

## Appendix

*Appendix 1. MA in American Studies.* Coherence between the qualifications framework for higher education, the competence objectives of the course of study and the individual subject element learning objectives.

Qualification Framework for Danish Higher Education	Competence objectives	The learning objectives of the individual subject elements
<b>Knowledge:</b>		
<p>Must possess knowledge of one or more subject areas which, in selected fields, is based on the highest international research within a subject area.</p>	<p>The graduate has</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• knowledge of the discipline of American Studies and insight into how this knowledge is generated.</li> <li>• knowledge of American Studies is here understood as a thorough knowledge of the discipline of American studies in its literary, cultural and historic totality – in part, with regard to the overall context and interdisciplinary insights, and in part as a specialised immersion in selected themes or epochs based on leading international research within a subject area.</li> </ul>	<p>Theory, Method and Research Practice in American Studies Topics in American Literature and Culture Topics in American History and Society Perspectives in American Studies Communicating American Studies American Business and Society America Today MA Thesis</p>
<p>Must be able to understand and, on a scientific basis, reflect on the knowledge of the subject area(s) as well as be able to identify scientific issues.</p>	<p>The graduate must be able</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>to delimit and define an academic problem at a high scientific level</i></li> </ol>	<p>Theory, Method and Research Practice in American Studies Topics in American Literature and Culture Topics in American History and Society Perspectives in American Studies Communicating American Studies American Business and Society America Today MA Thesis</p>
<b>Skills:</b>		
<p>Must master the scientific methodologies and tools of the subject area(s) as well as master general skills related to work within the subject area(s).</p>	<p>The graduate must be able:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <i>to systematize complex knowledge and data as well as critically choose and prioritize particularities that are essential for the topic</i></li> <li>4. <i>to master, critically, the field's various theories and methods</i></li> <li>5. <i>to employ terms in a precise and consistent manner</i></li> <li>6. <i>to argue at a scientific level</i></li> <li>9. <i>to evaluate sources critically and document these by using references, notes and bibliographies</i></li> </ol>	<p>Theory, Method and Research Practice in American Studies Topics in American Literature and Culture Topics in American History and Society Perspectives in American Studies Communicating American Studies American Business and Society America Today MA Thesis</p>

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	<p><i>14. to use IT as a tool in connection with data analysis, information seeking, and knowledge presentation</i></p> <p>The graduate is able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acquire new knowledge and apply this purposefully</li> <li>• immerse themselves in selected issues</li> <li>• demonstrate familiarity with the subject's theories and methodologies – partly from an analytical strategic perspective with a view to the acquisition of tools as conditions for the independent preparation of assignments at an academic level and, partly, from a purely epistemological and research theoretical perspective</li> </ul>	
<p>Must be able to evaluate and select among the scientific theories, methodologies, tools and general skills of the subject area(s), and set up, on a scientific basis, new analysis and solution models.</p>	<p>The graduate must be able:</p> <p><i>2. to investigate, analyse and solve academic problems thoroughly by means of relevant academic theories and methods as well as incorporating current international research</i></p> <p>The graduate is able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrate familiarity with the research process, i.e. can propose a nuanced formulation of an issue and perform an analysis on the basis of relevant material, including taking a critical stance on work of others</li> <li>• seek and find information, analyse and understand this as well as evaluate critically</li> <li>• demonstrate the ability to process and extract the essence of larger amounts of information</li> </ul>	<p>Theory, Method and Research Practice in American Studies            Topics in American Literature and Culture            Topics in American History and Society            Perspectives in American Studies            Communicating American Studies            American Business and Society            America Today            MA Thesis</p>
<p>Must be able to communicate research-based knowledge and discuss professional and scientific issues with both peers and non-specialists.</p>	<p>The graduate must be able:</p> <p><i>7. to initiate and complete an academic dialogue</i>  <i>10. to use language – written and/or spoken – which is topic-oriented, precise and correct</i>  <i>11. disseminate research based knowledge and discuss complex scientific issues, making it relevant and comprehensible for different target groups</i></p> <p>The graduate must be able:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• read and understand academic texts in (American) English and express</li> </ul>	<p>Theory, Method and Research Practice in American Studies            Topics in American Literature and Culture            Topics in American History and Society            Perspectives in American Studies            Communicating American Studies            American Business and Society            America Today</p>

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	<p>themselves in writing and verbally at an academic level in American English</p>	<p>MA Thesis</p>
<b>Competences:</b>		
<p>Must be able to manage work situations and developments that are complex, unpredictable and require new solution models.</p>	<p>The graduate must be able:</p> <p><i>8. to have a clear focus and consistency in conducting tasks</i></p> <p><i>12. to control work- and developmental situations that are complex and presuppose new solutions, as well as be able to collaborate, including the ability to receive and give constructive criticism</i></p> <p>The graduate must be able:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to independently make and argue for subject-related decisions and carry out investigations that will provide the required decision-making basis</li> <li>practised in complying with deadlines and rules on extent of assignments</li> </ul>	<p>Theory, Method and Research Practice in American Studies Topics in American Literature and Culture Topics in American History and Society Perspectives in American Studies Communicating American Studies American Business and Society America Today MA Thesis</p>
<p>Must be able to independently initiate and carry out discipline-specific and interdisciplinary collaboration and assume professional responsibility.</p>	<p>Graduates must be able:</p> <p><i>13. to work independently, in a disciplined, structured and goal-oriented including the ability to meet deadlines and other formalities</i></p> <p>The graduate is able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>take charge of development work on the basis of scientific and theoretical methods</li> <li>demonstrate familiarity with interdisciplinary work</li> <li>participate efficiently in teams, as well as receive critiques of own work and provide constructive criticism of others'</li> </ul>	<p>Theory, Method and Research Practice in American Studies Topics in American Literature and Culture Topics in American History and Society Perspectives in American Studies Communicating American Studies American Business and Society America Today MA Thesis</p>
<p>Must be able to independently take responsibility for their own professional development and specialisation.</p>	<p>The graduate has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>familiarity with independently organising work time and prioritizing tasks</li> <li>ability to work (based on a combined humanities perspective and detailed knowledge of American conditions) in the information and research sector, the international business world and a number of international organisations</li> </ul>	<p>Theory, Method and Research Practice in American Studies Topics in American Literature and Culture Topics in American History and Society Perspectives in American Studies Communicating American Studies American Business and Society America Today MA Thesis</p>