MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF AMERICAN STUDIES

REQUIREMENTS
Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs)

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degeregulationtext).

The program requires 30 credits including:

- **AMST 6100** Scope and Methods in American Studies

At least two research seminars: AMST 6195 or other approved research course

At least 21 additional credits of courses pertaining to the study of American culture. These may include graduate courses in anthropology, English, fine arts and art history, geography, history, media and public affairs, and political science; with departmental approval.

An optional thesis may be undertaken for 6 credits as part of these 21 credits

**Concentration in historic preservation**

Course work in this 36-credit degree program focuses on interpreting issues in historic preservation through a humanistic framework.

- **AMST 6100** Scope and Methods in American Studies

At least one designated research seminar

At least 6 additional credits of general American studies courses

At least 18 credits of historic preservation courses, including:

- **AMST 6495** Historic Preservation: Principles and Methods
- **AMST 6496** Historic Preservation: Principles and Methods

With departmental approval, students may undertake an optional thesis for 6 credits

A comprehensive examination in historic preservation is required

**Concentration in museums and material culture**

Course work in this 30-credit degree program, offered in association with the Smithsonian Institution, emphasizes the use of physical objects and spaces in historical research.

- **AMST 6100** Scope and Methods in American Studies

AMST 6710 American Material Culture

At least two designated research seminars

At least 18 additional credits of courses pertaining to the study of American culture, museum studies, and museum education