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Course of Study: PhD Track

PhD YEAR 1 (Year 2 for cohort): 6 courses and 6 credits of 795

Fall semester: 12 credits

Introduction to American Studies – AMST 661	3 credits
Topics seminar – AMST 570, 690, or 715	3 credits
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Independent Research/Qual exam prep – AMST 795	3 credits

Spring Semester: 12 credits

Topics seminar – AMST 570, 690, 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 (Year 3 for cohort): 2 courses, 6 credits of 795, Colloquium, Qualifying Exam, and 12 credits of 800

Fall Semester: 12 credits

Topics seminar – AMST 570, 690, or 715	3 credits
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Independent Research/Qual exam prep – AMST 795	6 credits

Qualifying exam colloquium by end of 4th week of Fall semester

Spring semester: 12 credits

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

PhD YEAR 3 (Year 4 for cohort): Research Grad status/24 credits of 800

Fall term: 12 credits

AMST 800 – Dissertation prep	12 credits
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Dissertation Prospectus Colloquium (by end of finals period)

Spring term: 12 credits

AMST 800 – Dissertation prep	12 credits
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At least 30 semester credit hours must be earned in courses numbered 600 or above, including 795 and excluding 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 Director of Graduate Studies.