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Careers in American Studies

American Studies degree holders are found in government and politics, in the Foreign Service (especially United States Information Agency), in journalism and journalism education, and of course in teaching and scholarship. Within the universities, they sometimes work in American Studies programs, sometimes in conventional disciplines, and often in both.

There are a number of ideas behind the American Studies concept, but perhaps the simplest and most basic is this: One can build a discipline horizontally as well as vertically. Many of the conventional disciplines are

horizontal. For example:

Some "Vertical" Disciplines

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A Department of History offers:
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           Department of History off
Ancient History
Medieval History
Modern History
European History
Asian History
Latin American History
American History
Russian History
Russian History
etc.
                                                                                                                      A Department of English off
Old English
Middle English
Elizabethan Literature
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19th Century Literature
20th Century Literature
American Literature
The Modern Novel
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stc.
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                                                                          Primitive Art
Ancient Art
Medieval Art
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French Art
American Art
                                                                          The Impressionists
20th Century Art
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But one could also organize a discipline "horizontally" by grouping together courses from different departments which deal with one period or with one country. For example:

A "Horizontal" Discipline

American History → American Literature → American Art → American Social Problems → etc. →

The chart is oversimplified, of course, but it illustrates an important point. The student of American Literature will find that courses in other literatures will reinforce his work and give him a broader context in which to understand it. But courses in American History will, too; so will courses in other arts in the United States, courses in Sociology, Folklore and Anthropology. His approach to American Literature may, in the end, be very different in some ways from the approach of a man trained primarily in literature alone, but it will be no less valid and no less profound.

The American Studies Program at the University of Kansas encourages projects which use either (or both) interdisciplinary techniques and/or the specialized procedures of the various disciplines. For example:

A student may want to apply the techniques of close literary analysis to a study of the works of a philosopher or a political analyst.

A student may want to be an historical sites archaeologist, and request a Ph.D. program heavy in history and anthropology.

A student with sound training in statistics may want to write a thesis which begins in political science, but which has implications for sociologists and intellectual historians, implications which he understands because he, too, has training in their

Each of these projects falls comfortably within the bounds of what the University of Kansas considers American Studies.

Fellowships and Scholarships

A variety of graduate awards—Graduate School honors fellowships, University fellowships, NDEA fellowships, teaching fellowships, and scholarships—are available to students in American Studies. These cover all fees and pay stipends of up to about \$2,500.

Honors fellowships are awarded for four years of graduate study leading to the Ph.D. and comprise a teaching fellowship for the first year, teaching assistantships for the second and third years, a dissertation fellowship for the fourth year, and three summer fellowships. NDEA awards increase in value as the student progresses towards his Ph.D. For the academic year 1966-1967, the American Studies Program at the University of Kansas was awarded four NDEA fellowships. We hope to have a number available each year.

The deadline for all credentials supporting applications for financial awards is February 15.

The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Assistant Instructorships

Teaching assistantships for American Studies graduate students are available in many of the component departments (English, History, Sociology, etc.) and in the Western Civilization Program. In 1965-66, half-time assistant instructors receive from \$2,300 to \$2,600 depending upon their teaching experience and their graduate standing. Students interested in such appointments should write directly to the Chairman of the appropriate department, but should make their applications for admission to the Chairman of the American Studies Program. The field in which the student teaches should normally be the area of American Studies in which he plans to concentrate his graduate work.

Assistant instructors enrolled in six credit hours or fewer pay resident fees of \$11.25 per credit hour; those enrolled in seven or more hours pay \$139 a semester. These fees entitle a graduate student to instruction in classes, necessary dispensary care for ordinary illnesses and special medical services at nominal rates, the use of the Kansas Union, admission without charge to most campus events, reserved seat football tickets at a special price, the University Daily Kansan and participation in other activities.

Admission and General Requirements

The Graduate School Catalog describes all general requirements. American Studies Program requirements for admission are (1) admission to the Graduate School and (2) the Graduate Record Examination.

Prospective students should arrange to take both the aptitude test and at least one of the advanced tests, and to have the results forwarded to the Chairman of the program.

For the Master of Arts Degree. Students with considerable undergraduate training in one or more of the various disciplines which deal with the American experience may work toward the degree of Master of Arts in American Studies. They will take a minimum of 30 hours of graduate courses including American Studies 301 and a tightly integrated group of courses selected from those offered by the component departments (English, History, Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology, Geography, Art History, Economics, Philosophy and others), and in certain cases, by other schools of the

University (for example: certain courses in Urban Planning and History of Architecture, offered by the School of Engineering and Architecture). An interdisciplinary thesis and a reading knowledge of one foreign language are required.

The Degree of Master of Arts is not a prerequisite for a Ph.D. in American Studies. Students who wish to work toward a Ph.D. in American Studies and who would like to earn an M.A. en route are encouraged to earn it in one of the component departments.

For the Doctor of Philosophy Degree. A candidate is normally expected to earn graduate credit in six areas of the American experience. Among the areas from

which he may choose are:

History of Art History of Architecture Geography History of Journalism Philosophy Sociology Speech and Drama Regional Ecology Linguistics

Economics Literature Literature History History of Music Political Science Anthropology History of Science Urban History

In one area, he is expected to attain professional competence. Beyond that, the program is very flexible: The Chairman will approve any courses which are demonstrably relevant to a student's program of study.

Proficiency in two foreign languages is required. But these do not have to be French and German: they may be any two which the student demonstrates to the satisfaction of the committee are relevant to his graduate program.

Course 302, a seminar open to graduate students after they have taken 30 hours of graduate work, is required. This is a problems course, tailored to the interests and training of the students enrolled.

An interdisciplinary dissertation also is required.

Faculty

The list which follows is merely a sampling of faculty available to graduate students in American Studies. The range of courses which students might take makes a complete list impractical.

American History

George L. Anderson, Ph.D. (Illinois) †John G. Clark, Ph.D. (Stanford) †Clifford S. Griffin, Ph.D. (Wisconsin) Donald R. McCoy, Ph.D. (American) W. Stitt Robinson, Ph.D. (Virginia)

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Sociology

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Anthropology

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Folklore

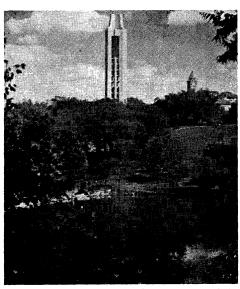
Robert Georges, Ph.D. (Indiana)

*Hold Ph.D. in American Studies †Members of the American Studies Committee

Location

If you don't know the area, forget your preconceptions. Lawrence is in pretty, rolling country. The University sits on a high hill overlooking two river valleys. You are 20 minutes from Topeka and 40 from Kansas City via the Kansas Turnpike. Kansas City is a lively town; Lawrence itself has more concerts, plays, lectures and good foreign films than you can possibly attend.

The cost of living is low by national standards. Winter is cold and summer is hot, but both are short, and the fall and spring seasons are long and pleasant.



THE CAMPUS is large and growing but plans are to retain its park-like character.

Area Library Resources



The Harry S. Truman Library (one hour away) in Independence, Mo., is a branch of the National Archives. It offers quick and easy access to all types of documents, and a large and permanent collection of its own, especially strong in matters relating to the history of American diplomacy.



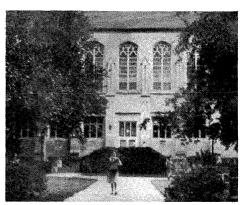
Library of the Kansas State Historical Society (30 minutes away) in Topeka, Kan., has extensive manuscript and newspaper collections.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Library (two hours away) in Abilene, Kan., is processing its collections and will be open in 1966 to research scholars interested in studies of the Eisenhower Administration and the military aspects of World War II. The Library's holdings consist of the papers of President Eisenhower, of many of his associates as both General and President, and of selected microfilm of official records of his commands during World War II.

The Federal Records Center (50 minutes away) in Kansas City, Mo., is the depository for the records of the Federal courts of this region, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Army Field Establishment created during World War II and the Korean War.

Logan Clendening Library at the University of Kansas Medical Center (45 minutes away) in Kansas City, Kan., has large and well selected holdings in the history of medicine and the basic medical sciences.

Linda Hall Library of Science (45 minutes away) in Kansas City, Mo., contains an excellent collection of materials in the history of science with major emphasis in the physical sciences. The Library includes an outstanding group of rare editions in early modern science and an unusually complete set of periodicals of the learned scientific societies of the world.



Watson Library on the University of Kansas campus has over one million volumes, including many rare works in its Department of Special Collections, which has important holdings in a number of American fields. The Library subscribes to major scholarly journals and microreproduction series, and owns, for example, the University Microfilms series on 19th century American magazines. The building itself is spacious, comfortable, well-lighted, and air-conditioned.

Other Special Facilities

The Chairman of the American Studies Program is also Editor of the *Midcontinent American Studies Journal*, published at the University of Kansas. It is an interdisciplinary magazine devoted to studies of American thought, life, culture and history, with contributors from all major universities and subscribers in five continents. At least one graduate student per year will be given the opportunity of editorial experience on the *Journal*.

The University has a Museum of Art with some good American holdings and a set of the famous Carnegie slides of U.S. painting, architecture and related arts. The region is strong in holdings in American art: the Wichita Art Museum contains an important collection of American painting; the Nelson Gallery in Kansas City has extensive and significant American material, as does the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Sheldon Gallery in Lincoln, Nebraska, has a collection very strong in contemporary American painting. The area contains, moreover, a number of important architectural monuments.

The area also is unusually strong in material on present-day Indian problems, and Haskell Institute, in Lawrence, is a reliable source of informants.

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