

Master of Arts in Appalachian Studies
Graduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies
Graduate Minor in Appalachian Studies
Center for Appalachian Studies
College of Arts and Sciences

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The Center for Appalachian Studies coordinates curriculum offerings, projects, and research relating to the Appalachian region. The Center offers the following programs:

- Master of Arts degree program in Appalachian Studies (204*/05.0199), with concentrations in
 - Appalachian Culture Area (204B)
 - Appalachian Music: Roots and Influences (204D)
 - Sustainable Development (204C)
- Graduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies (200A/05.0199)
- Graduate Minor in Appalachian Studies (203/05.0199).

Courses in the following disciplines are offered through the Center for Appalachian Studies:

- AS: Appalachian studies courses
- IDS: sustainable development courses

In addition, the Appalachian Studies programs include coursework offered by other departments as follows:

- ANT: anthropology courses (see the Anthropology Department for course descriptions)
- BIO: biology courses (see the Biology program for course descriptions)
- ECO: economics courses (see the Economics Department for course descriptions)
- ENG: English courses (see the English program for course descriptions)
- GHY: geography courses (see the Geography program for course descriptions)
- GLY: geology courses (see the Geology Department for course descriptions)
- HIS: history courses (see the History program for course descriptions)
- MBA: business administration courses (see the Business Administration program for course descriptions)
- MGT: management courses (see Management department for course descriptions)
- MUS: music courses (see the Music program for course descriptions)
- PA: public administration courses (see the Public Administration program for course descriptions)
- PLN: planning courses (see the Geography program for course descriptions)
- PS: political science courses (see the Political Science program for course descriptions)
- REL: religious studies (see the Philosophy and Religion Department for course descriptions)
- SOC: sociology courses (see the Gerontology program for course descriptions)
- TEC: technology courses (see the Technology program for course descriptions)

The Appalachian Studies MA program qualifies for **Academic Common Market** status, and students from the southeastern states outside of North Carolina may qualify for a reduction to in-state tuition. Currently, the Appalachian Studies program is open in the following states: Arkansas, Delaware, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Students should contact their home state's ACM coordinator to request consideration. The complete list of coordinators is available on the Southern Regional Education Board website: <http://www.sreb.org>.

The **Appalachian Culture Area** concentration (204B) 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.

The **Appalachian Music: Roots and Influence** concentration (204D) focuses on scholarly treatment of regional music traditions, including ballads, shape-note songs, traditional string bands, bluegrass, gospel, and country, including the African-American as well as European-American traditions.

The **Sustainable Development** concentration (204C) is based on 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.

PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN APPALACHIAN STUDIES (Major Code: 200A)

Admission Requirements: Baccalaureate degree in from an accredited college or university; complete application to the Cratis Williams Graduate School (<http://www.graduate.appstate.edu>), including resume, official GRE general exam scores, and official transcripts for baccalaureate degree.

Hours: 18 semester hours

Location: On Campus

Program of Study:

		An appropriate research methods course, e.g., AS 5000 or equivalent.....	3
		An elective course chosen in consultation with the program director	3
		Choose 4 courses from at least 3 departments out of the following list	12
ANT	5120	Appalachian Culture and Social Organization (3 s.h.)	
BIO	5530-5549	Biogeography of the Southern Appalachians (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5710	Advanced Folklore (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5720	Appalachian Literature (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5208	Seminar in Appalachian History (3 s.h.)	
REL	5400	Religion in Appalachia (3 s.h.)	
PS	5130	Appalachian Political Perspectives (3 s.h.)	
SOC	5300	Appalachia in Social Context (3 s.h.)	
		TOTAL HOURS FOR CERTIFICATE	18

GRADUATE MINOR IN APPALACHIAN STUDIES (203/05.0199)

Students will elect a total of 9 semester hours from the following:

AS	5000	Bibliography and Research	3
ANT	5120	Appalachian Culture and Social Organization	3
BIO	5530-5549	Biogeography of the Southern Appalachians	3
ENG	5xxx	Course with Appalachia as the central focus (e.g., ENG 5710- Advanced Folklore; ENG 5720-Appalachian Literature).....	3
HIS	5208	Seminar in Appalachian History	3
REL	5400	Religion in Appalachia	3
PS	5130	Appalachian Political Perspectives.....	3
SOC	5300	Appalachia in Social Context	3
		TOTAL HOURS FOR MINOR	9

PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN APPALACHIAN STUDIES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN APPALACHIAN CULTURE AREA (Major Code: 204*/05.0199; Concentration Code: 204B)

Admission Requirements: Baccalaureate degree in from an accredited college or university; complete application to the Cratis Williams Graduate School (<http://www.graduate.appstate.edu>), including resume, three letters of recommendation, official GRE general exam scores, and official transcripts from all colleges attended; two-page statement of intent explaining applicant's academic and professional goals in chosen concentration and the value of regional studies to the contemporary world; additional courses (up to 15 hours maximum) may be required if so indicated by the student's deficiencies.

Basic Criteria for Consideration: Cumulative GPA: 3.0; GRE Verbal score: 500; GRE Writing score: 3.5.

Hours: 36 semester hours

Location: On Campus

Required Courses: (9 s.h.)

AS	5000	Bibliography and Research	3
AS	5020	Colloquium in Appalachian Studies.....	3
		One of the following courses	3
	ANT 5410	Qualitative Research Methods (3 s.h.)	
	SOC 5110	Research Problems I (Quantitative Methods) (3 s.h.)	
		Another appropriate research methods course chosen with approval of the advisor (3 s.h.)	
		REQUIRED COURSE HOURS	9

Regional Courses: (12 s.h. required)

		Choose four of the following courses, from four different disciplines	12
ANT	5120	Appalachian Culture and Social Organization (3 s.h.)	
BIO	5530-5549	Biogeography of the Southern Appalachians (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5710	Advanced Folklore (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5720	Appalachian Literature (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5208	Seminar in Appalachian History (3 s.h.)	
REL	5400	Religion in Appalachia (3 s.h.)	
PS	5130	Appalachian Political Perspectives (3 s.h.)	
SOC	5300	Appalachia in Social Context (3 s.h.)	
		REGIONAL COURSEWORK HOURS	12

Electives: (9-12 s.h. required)

Choose 3-4 courses from the list below, or from the Regional Courses listed above9-12 (with approval of the student's advisor). No more than twenty-five percent of the student's degree program may be taken in a combination of selected topics and independent studies.

ANT	5200	Sustainable Development: Theory, Method and Case (3 s.h.)	
ANT	5530-5549	Appalachian Prehistory (3 s.h.)	
ANT	5565	Agrarian Studies and Rural Development (3 s.h.)	
ANT	5600	Medical Anthropology (3 s.h.)	
ANT	5610	Ethnographic Field School (2-6 s.h.)	
AS	5110	Ethnographic Field Study (1-6 s.h.)	
AS	5500	Independent Study (3 s.h.)	
AS	5530-5549	Selected Topics (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5100	Composition Theory, Practice, and Pedagogy (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5640	Cultural Studies (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5650	Gender Studies (3 s.h.)	
GHY	5400	Planning Process (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5002	Seminar in Public History (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5206	Studies in American History (when applicable) (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5575	Introduction to Public History (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5610	Management of Museums (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5640	Interpretation in Museums (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5660	Topics in Public and Applied History (3 s.h.)	
PLN	5450	Planning Sustainable Communities (3 s.h.)	

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PLN	5700	Project Management (3 s.h.)	
PA	5060	Seminar in Public Administration (3 s.h.)	
PS	5330	Problems in State and Local Government (3 s.h.)	
IDS	5100	Foundations of Sustainable Development (3 s.h.)	
IDS	5300	Issues in Global Systems Science (3 s.h.)	
SOC	5750	Social Stratification (3 s.h.)	
TEC	5638	Contemporary Problems in Appropriate Technology (3 s.h.)	
ELECTIVE HOURS			9-12

Final Project (CHOOSE ONE):

AS	5900	Internship	3-6
AS	5999	Thesis.....	3-6
FINAL PROJECT HOURS.....			3-6

TOTAL HOURS FOR THE MA DEGREE 36

Thesis: Optional

Proficiency: A reading knowledge of a foreign language is required. Demonstrated competency in statistics and/or computer science may be substituted upon approval of the student’s advisor. The standards by which proficiency is determined are listed in the current Graduate Bulletin.

Comprehensive: A comprehensive examination is required.

Product of Learning: None required

**PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN APPALACHIAN STUDIES WITH A
CONCENTRATION IN APPALACHIAN MUSIC: ROOTS AND INFLUENCES (Major Code: 204*/05.0199;
Concentration Code: 204D)**

Admission Requirements: Baccalaureate degree in from an accredited college or university; complete application to the Cratis Williams Graduate School (<http://www.graduate.appstate.edu>), including resume, three letters of recommendation, official GRE general exam scores, and official transcripts from all colleges attended; two-page statement of intent explaining applicant's academic and professional goals in chosen concentration and the value of regional studies to the contemporary world; additional courses (up to 15 hours maximum) may be required if so indicated by the student's deficiencies.

Basic Criteria for Consideration: Cumulative GPA: 3.0; GRE Verbal score: 500; GRE Writing score: 3.5.

Hours: 36 semester hours

Location: On Campus

Required Courses: (9 s.h.)

AS	5000	Bibliography and Research	3
AS	5020	Colloquium in Appalachian Studies.....	3
		One of the following courses	3
	ANT 5410	Qualitative Research Methods (3 s.h.)	
	SOC 5110	Research Problems I (Quantitative Methods) (3 s.h.)	
		Another appropriate research methods substitution with approval of advisor (3 s.h.)	
		REQUIRED COURSE HOURS	9

Regional Courses: (12 s.h. required)

		Choose four of the following courses, from four different disciplines	12
ANT	5120	Appalachian Culture and Social Organization (3 s.h.)	
BIO	5530-5549	Biogeography of the Southern Appalachians (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5710	Advanced Folklore (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5720	Appalachian Literature (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5208	Seminar in Appalachian History (3 s.h.)	
REL	5400	Religion in Appalachia (3 s.h.)	
PS	5130	Appalachian Political Perspectives (3 s.h.)	
SOC	5300	Appalachia in Social Context (3 s.h.)	
		REGIONAL COURSE HOURS	12

Electives: (9-12 s.h. required)

Choose 3-4 courses from the list below, or from the "Regional Courses" listed above (with approval of the student's advisor). Other electives may be selected upon approval of the student's academic advisor. No more than twenty-five percent of the student's degree program may be taken in a combination of selected topics and independent studies.

AS	5015	Old Time Music Traditions (3 s.h.)	
AS	5030	Bluegrass Traditions (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5530-5549	Selected Topics (Country Music and American Culture) (3 s.h.)	
MUS	5530-5549	Selected Topics (Writing about Popular and Folk Music) (3 s.h.)	
MUS	5530-5549	Selected Topics (History of Country Music) (3 s.h.)	
		ELECTIVE HOURS	9-12

Final Project (CHOOSE ONE):

AS	5900	Internship	3-6
AS	5999	Thesis	3-6
		FINAL PROJECT HOURS	3-6

TOTAL HOURS FOR THE MA DEGREE **36**

Thesis: Optional

Proficiency: A reading knowledge of a foreign language is required. Demonstrated competency in statistics and/or computer science may be substituted upon approval of the student's advisor. The standards by which proficiency is determined are listed in the current Graduate Bulletin.

Comprehensive: A comprehensive examination is required.

Product of Learning: None required

PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN APPALACHIAN STUDIES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Major Code: 204*/05.0199; Concentration Code: 204C)

Admission Requirements: Baccalaureate degree in from an accredited college or university; complete application to the Cratis Williams Graduate School (<http://www.graduate.appstate.edu>), including resume, three letters of recommendation, official GRE general exam scores, and official transcripts from all colleges attended; two-page statement of intent explaining applicant's academic and professional goals in chosen concentration and the value of regional studies to the contemporary world; additional courses (up to 15 hours maximum) may be required if so indicated by the student's deficiencies.

Basic Criteria for Consideration: Cumulative GPA: 3.0; GRE Verbal score: 500; GRE Writing score: 3.5.

Hours: 36 semester hours

Location: On Campus

Required Courses: (12 s.h.)

ANT	5200	Sustainable Development: Theory, Method and Case.....	3
AS	5000	Bibliography and Research	3
IDS	5100	Foundations of Sustainable Development	3
IDS	5300	Issues in Global Systems Science	3
REQUIRED COURSE HOURS			12

Regional Courses: (9 s.h. required)

Choose three of the following courses, from three different disciplines.....		9
ANT	5120	Appalachian Culture and Social Organization (3 s.h.)
BIO	5530-5549	Biogeography of the Southern Appalachians (3 s.h.)
ENG	5710	Advanced Folklore (3 s.h.)
ENG	5720	Appalachian Literature (3 s.h.)
HIS	5206	Studies in American History (when applicable) (3 s.h.)
HIS	5208	Seminar in Appalachian History (3 s.h.)
REL	5400	Religion in Appalachia (3 s.h.)
PS	5130	Appalachian Political Perspectives (3 s.h.)
SOC	5300	Appalachia in Social Context (3 s.h.)
REGIONAL COUREWORK		9

Electives: (9-12 s.h. required)

In consultation with the program director and the thesis committee, choose a total of 9-12 s.h. from lists (a.) and (b.). A minimum of 3 s.h. from list (a.) and a minimum of 3 s.h. from list (b.) is required; courses should be chosen from different disciplines. Other electives may be selected upon approval of student's academic advisor. No more than twenty-five percent of the student's degree program may be taken in a combination of selected topics and independent studies.

(a.) Natural Sciences and Technology (Select 3-6 s.h. from this list or from the "Regional Courses" list above.)

BIO	5202	Organismal Ecology (4 s.h.)
BIO	5212	Population Ecology (4 s.h.)
BIO	5222	Communities and Ecosystem Ecology (4 s.h.)
BIO	5250	Topics in Ecology (2 s.h.)
BIO	5502	Freshwater Ecology (4 s.h.)
BIO	5504	Taxonomy of Vascular Plants (3 s.h.)
BIO	5508	Biogeography (3 s.h.)
GHY	5100	Seminar in Physical Geography (3 s.h.)
GHY	5110	Seminar in Spatial Analysis (3 s.h.)
GHY	5530-5549	GIS for Environmental Sciences (3 s.h.)
GLY	5620	Hydrogeology (4 s.h.)
IDS	5251	Agroecology Practices, Systems & Philosophies (3 s.h.)
TEC	5000	Research in Technology (3 s.h.)
TEC	5119	Industrial Leadership, Organization, & Communication (3 s.h.)
TEC	5139	Technology and Culture (3 s.h.)
TEC	5608	Renewable Electricity Technology (3 s.h.)
TEC	5618	Sustainable Building Design and Construction (3 s.h.)

TEC	5628	Solar Thermal Energy Technology (3 s.h.)	
TEC	5638	Contemporary Problems in Appropriate Technology (3 s.h.)	
LIST (a) ELECTIVE HOURS			3-6

(b.) Social Sciences and Humanities: (Select 3-6 s.h. from this list or from the “Regional Courses” list above.)

ANT	5565	Agrarian Studies and Rural Development (3 s.h.)	
ANT	5610	Ethnographic Field School (2-6 s.h.)	
AS	5110	Ethnographic Field Study (1-6 s.h.)	
ECO	5530-5549	Environmental Economics (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5640	Cultural Studies (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5650	Gender Studies (3 s.h.)	
GHY	5130	Seminar in Human Geography (3 s.h.)	
GHY	5400	Planning Process (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5002	Seminar in Public History (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5306	Studies in Latin American History (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5610	Management of Museums (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5640	Interpretation in Museums (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5660	Topics in Public and Applied History (3 s.h.)	
MBA	5650	Business Law, Social Responsibilities, and Ethics (3 s.h.)	
MBA	5710	Leadership Skills (1 s.h.)	
MGT	5770	Social Responsibilities of Management (3 s.h.)	
PLN	5450	Planning Sustainable Communities (3 s.h.)	
PLN	5700	Project Management (3 s.h.)	
PA	5060	Seminar in Public Administration (3 s.h.)	
PA	5665	Public Management (3 s.h.)	
PS	5722	U.S. Foreign Policy (3 s.h.)	
PS	5744	Middle East Politics (3 s.h.)	
PS	5748	Latin American Politics (3 s.h.)	
SOC	5560	Race and Minority Relations (3 s.h.)	
SOC	5750	Social Stratification (3 s.h.)	
SOC	5950	Globalization and Population (3 s.h.)	
LIST (b) ELECTIVE HOURS			3-6

Final Project (CHOOSE ONE):

AS	5900	Internship	3-6
AS	5999	Thesis	3-6
FINAL PROJECT HOURS			3-6

TOTAL HOURS FOR THE MA DEGREE 36

Thesis: Optional

Proficiency: A reading knowledge of a foreign language is required. Demonstrated competency in statistics and/or computer science may be substituted upon approval of the student’s advisor. The standards by which proficiency is determined are listed in the current Graduate Bulletin.

Comprehensive: A comprehensive examination is required.

Product of Learning: None required

GRADUATE COURSES IN APPALACHIAN STUDIES (AS)

AS 5000. Bibliography and Research/ (3).F. Instruction and study in bibliographical problems and types of source materials available in Appalachian topics; methods used in locating and evaluating the sources and in reporting of research. Required in the first semester of beginning graduate students.

AS 5015. Old Time Music Traditions/ (3).F. Alternate years. A multi-cultural study of old time music and its roots, with interdisciplinary approaches from the humanities and social sciences. Lecture three hours. [Dual-listed with AS 4015.]

AS 5020. Colloquium in Appalachian Studies/(3).On Demand. A team-taught interdisciplinary colloquium which will examine contemporary regional, state, and national issues that affect the Appalachian region. The course is designed to help students understand the Appalachian region from a multidisciplinary perspective. The course should be taken by the student during the last semester of residence in the program.

AS 5030. Bluegrass Traditions/(3).F. Alternate years. The genesis of bluegrass music from its beginnings to its major redefinition in the mid-1970s. Lecture three hours. [Dual-listed with AS 4030.]

AS 5110. Ethnographic Field Study/(1-6).On Demand. Variable content. Course involves immersion in a field setting either in the U.S. or through study abroad. Topics, approach, and field sites will be indicated on course syllabi and semester schedules. May be repeated for credit when content does not duplicate.

AS 5500. Independent Study/(1-3).F;S.

AS 5530-5549. Selected Topics/(1-4).On Demand.

AS 5900. Internship/(3-6).F;S. Graded on an S/U basis.

AS 5989. Graduate Research/(1-9).F;S. This course is designed to provide access to University facilities for continuing graduate research at the master's and specialist's levels. Graded on an S/U basis. AS 5989 does not count toward a degree.

AS 5999. Thesis/(3-6).F;S. Graded on an S/U basis.

GRADUATE COURSES IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (IDS)

IDS 5100. Foundations of Sustainable Development/(3).F. This course presents a broad foundation in sustainable development. It demonstrates the transdisciplinary and polymethodic character of sustainable development, and provides an introduction to the relevance of a variety of disciplines, such as economics, bio-physical sciences, ethics, appropriate technology, cultural anthropology, and planning to this transdisciplinary nexus. Students will also be introduced to the significance of method in generating knowledge, and to the challenges involved in integrating information generated by means of differing methods. Students will explore the foundations of sustainable development historically, economically, scientifically, and cross-culturally. Students will be introduced to professional opportunities in sustainable development and begin research in internship opportunities.

IDS 5251. Agroecology Practices, Systems and Philosophies/(4).S. This course will provide an in-depth exploration of (1) the ethical and philosophical roots of conventional and alternative agriculture, and (2) the biological, economic and social aspects of different agricultural systems and practices developed in response to perceived shortcomings of conventional modern agriculture. Alternative practices and systems to be compared and contrasted in this course include nature farming, permaculture, biodynamic agriculture, biointensive gardening, and agroforestry (additional systems and practices may be added or substituted based on class interest and consensus). In laboratories, students will have the opportunity to (1) learn about, and gather basic data on the biophysical, ecological and social aspects of the Sustainable Development Teaching and Research farm that are necessary to start and operate a garden based on sustainable principles; (2) combine theory and practice of vegetable, fruit and/or small animal production using a 'learning-by-doing' approach; and (3) provide leadership to work teams of students on the farm. Lecture three hours, laboratory three hours.

IDS 5300. Issues in Global Systems Science/(3).S. This course involves an examination of the nature of science in relation to sustainability, including scientific method and various methods of investigation, data collection, analysis, and presentation; basic principles of science including time, change, space, and energy; biological issues such as population growth and carrying capacity, deforestation, decreasing biodiversity, and changing ecosystems; geological issues such as coastal flooding associated with global warming, resource depletion, and chemical pollution of water and soils; and meteorological and climatological issues such as ozone depletion, and climate change, including global warming. Prerequisites: a one-year sequence of General Science, Biology, or Chemistry, plus one sophomore or higher level course in environmental science, or the equivalent of these.