

Checklist for the Ph.D. Student

- Provide Graduate School with documents required as stated in letter of acceptance. These may include the following:
 - English proficiency examinations
 - Final transcripts and/or official evidence of B.A. and M.A. awarded

These documents must be in the Graduate School during the first semester of enrollment.

- Form Preliminary Advisory Committee

This committee must have a chair or co-chair who is a member of the American Studies faculty or affiliate faculty. The committee must have at least two additional members, but at least 50% of the advisory committee must be drawn from the American Studies faculty. Additional members may be added as appropriate.
- Complete course requirements
 - AMST 60100 and 60200 (unless already taken as an M.A. student at Purdue)
 - AMST 60300
 - AMST 65000 (variable title/variable content AMST seminar; must be taken at least once)
 - Other courses necessary to prepare for preliminary examinations in the major field
- Fulfill language and/or research methods requirement.

This requirement must be completed before taking preliminary examinations.
- File Plan of Study

A Plan must be submitted by the end of the second full semester of study. Please see the American Studies web site (<http://www.cla.purdue.edu/american-studies/>) for information on completing the Plan of Study.
- Preliminary Examination

Students must submit their request to schedule the oral defense to the Program's Administrative Assistant no later than three weeks prior to the defense date.
- Defend dissertation prospectus
- Form Dissertation Committee
- Dissertation Format approval by Dissertation Committee
- Request for Final Examination

Students must submit their request to schedule the dissertation defense to the Administrative Assistant no later than three weeks prior to the defense date.
- Final Examination (Defense of Dissertation)
- Declare degree candidacy

When registering for the final semester, indicate on the registration form (Form 23) or to the Administrative Assistant by email that you are a degree candidate.