**Liberal Arts program**

**Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree**

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

**Fall:** February 15

**Spring:**  October 15

**Summer:**  February 15

**Minimum Total Hours:** 33

**Program Level:** Masters

**CIP Code:** 24.0101

**Dept. Code:**  HCS

**Program (Major/College):** MLA AS

**Approved:** 1984

**Concentrations:**

Africana Studies (AFT)

American Studies ( )

Film Studies (FLM)

Humanities (HTS)

Social and Political Thought (SPT)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**College:** Arts and Sciences **Departments:** Africana Studies

 Humanities and Cultural Studies

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)

 **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Master of Arts (M.A.) offers students an opportunity to study from an interdisciplinary perspective the ideas and works that have shaped world culture. Five program concentrations are available: Africana Studies (AFT), American Studies (TBA), Film Studies (FLM), Humanities (HTS), Social and Political Thought (SPT).

**Accreditation:**

Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

* Upper division undergraduate GPA of 3.00
* Applicants are required to take the GRE as part of the application process and matter of record.
* Contact individual concentration advisors for possible additional requirements (e.g., transcripts, recommendations, preferred GRE Scores, writing samples, etc.)
* Students must select a concentration at the time of application

**DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**Program Minimum Hours 33**

Core requirements – 3 hours

Concentration – 30 hours

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HUM 6815 3 Research Seminar

**Concentration Requirements**

Students select from the following concentrations:

**Africana Studies Concentration - 30 hours**

**Concentration Courses -** 12 hours

AFA 6120 3 Social Theory and Social Thought

AFA 6207 3 African American Historiography

AFA 6355 3 African American Community Research

AFA 6805 3 African Historiography

*\*Students must earn a “B” or higher (3.00) in all core courses or they will be required to retake the course.*

**Electives** - 15 hours

Students must complete 15 additional hours in approved graduate electives. These may include additional courses within Africana Studies or outside the department. Students may also choose to complete a graduate certificate as the basis of their elective work.

Approved Electives\*

AFA 6108 – Social Construction of Race and Racism

AFA 6387 – Seminar on Genocide and Human Rights

AFA 6905 – Independent Study

AFA 6910 – Directed Research

AFA 6932 – Special Topics

*\*Additional external electives may be chosen in consultation with the Graduate Director*

**Thesis or Internship -** 3 hours

AFA 6971 3 Thesis OR

AFA 6945 3 Internship

Students must complete a thesis or internship as part of their graduate program. Students will make this choice at the end of their first year of study. Thesis students must register for no less than three thesis hours (AFA 6971). Internship students must register for no less than three hours of internship (AFA 6945).

**Comprehensive Exam**

Internship students must successfully pass a comprehensive exam. The successful oral defense of the thesis equates to the comprehensive exam for thesis students. \*Any student who initially chooses the thesis, but later changes to an Internship (which will only be approved with extenuating circumstances) must complete comprehensive exams.

**American Studies Concentration - 30 hours**

Concentration Courses12 hours

HUM 6814 3 Introduction to Graduate Study

AMS 6156 3 Theories and Methods of Cultural Studies

AMS 6254 3 Cultural Era

AMS 6805 3 Enduring Questions in American Culture

**ELECTIVES 12 hours**

To be selected from 5000 or 6000 level courses in American Studies and/or related departments, such as: English, History, Humanities, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Sociology, and Women's and Gender Studies. No more than 6 hours from any one department may be credited toward the degree without written consent from the Graduate Director.

Work in the following may be included:

AMS 6002 3 American Lives

AMS 6901 1-3 Directed Readings in American Studies

AMS 6915 1-12 Directed Research

AMS 6934 1-3 Selected Topics

AMS 6940 1-3 Internship in American Studies

**COMPREHENSIVE EXAM**

The submission and oral defense of the thesis proposal equates to the comprehensive exam.

**THESIS 6 hours**

AMS 6971 - 6 Thesis

Upon nearing the completion of coursework, each student will select a thesis topic, constitute a thesis committee, and write and orally defend a thesis proposal. The student will then write and orally defend a 40 to 80-page thesis. During the proposal and thesis writing stage, students are required to enroll for at least 6 hours of Thesis credit.

**Film Studies Concentration - 30 hours**

**Concentration Courses -** 12 hours

HUM 6814 3 Introduction to Graduate Study

HUM 6583 3 Global Cinema and New Media to 1960

HUM 6584 3 Global Cinema and New Media since 1960

HUM 6586 3 Film Theory

**Electives -** 12

Additional coursework selected in consultation with the Graduate Director.

**Comprehensive Exam**

The submission and oral defense of the thesis proposal equates to the comprehensive exam.

**Thesis**  6 hours

HUM 6971 6 Thesis

After the completion of coursework, each student will select a thesis topic; constitute a thesis committee; and write and orally defend a thesis proposal. Each student will then write and orally defend a 40-80 page thesis. During the proposal and thesis writing stage, students are required to enroll for 6 thesis hours.

**Humanities Concentration -30 hours**

**Concentration Courses** - 24 hours

HUM 6814 3 Introduction to Graduate Study

HUM 6801 3 Theories and Methods of Cultural Studies

 9 Additional HUM courses selected in consultation with the Graduate Director

 9 HUM or Outside electives selected in consultation with the Graduate Director

**Comprehensive Exam**

The submission and oral defense of the thesis proposal equates to the comprehensive exam.

**Thesis**

HUM 6971 6 Thesis

After the completion of coursework, each student willselect a thesis topic; constitute a thesis committee; and write and orally defend a thesis proposal. Each student will then write and orally defend a 40 to 80 page thesis. During the proposal and thesis writing stage, students are required to enroll for 6 thesis credits.

**Social and Political Thought Concentration - 30 hours**

**Concentration Courses -** 24 hours

Courses approved by a committee selected by the student from the program faculty.

**Comprehensive Exam**

The oral defense of the thesis equates to the comprehensive exam

**Thesis -** 6 hours

After the completion of coursework, each student will select a thesis topic; constitute a thesis committee; and write and orally defend a thesis proposal. Each student will then write and orally defend a 40 to 80 page thesis. During the proposal and thesis writing stage, students are required to enroll for 6 thesis hours.

**COURSES**

 See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/>