

Graduate Program in American Studies

Learning Outcome 1: Students will analyze the various ways in which American culture is complex and diverse. Understanding American culture requires attention to how American diversity is reflected in the ideas, events, trends, texts, and issues created and used by Americans in everyday life as well as in community life and politics.

Learning Outcome 2: Students will explore and practice strategies for doing interdisciplinary analysis, which relies on the development of complex inquiry, selection of appropriate materials and concepts from a wide array of options, and the application of appropriate methods for interpreting and integrating diverse sources.

Learning Outcome 3: Students will create papers and projects in courses that demonstrate their ability to effectively communicate cultural knowledge and analyze why and how their choices are effective. This requires students to make appropriate choices about format, content, organization, and the use of evidence based on one's purpose, audience, and situation.

Learning Outcome 4: Students will develop connections between campus and community through papers, projects, and internships that apply the academic work to realms beyond the academy.

Learning Outcome 5: Students will plan, develop, write, and publicly present original research through their independent (thesis) projects.

Learning Outcome 6: Students will acquire professional experiences appropriate to the field of American Studies.