



Alignment of Degree Programs

CIP Code & Title: 24.0101 Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies

Level: Master's

Area of Strategic Emphasis: None

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Master of Arts offers students an opportunity to study from an interdisciplinary perspective the ideas and works that have shaped world culture. Six program concentrations are available: Africana Studies, American Studies, Film Studies, Florida Studies, Humanities, Social and Political Thought.

CURRICULUM:

A. Student Learning Outcomes:

Goal 1: Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

- 1a. Outcome: Students will be able to produce a well-developed critical analysis comparing the theoretical and political perspectives of three Africana Studies scholars and thinkers, including Maria Stewart, Carter G. Woodson, W.E.B. DuBois, Anna Julia Cooper, C.L. R. James, Kwame Nkrumah or selected African and African diasporan scholars.
- 1b. Outcome: Students will demonstrate application of theories and methods of research in social and political theory that arise in a variety of disciplines, including both traditional humanities and social science fields such as philosophy and politics, but also such areas as management theory, communications, and education, as appropriate. This is year one of a three year goal.
- 1c. Outcome: The student demonstrates a mastery of secondary material relevant to the area of student's thesis in an interdisciplinary, humanistic area of study.

B. Admission Standards for the Program:

B1. Program Admission Requirements:

- GRE Recommended
- Writing Sample
- Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation are recommended
- Students must select a concentration at the time of application

B2. University Admissions: Admission to the program is based on the University's Graduate Admission Requirements that may be found by clicking on the following url:

- **Graduate:** <https://www.usf.edu/admissions/graduate/admission-information/requirements-deadlines.aspx>

C. Graduation Requirements for the Program:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Successful completion of the following:
 - All degree requirements and the required minimum degree program credit hours
 - Completion of the requirements associated with the thesis or non-thesis requirement.

D. Integrated Curricular Framework:

D1. Required Courses: (6 credit hours)

D1a. Major Core Courses: 2 courses; 6 credit hours

- HUM 6814 Introduction to Graduate Study (3)
- HUM 6815 Research Seminar (3)

D2. Major (Restricted) Electives: (21 credit hours)

Students complete 12 credit hours of electives and one concentration in: Africana Studies, American Studies, Film Studies, Florida Studies, Humanities, Social and Political Thought.

D2a. Electives: 4 courses; 12 credit hours

Students complete 12 credit hours of electives selected from a menu of courses approved by the Program Director.

D2b. Africana Studies Concentration: 3 courses, 9 credit hours

- AFA 6120 Social Theory and Social Thought (3)
- AFA 6108 Social Construction of Race and Racism (3)
- AFA 6932 Topics in Africana Studies (3)

D2c. American Studies Concentration: 3 courses, 9 credit hours

- AMS 6156 Theories and Methods of Cultural Studies (3)
- AMS 6254 Cultural Era (3)
- AMS 6805 Enduring Questions in American Culture (3)

D2d. Film Studies Concentration: 3 courses, 9 credit hours

- HUM 6586 Film Theory (3)
- HUM 6583 Global Cinema and New Media to 1960 (3)
- HUM 6584 Global Cinema and New Media since 1960 (3)

D2e. Humanities Concentration: 3 courses, 9 credit hours

- HUM 6801 Theories and Methods of Cultural Studies (3)

Students select six credit hours from the following list of courses:

- HUM 6939 Selected Topics in Humanities (3)
- HUM 6588 Themes and Genres in Film and New Media (3)
- HUM 6475 Studies in Contemporary Arts and Letters (3)

- Other course approved by the Program Director (3)

D2f. Social and Political Thought Concentration: 3 courses, 9 credit hours

Students select nine credit hours from the following list of courses:

- ANG 6701 Contemporary Applied Anthropology (3)
- INR 6690 Research Seminar in Globalization (3)
- WST 6560 Advanced Feminist Theory (3)
- SPW 5135 Colonial Spanish American Literature (3)
- PHH 6266 Continental Philosophy II: Political Theory and Continental Social Theory (3)
- PHH 6267 Continental Philosophy III: From Structuralism to Deconstructionism (3)
- PHI 6425 Seminar in the Philosophy of Social Science (3)
- PHM 6105 Seminar in Social Philosophy (3)
- PHM 6305 Seminar in Political Philosophy (3)
- PHM 6406 Seminar in the Philosophy of Law (3)
- PHM 6506 Seminar in the Philosophy of History (3)
- PHP 6624 Adorno (4)
- PHP 6645 Foucault (4)
- POT 6007 Seminar in Political Theory (3)
- or other courses approved by the Graduate Director

D2f. Florida Studies Concentration: 3 courses, 9 credit hours

Students choose nine credit hours from the following list of courses:

- HIS 6925 Colloquium in History (3)
- HIS 6939 Seminar in History (3)
- HIS 5114 Spanish Paleography I (3)
- HIS 5116 Spanish Paleography II (3)
- AMS 6026 Florida and Regional Studies (3)
- EVR 6072 Florida Springs (3)
- GEA 6195 Seminar in Advanced Regional Geography (3)
- BSC 6932 Selected Topics in Biology (3)
- LIT 6934 Selected Topics in English Studies (1-6)
- AML 6017 Studies in American Literature to 1860 (3)

D3. Thesis/Non-Thesis Options (6 credit hours)

Students choose a thesis or non-thesis option

D3a. Thesis Option: 1 course, 6 credit hours

- AFA 6971 Thesis (2-19)
- AMS 6971 Thesis: Master's (2-19)
- ENG 6971 Thesis: Master's (2-19)
- EVR 6971 Thesis: Master's (2-19)
- HIS 6971 Thesis: Master's (2-19)
- HUM 6971 Thesis: Masters (2-19)
- Or other thesis course as approved by the Program Director

D3b. Non-Thesis Option: 1 course, 6 credit hours

Additional six hours of graduate coursework at the 6000-level, selected in consultation with the Program Director.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- For students in the thesis option, successful submission and defense of the thesis proposal or final thesis serves in lieu of the Comprehensive Exam. For students in the non-thesis option, successful submission and defense of a capstone project proposal serves in lieu of the Comprehensive Exam.

NOTES:

- Do not anticipate any significant increase in enrollment and the student to faculty ratio post-consolidation is expected to be stable.