**Program Overview Master of Arts American Studies**

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| 1    | **Base Modules**  | Compulsory module  
Methods and Theories in American Studies  
Compulsory module  
Graduate Colloquium in American Studies  
Compulsory module  
iCAN (professional skills module) |
|      | (3 compulsory = 30 credits) |        |
| 2    | **Specializations* (6 out of 8 = 60 credits)** | Core elective module  
Media, Society, and Culture  
Core elective module  
Imagining the Past  
Core elective module  
Political Cultures  
Core elective module  
Trans-/National Spaces, Bodies, Cultures |
| 3    | | 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.”