural production cluster requirement that meet the cultural production course objectives: AMST 7410, 7420, 7450, or 7460. Courses not offered within the AMST cultural production cluster must be approved by the program director.

Practicum or Study Abroad Requirement
Each student in the Cultural Production Concentration shall complete a practicum course or graduate-level study abroad program that meets the cultural production learning objectives, as approved by the program director.

Cultural Production Capstone
Students receiving credit for the cultural production concentration must do a capstone which is approved by the program director as meeting cultural production learning objectives.