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**Course of Study: MA/PhD Track**

**MA Year: 6 courses (4 at the 600 level or above), plus 6 credits of 695 and 6 credits of 700; regular meetings with faculty advisor**

**Fall semester: 15 credits (12 course credits plus 3 thesis credits)**

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| Introduction to American Studies – AMST 661   | 3 credits |
| Topics seminar – AMST 590, 690, or 715        | 3 credits |
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| Independent Research toward thesis – AMST 695 | 3 credits |
| MA Thesis preparation – AMST 700              | 3 credits |

**Spring semester: 15 credits (12 course credits plus 3 thesis credits)**

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| Topics seminar – AMST 590, 690, or 715        | 3 credits |
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| Independent Research toward thesis – AMST 695 | 3 credits |
| MA Thesis preparation – AMST 700              | 3 credits |

**Thesis draft due at end of term**

**Summer:**

Revise thesis, **submit no later than first day of Fall semester**

**PhD YEAR 1: 6 courses and 6 credits of 795**

**Fall semester: 12 credits**

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| Topics seminar – AMST 590, 790, or 715         | 3 credits |
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| Independent Research/Qual exam prep – AMST 795 | 3 credits |

**Spring Semester: 12 credits**

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| Topics seminar – AMST 590, 790, or 715         | 3 credits |
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| Independent Research/Qual exam prep – AMST 795 | 3 credits |

Meet with DGS by end of Spring semester regarding qualifying examination fields

**Summer:**

Qualifying Exam list preparation

**PhD YEAR 2: 2 courses, 6 credits of 795, Colloquium, Qualifying Exam, and 12 credits of 800**

**Fall Semester: 12 credits**

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| Topics seminar – AMST 590, 790, or 715         | 3 credits |
| Topics seminar – AMST 590, 790, or 715         | 3 credits |
| Independent Research/Qual exam prep – AMST 795 | 6 credits |

**Qualifying exam colloquium by end of 4<sup>th</sup> week of Fall semester**

**Spring semester: 12 credits**

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| Independent Research/Qual exam prep – AMST 795 | 12 credits |
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**Qualifying exam (ideally in May, no later than end of 4<sup>th</sup> week of next Fall semester)**

**PhD YEAR 3: Research Grad status/24 credits of 800**

**Fall term: 12 credits**

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| AMST 800 – Dissertation prep                                                                      | 12 credits |
| (or AMST 795 until Qualifying Exam is completed;<br>Then use Add/Drop form to switch to AMST 800) | 12 credits |

**Dissertation Prospectus Colloquium (by end of finals period)**

**Spring term: 12 credits**

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| AMST 800 – Dissertation prep | 12 credits |
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MA Credits: At least 12 credit hours (4 courses) must be earned in courses numbered 600 or above, including AMST 695 and excluding AMST 700.

PhD Credits: At least 30 semester credit hours must be earned in courses numbered 600 or above, including AMST 795 and excluding AMST 800.

Graduate level seminars offered by the Department of History or the Department of Anthropology can substitute for one or more of the topics seminars, with permission from the Program Director of Graduate Studies.