

Program Description: Master of Arts/Sciences in American Studies (Folklore Specialization)

The **Master of Science/Master of Arts in American Studies (Folklore Specialization)** is one of five graduate degrees offered by the Department of English. This is a traditional research-based program. Coursework follows a program of study developed in conjunction with their major professor and graduate committee. The program of study must meet the core requirements of the department and graduate school, and it also includes courses pertinent to the student's research project and later career goals. Students must demonstrate a mastery of their subject area to their supervisory committee during an oral defense of their thesis.

Below is a table that shows the number of active students in the program since Fall 2014, the number of students who received their degrees, and the average time to degree completion. Note that students who finish during the summer grace semester are counted with the previous year's graduated.

Year	Number of students enrolled in program	Number of students who received degrees	Average time to completion for graduates
2016-2017 (projected)	9 (projected; including 4 new students)	To be determined	To be determined
2015-2016 Spring 2016	8 (Fall) 6 (Spring)	3 (by 8.1.16) 2 pending revisions (by 8.15.16)	5 semesters for 3 who have finished by 8.1.16 (not including summers)
2014-2015	11 (Fall) 10 (Spring)	6	5 semesters