

# FOLKLORE STUDIES GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

**Banner Code:** LA-CERG-FLKS

## Academic Advising

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Website: [english.gmu.edu/programs/la-cerg-flks](http://english.gmu.edu/programs/la-cerg-flks)

The certificate in folklore studies enables students to explore the processes of tradition that move through multiple expressive forms, such as folktales, folk beliefs, folk medicine, folk art, folksong, and literature. A discipline based on ethnographic fieldwork, folklore studies offers students a chance to work in communities and collect living traditional materials that are critical to human identity and values. Interdisciplinary by nature, folklore thrives on local particularities as well as compelling global connections.

This certificate prepares students for careers in cultural agencies, governmental organizations, and teaching institutions, and advanced study in folklore and in the humanities.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the graduate certificate in folklore studies, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://english.gmu.edu/programs/la-cerg-flks/application>).

## Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 18

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

### Core Courses

#### Pathways to Folklore Scholarship

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 681	Advanced Topics in Folklore Studies <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Credits		3

<sup>1</sup> Topic must be Pathways to Folklore Scholarship. May also be repeated for additional credit when topic is different.

### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses from the following:		9
ENGH 526	Special Topics in the History and Criticism of Children's Literature <sup>1</sup>	

ENGH 590	Topics in Folk Narrative <sup>1</sup>	
ENGH 591	Topics in Folklore Studies <sup>1</sup>	
ENGH 681	Advanced Topics in Folklore Studies <sup>1</sup>	
ENGH 798	Directed Reading and Research	
ANTH 750	Ethnographic Genres	
Total Credits		9

<sup>1</sup> May be repeated for credit if the topic is different.

### Research Course

Code	Title	Credits
Select one research course from the following:		3
ENGH 701	Research in English Studies	
HIST 610	The Study and Writing of History	
SOCI 634	Qualitative Research Methods	
Total Credits		3

### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits of a relevant elective with the prior written approval of the director.		3
Total Credits		3