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Master's Degree  
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HISTORY AND  
ANTHROPOLOGY  
OF AMERICA

# MASTER'S DEGREE HISTORY AND ANTHROPOLOGY OF AMERICA

Field of Study: **History, Archaeology, Geography, Philosophy and Humanities**

Responsible Center: **Faculty of Geography and History.  
Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM)**

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Orientation: **scientific-academic**

Credits: **60 ECTS**

Duration: **1 academic year  
(2 semesters)**

Modality: **face-to-face**

## OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Master's Degree is the academic and scientific preparation of specialists in the History and Anthropology of America. Its objectives include the training of professionals who demonstrate originality, creativity and analytical rigour in the understanding of the history and anthropology of American societies, in the disciplines of history, archaeology, ethnohistory and ethnology; through the study of culture, society and politics from different perspectives, approaches, theories, times and spaces.

## PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

The Master's Degree is aimed at university graduates interested in becoming specialists in American History and Anthropology, who wish to take part in contemporary scientific debates, and who wish to be trained in the analysis and intervention in American socio-political and cultural problems, giving special relevance to the study of social and cultural diversity. Most of the lectures are given in Spanish.

## WHY STUDY THIS MASTER'S DEGREE?

- Because UCM offers the highest concentration of specialised Americanist professors in Europe.
- Because this Master's program, with a double specialization in American History and Anthropology, is unique in Spain and in Europe.
- Because you will have the opportunity to achieve a solid and advanced training in American studies at one of the most prestigious universities in the world.

- Because in this Master's Degree and at UCM you will meet students from all over the world.
- Because Madrid is home to numerous archives, museums, libraries, and cultural and scientific institutions whose resources for Americanist research are of worldwide importance.

## STRUCTURE

The syllabus consists of 60 structured ECTS:

- Fundamental Module: 24 compulsory ECTS
- Specialisation Module: 24 optional ECTS (12 optional and 12 compulsory)
- External Internships: 6 elective ECTS
- Master's Final Project: 12 compulsory ECTS

Students must take: 4 compulsory subjects, between 4 and 7 optional subjects and the Final Master's Thesis.

The Degree is structured in two itineraries: American History and Anthropology of America, which share the Fundamental Module and the Master's Thesis. In order to complete one of the two pathways, students must take 12 ECTS and 12 elective ECTS of the chosen pathway. However, students who do not wish to specialise in one of the two pathways may take the subjects of each pathway without receiving a specialisation mention.

## SYLLABUS

SUBJECT TYPE	ECTS
Compulsory	24
Electives	24
Master's Thesis	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS	ECTS	SEMESTER
<b>Fundamental Module</b>		
Ancient States in America	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Comparative History of Colonisation Models	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
History of Americanist Anthropology	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Theory and Practice of Power in the American History	6	1 <sup>st</sup>

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	ECTS	SEMESTER
<b>Specialisation Module</b>		
External Internship	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Itinerary of American History</b>		
Social Dynamics, Gender and Everyday Life in Early Modern America	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
American Independences and State Formation	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Image of the Americas and Iber-Asia: Perceptions of Spaces and Societies	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Latin America and the United States: Keys to a Complex Relationship	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Migratory Movements and Religious Plurality in the Atlantic Spaces (19th-20th Century)	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Research Seminar in American History	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Itinerary of Anthropology of America</b>		
Pre-Hispanic Mayan Culture	3	1 <sup>st</sup>
Cultural Anthropology of the Americas: Contemporary Indigenous Societies	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Inca Culture: Anthropological Approaches	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Language and Culture of Indigenous America	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Pre-Hispanic Aztec Culture	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Research Seminar in Anthropology of America	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>

MASTER'S FINAL PROJECT	ECTS	SEMESTER
Master's Thesis	12	2 <sup>nd</sup>



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