Program Overview Master of Arts American Stu	udies
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Sem.	General Structure	Module
1	Base	Compulsory module Methods and Theories in American Studies
	Modules	Compulsory module Graduate Colloquium in American Studies
	(3 compul- sory = 30 credits)	Compulsory module iCAN (professional skills module)
2		Core elective module Media, Society, and Culture Core elective module
		Core elective module Imagining the Past Core elective module
	Speciali- zations*	Political Cultures
		Core elective module Trans-/National Spaces, Bodies, Cultures
3	(6 out of 8 = 60 credits)	Core elective module Cultures of Difference
		Core elective module Global America
		Core elective module Myths, Narratives, Memory
		Core elective module Immigration, Community, and Citizenship
4	MA Thesis (30 credits)	MA Thesis

* Of the six modules you will take in your second and third semesters, four have to be completed with a **research project** (seminar paper) and two have to be completed with a **portfolio**.

Generally, one of your two portfolio modules can also be substituted with a **Professional Internship** module, a **Study Abroad** module, or with courses from other programs as part of the module "Interdisciplinary and Transnational Perspectives in American Studies."