

APPALACHIAN STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN APPALACHIAN STUDIES

The Center for Appalachian Studies, housed in University College, was established in 1978 to coordinate and promote curriculum offerings, public programs, and research activities on the Appalachian region. Built on the good work of generations of Appalachian scholars, including folklorist Amos Abrams and scholar Cratis Williams, considered the father of Appalachian Studies, the Center works to illuminate and sustain the region's rich history, cultures, communities, and ecology.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Master of Arts Degree in Appalachian Studies offers three interdisciplinary concentrations:

- **Appalachian Culture:** focuses on scholarship and research in the social sciences, humanities, and fine and applied arts, seeking to deepen understanding of the Appalachian socio-cultural and historical experience.
- **Sustainable Development:** emphasizes applied research and interdisciplinary course work spanning the social and natural sciences as well as the humanities. It provides a foundation for those students who seek to develop the means for meeting the legitimate needs of present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. For students interested in Appalachian and other highland and rural peoples, as well as other peoples threatened by the results of unsustainable practices and patterns, this course of study provides the background in the search for sustainable solutions.
- **Appalachian Music: Roots & Influences:** provides instruction and opportunities for scholarship on the varieties of music traditions that intersect in the southern Appalachian region.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

This 18 hour interdisciplinary certificate is grounded in the social sciences and humanities, and is designed to provide candidates with in-depth exposure to regional scholarship, research resources, and appropriate methods of inquiry. The program allows some flexibility in direction of study.

STUDY ABROAD IN WALES

Students have the opportunity for summer study in Wales, engaging in comparative analysis of Wales and Appalachia. Students investigate similarities and differences in coalfield economies, politics, and cultures; models of sustainable development responding to the closing of coal mines in Great Britain; and Welsh migration patterns to Appalachia. Students develop an understanding of variation in national, regional, and local responses to socioeconomic change through lectures by Welsh scholars; community-based internships; meetings with political activists and government officials; visits to cultural events and tourist sites; and interaction with Welsh society.

ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

Students from the southeast may be eligible to attend our MA in Appalachian Studies at the North Carolina in-state tuition rate. For more information, go to the following website:

<http://www.sreb.org/>

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