Folklore

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The interdisciplinary Folklore Program offers perspectives on ethnic, regional, occupational, gender, and other traditional identities of individuals in specific societies and cultures. Students in the program study the extent to which traditions enrich and express the dynamics of human behavior throughout the world. Folklore courses examine the historical, cultural, social, political, and economic dimensions of such expressive forms as mythology, legend, folktale, art, music, dance, culinary practices, religion, ritual, and ceremony. Theoretical analyses, research methods, and fieldwork techniques are integral parts of the curriculum.

The Folklore Program offers bachelor of arts, master of arts, and master of science degrees in folklore. An undergraduate minor is also available. Folklore courses cover an extensive range of interdisciplinary topics: cultural heritage, ethnicity, subcultures, popular culture, performance, gender, film, religion, public folklore, and issues of diversity and globalization. Folklore graduates work in public and private agencies as educators, archivists, editors, arts and humanities consultants, museum curators, and festival planners.

Resources

Film and Folklore

A strength of the program is its emphasis on the use of film and video. Training is available in equipment use, fieldwork methodologies, and editing.

Folklore Archive

The Randall V. Mills Archive of Northwest Folklore is a research repository available to folklore scholars and students. It houses raw field data, student and faculty research projects, and audio-visual materials including more than 7,000 slides. Located in 453 Prince Lucien Campbell Hall, the archive is open to the public.

Faculty

Martha J. Bayless, professor (Britain, Welsh, Old and Middle English medieval literature and culture). See **English.**

Doug Blandy, professor (art and community service, art and special populations). See **Arts and Administration**.

Dianne M. Dugaw, professor (Britain, ballads and folk song, 18th-century literature). See **English**.

Lisa M. Gilman, professor (gender, performance studies, Africa). See **English**.

D. Gantt Gurley, assistant professor (Scandinavian literature and folklore, Jewish literature and folklore, Old Norse literature). See **German and Scandinavian**.

Habib Iddrisu, assistant professor (Africa, dance, performance). See **Dance**.

Loren Kajikawa, associate professor (ethnomusicology, popular music, Japan). See **Music**.

Dorothee Ostmeier, professor (18th- and 20th-century literature, culture, philosophy). See **German and Scandinavian**.

Riki H. Saltzman, instructor (public folklore, foodways, ethnicity-identity); executive director, Oregon Folklife Network.

Philip W. Scher, professor (Caribbean, politics of culture, transnationalism). See **Anthropology**.

Carol T. Silverman, professor (performance, Eastern Europe, gender). See **Anthropology**.

Daniel N. Wojcik, professor (alternative religions, subcultures, vernacular arts). See **English**.

Ed Wolf, assistant professor (ethnomusicology, folklore, Latin American studies). See **Music**.

Participating

Ina Asim, history

Bob Bussel, Labor Education and Research Center

Carl R. Bybee, journalism and communication

Matthew Dennis, history

Patricia Dewey Lambert, arts and administration

Keith Eggener, history of art and architecture

Maria Fernanda Escallón, anthropology

Kingston Heath, historic preservation

Kenneth I. Helphand, landscape architecture

Lamia Karim, anthropology

Gabriela Martinez, journalism and communication

Debra L. Merskin, journalism and communication

Julianne H. Newton, journalism and communication

Jeffrey Ostler, history

Priscilla P. Ovalle, English

Gordon M. Sayre, English

Stephanie "Lani" Teves, ethnic studies, women's, gender, and sexuality studies

Stephanie Wood, College of Education

Stephen R. Wooten, international studies

- **Bachelor of Arts**
- **Minor**

Undergraduate Studies

Students studying folklore at the UO receive comprehensive training in scholarly approaches and methods for researching, documenting, and

presenting traditional arts and cultural practices within the United States and abroad. Students majoring in folklore must earn a minimum of 48 credits, of which 32 must be upper division, and 20 of the 48 must be Folklore (FLR) credits.

Bachelor of Arts in Folklore

FLR 250	Introduction to Folklore	4
FLR 365	Folklore Research Methods	4
Three courses from Expressive Forms and Practices list		12
Three courses from Diverse Communities list		12
Electives from Electives list [1]		16
Total Credits		**48**

[1] Courses must be taught by faculty members of the Folklore Program.

Expressive Forms and Practices

Folklore		
FLR 236	Magic in the Middle Ages	4
FLR 320	Car Cultures	4
FLR 350	Folklore and the Bible	4
FLR 411	Folklore and Religion	4
FLR 413	Folk Art and Material Culture	4
FLR 415	Folklore and Foodways	4
FLR 483	Folklore and Mythology of the British Isles	4
FLR 485	Film and Folklore	4
FLR 491	Anglo-American Ballad and Folk Song	4
Anthropology		
ANTH 365	Food and Culture	4
ANTH 419	Performance, Politics, and Folklore	4
ANTH 493	Anthropology and Popular Culture	4
Arts and Administration		
AAD 250	Art and Human Values	4
AAD 301	Understanding Arts and Creative Sectors	4
Dance		
DAN 301	African Dance Aesthetics	4
German and Scandinavian		
GER 356	German Fairy Tales	4
GER 407	Seminar: [Topic] (Magic, Uncanny, Surrealistic, and Fantastic Tales)	1-16
Music		
MUS 358	Music in World Cultures	4
MUS 359	Music of the Americas	4
MUS 360	Hip-Hop Music: History, Culture, Aesthetics	4
MUS 365	Regional Ethnomusicology: [Topic]	4
MUS 451	Introduction to Ethnomusicology	4
MUS 452	Musical Instruments of the World	4
MUS 458	Celtic Music	4

Diverse Communities

Folklore		
FLR 225	Voices of Africa	4
FLR 235	Folklore and the Supernatural	4
FLR 416	African Folklore	4
FLR 418	Folklore and Gender	4
Anthropology		
ANTH 161	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4
ANTH 315	Gender, Folklore, Inequality	4
ANTH 326	Caribbean Societies	4
ANTH 429	Jewish Folklore and Ethnology	4
ANTH 430	Balkan Society and Folklore	4
ANTH 439	Feminism and Ethnography	4
Music		
MUS 349	American Ethnic and Protest Music	3
MUS 358	Music in World Cultures	4
MUS 359	Music of the Americas	4
MUS 365	Regional Ethnomusicology: [Topic]	4
MUS 457		4
MUS 460	Music and Gender	4
MUS 462	Popular Musics in the African Diaspora	4
Women's and Gender Studies		
WGS 321	Feminist Perspectives: Identity, Race, Culture	4

Electives

Courses from the two lists above may count as electives if not fulfilling another requirement.

Folklore		
FLR 199	Special Studies: [Topic] (Folklore and Sport)	4
FLR 245	Folklore and the Pacific Northwest	4
FLR 255	Folklore and United States Popular Culture	4
FLR 370	Folklore and Sexuality	4
FLR 401	Research: [Topic]	1-6
FLR 403	Thesis	1-6
FLR 404	Internship: [Topic]	1-8
FLR 405	Reading and Conference: [Topic]	1-6
FLR 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	1-6
FLR 408	Workshop: [Topic]	1-5
FLR 409	Practicum: [Topic]	1-6
FLR 414	Mythology and Modern Fantasy Fiction	4
Anthropology		
ANTH 114	Anthropology of Pirates and Piracy	4
ANTH 119	Anthropology and Aliens	4
ANTH 411	Politics, Ethnicity, Nationalism	4
ANTH 420	Culture, Illness, and Healing	4
ANTH 450	The Anthropology Museum	4
ANTH 493	Anthropology and Popular Culture	4
Arts and Administration		
AAD 421	Cultural Programming	4
AAD 451	Community Cultural Development	4
AAD 462	Cultural Policy	4
Scandanavian		
SCAN 259	Vikings through the Icelandic Sagas	4
SCAN 325	Constructions versus Constrictions of Identity	4

Students may substitute courses to fulfill requirements with the approval of their major advisor. Programs from other departments or programs offering folklore-related courses include anthropology, arts and administration, classics, dance, English, ethnic studies, German and Scandinavian, historic preservation, humanities, international studies, journalism and communication, Judaic studies, music, religious studies, Romance languages, theater arts, and women's, gender, and sexuality studies.

Residency Requirement

Twenty-eight credits of upper-division course work for the major must be completed at the University of Oregon.

Advising

Majors should construct their programs in consultation with an advisor from the core folklore faculty. At least two terms before graduation, students who want to apply for a folklore degree should consult the program director to obtain authorization and course work approval.

Minimum Grade

Course work required for the folklore major, both lower division and upper division, must be passed with grades of C– or better. No more than 8 pass/no pass credits may be applied to the major.

Foreign Language Requirement

Majors must complete the university foreign-language requirement for the BA degree.

Minor in Folklore

Courses

The folklore minor requires the completion of 24 credits. Introduction to Folklore (FLR 250) is required of all minors. Remaining courses are selected from the list of courses on the Folklore Program website. Students may substitute courses from other departments to fulfill this requirement with the approval of their minor advisor. Programs from other departments and programs offering folklore-related courses include anthropology, arts and administration, classics, dance, English, ethnic studies, German and Scandinavian, historic preservation, humanities, international studies, journalism and communication, Judaic studies, music, religious studies, Romance languages, theater arts, and women's and gender studies.

Residency Requirement

Sixteen credits of course work for the minor must be completed at the University of Oregon.

Advising

Minors should construct their programs in consultation with an advisor from the core folklore faculty. At least two terms before graduation, students who want to apply for a folklore minor should consult the program director to obtain authorization and course work approval.

Minimum Grade

Course work required for the folklore minor, both lower division and upper division, must be passed with grades of C– or better. No more than 4 pass/no pass credits may be applied to the folklore minor.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Arts in Folklore

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
FLR 250	Introduction to Folklore	Required for major arts and letters	4
WR 121	College Composition I	Required for degree	4
ANTH 161	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	General education course in social science	4
First term of first-year second-language sequence			4
	Credits		**16**
Winter			
FLR 365	Folklore Research Methods	Required for major	4
WR 122	College Composition II	Required for degree	4
HIST 101	Western Civilization	General education course in social science	4
Second term of first-year second-language sequence			4
	Credits		**16**
Spring			
FLR 199	Special Studies: [Topic] (Folklore and Sports)	Program-approved course	4
ANTH 163	Origins of Storytelling	Science requiremer	4
PSY 201	Mind and Brain	Science requirement	4
Third term of first-year second-language sequence			4
	Credits		**16**
	Total Credits		**48**

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
FLR 235	Folklore and the Supernatural	Program-approved course	4

FLR 255	Folklore and United States Popular Culture	Program-approved arts and letters course	4
GEOG 142	Human Geography	General education course in social science	4
First term of second-year second-language sequence			4
	Credits		**16**
Winter			
FLR 320	Car Cultures	Program-approved course	4
ANTH 280	Introduction to Language and Culture	General education course in social science	4
ANTH 341	Food Origins	Science requiremer	4
Second term of second-year second-language sequence			4
	Credits		**16**
Spring			
FLR 225	Voices of Africa	Program-approved course	4
AAD 250	Art and Human Values	Program-approved arts and letters course	4
ENVS 345	Environmental Ethics	Group-satisfying arts and letters course (minimum GPA 3.00 target)	4
Third term of second-year second-language sequence			4
	Credits		**16**
	Total Credits		**48**

Course	Title		Credits	Milestones
Third Year				
Fall				
FLR 370	Folklore and Sexuality	Program-approved course	4	
ANTH 365	Food and Culture		4	
GEOG 361	Global Environmental Change	Science requirement	4	
MUS 358	Music in World Cultures		4	
	Credits		**16**	
Winter				
FLR 350	Folklore and the Bible	Program-approved course	4	
FLR 411	Folklore and Religion	Program-approved course	4	
ANTH 326	Caribbean Societies	Program-approved course	4	
MUS 360	Hip-Hop Music: History, Culture, Aesthetics	Program-approved course	4	
	Credits		**16**	
Spring				
ANTH 315	Gender, Folklore, Inequality		4	
GER 356	German Fairy Tales	Program-approved course	4	
MUS 359	Music of the Americas		4	
WGS 321	Feminist Perspectives: Identity, Race, Culture		4	
	Credits		**16**	
	Total Credits		**48**	

Course	Title		Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year				
Fall				
FLR 413	Folk Art and Material Culture	Program-approved course	4	
FLR 415	Folklore and Foodways		4	
FLR 485	Film and Folklore	Program-approved course	4	
MUS 458	Celtic Music	Program-approved course	4	
	Credits		**16**	
Winter				
FLR 416	African Folklore	Program-approved course; apply for graduation	4	
AAD 451	Community Cultural Development		4	
ANTH 420	Culture, Illness, and Healing	Program-approved course	4	
ANTH 429	Jewish Folklore and Ethnology		4	
	Credits		**16**	

Spring			
MUS 460	Music and Gender	Program-approved course	4
FLR 418	Folklore and Gender	Program-approved course	4
ANTH 439	Feminism and Ethnography	Program-approved course	4
AAD 462	Cultural Policy	Program-approved course	4
	Credits		**16**
	Total Credits		**48**

- **Master of Arts: General Folklore**
- **Master of Arts: Public Folklore**
- **Master of Science: General Folklore**
- **Master of Science: Public Folklore**

Graduate Studies

The master of arts (MA) or master of science (MS) degree in folklore is interdisciplinary. In consultation with an advising committee, students take designated courses from faculty members in anthropology, arts and administration, English, folklore, German and Scandinavian, and music in addition to elective courses that strengthen their areas of expertise. A public folklore track is available to students preparing for careers in the public sector. A thesis or terminal project is required for completion of the degree. Students working toward an MA degree must demonstrate competence in a second language.

The Department of English's PhD program offers a structured emphasis in folklore. For more information, see the **English** section of this catalog.

Admission Requirements

1. An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.30 (B+)
2. A minimum score of 153 on the verbal section of the general test of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), and a score of 4 or better on the analytical writing section (GRE-AW)
3. For nonnative speakers: a minimum score of 575 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a minimum score of 88 on the Internet-based test

Application procedures are listed on the program website.

Master of Arts: General Folklore Track (63 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
FLR 681	History and Theory of Folklore Research	5
FLR 684	Folklore Fieldwork Seminar [1]	5
Interdisciplinary Core Courses [2]		28
Folklore Core Courses		
FLR 507	Seminar: [Topic] (Video Production)	
FLR 511	Folklore and Religion	
FLR 513	Folk Art and Material Culture	
FLR 514	Mythology and Modern Fantasy Fiction	
FLR 515	Folklore and Foodways	
FLR 516	African Folklore	
FLR 518	Folklore and Gender	
FLR 583	Folklore and Mythology of the British Isles	
FLR 585	Film and Folklore	
FLR 591	Anglo-American Ballad and Folk Song	
Anthropology Core Courses		
ANTH 511	Politics, Ethnicity, Nationalism	
ANTH 519	Performance, Politics, and Folklore	
ANTH 529	Jewish Folklore and Ethnology	
ANTH 530	Balkan Society and Folklore	
ANTH 539	Feminism and Ethnography	
ANTH 593	Anthropology and Popular Culture	
ANTH 611	Ethnographic Research: Epistemology, Methods, Ethics	
ANTH 683	Anthropological Linguistics	
Arts and Administration Core Courses		
AAD 521	Cultural Programming	
AAD 551	Community Cultural Development	
AAD 562	Cultural Policy	
German and Scandinavian Core Courses		
GER 507	Seminar: [Topic] (Magic, Uncanny, Surrealistic and Fantastic Tales)	
GER 625	Translations-Transformations (Fairy Tales on the Move)	
Music Core Courses		
MUS 551	Introduction to Ethnomusicology	
MUS 552	Musical Instruments of the World	
MUS 557		
MUS 558	Celtic Music	
MUS 560		
MUS 562	Popular Musics in the African Diaspora	
Electives		16
Select courses from the folklore core or outside that bolster areas of student expertise		
Thesis or Terminal Project		
FLR 503	Thesis [3]	9
or FLR 609	Terminal Project	

1 Or other fieldwork course approved by advising committee.

2 12 of the 28 credits must be earned in folklore (FLR) courses.

3 Students complete a thesis or terminal project based on original research. The number of thesis or terminal project credits that a candidate may complete has no maximum, although only 9 credits count toward the degree.

Courses are chosen in consultation with the student's advising committee. Students may substitute courses not listed above to fulfill requirements with the approval of their advising committee.

Master of Science: General Folklore Track (63 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
FLR 681	History and Theory of Folklore Research	5
FLR 684	Folklore Fieldwork Seminar [1]	5
Interdisciplinary Core Courses [2]		28
Folklore Core Courses		
FLR 507	Seminar: [Topic] (Video Production)	
FLR 511	Folklore and Religion	
FLR 513	Folk Art and Material Culture	
FLR 514	Mythology and Modern Fantasy Fiction	
FLR 515	Folklore and Foodways	
FLR 516	African Folklore	
FLR 518	Folklore and Gender	
FLR 583	Folklore and Mythology of the British Isles	
FLR 585	Film and Folklore	
FLR 591	Anglo-American Ballad and Folk Song	
Anthropology Core Courses		
ANTH 511	Politics, Ethnicity, Nationalism	
ANTH 519	Performance, Politics, and Folklore	
ANTH 529	Jewish Folklore and Ethnology	
ANTH 530	Balkan Society and Folklore	
ANTH 539	Feminism and Ethnography	
ANTH 593	Anthropology and Popular Culture	
ANTH 611	Ethnographic Research: Epistemology, Methods, Ethics	
ANTH 683	Anthropological Linguistics	
Arts and Administration Core Courses		
AAD 521	Cultural Programming	
AAD 551	Community Cultural Development	
AAD 562	Cultural Policy	
German and Scandinavian Core Courses		
GER 507	Seminar: [Topic] (Magic, Uncanny, Surrealistic and Fantastic Tales)	
GER 625	Translations-Transformations (Fairy Tales on the Move)	
Music Core Courses		
MUS 551	Introduction to Ethnomusicology	
MUS 552	Musical Instruments of the World	
MUS 557		
MUS 558	Celtic Music	
MUS 560		
MUS 562	Popular Musics in the African Diaspora	
Electives		16
Select courses from the folklore core or outside that bolster areas of student expertise		
Thesis or Terminal Project		
FLR 503	Thesis [3]	9
or FLR 609	Terminal Project	

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Master of Arts: Public Folklore Track (63 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
FLR 550	Folklore in the Public Sector	4
FLR 681	History and Theory of Folklore Research	5
FLR 684	Folklore Fieldwork Seminar [1]	5
AAD 521	Cultural Programming	4
Interdisciplinary Core Courses		
Select 20 credits from the following courses: [2]		20
Folklore Core Courses		
FLR 507	Seminar: [Topic] (Video Production)	
FLR 511	Folklore and Religion	
FLR 513	Folk Art and Material Culture	
FLR 514	Mythology and Modern Fantasy Fiction	
FLR 515	Folklore and Foodways	
FLR 516	African Folklore	
FLR 518	Folklore and Gender	
FLR 583	Folklore and Mythology of the British Isles	
FLR 585	Film and Folklore	
FLR 591	Anglo-American Ballad and Folk Song	
Anthropology Core Courses		
ANTH 511	Politics, Ethnicity, Nationalism	
ANTH 519	Performance, Politics, and Folklore	
ANTH 529	Jewish Folklore and Ethnology	
ANTH 530	Balkan Society and Folklore	
ANTH 539	Feminism and Ethnography	
ANTH 593	Anthropology and Popular Culture	
ANTH 611	Ethnographic Research: Epistemology, Methods, Ethics	
ANTH 683	Anthropological Linguistics	
Arts and Administration Core Courses		
AAD 562	Cultural Policy	
German and Scandinavian Core Courses		
GER 507	Seminar: [Topic] (Magic, Uncanny, Surrealistic, and Fantastic Tales)	
GER 625	Translations-Transformations (Fairy Tales on the Move)	
Music Core Courses		
MUS 551	Introduction to Ethnomusicology	
MUS 552	Musical Instruments of the World	
MUS 557		
MUS 558	Celtic Music	
MUS 560		
MUS 562	Popular Musics in the African Diaspora	

Electives		12
Select courses from the folklore core or outside that bolster specialization areas		
Internship		
FLR 604	Internship: [Topic] [3]	4
Thesis or Terminal Project		
FLR 503	Thesis [4]	9
or FLR 609	Terminal Project	

1. Or other fieldwork course approved by advising committee.
2. Students may substitute other courses not listed to fulfill requirements with the approval of their advising committee.
3. An internship related to public folklore amounting to 120 clock hours of service on-site, organized through the Folklore Program or the Oregon Folklife Network.
4. The number of thesis or terminal project credits that a candidate may complete has no maximum, although only 9 credits count toward the degree.

Master of Science: Public Folklore Track (63 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
FLR 550	Folklore in the Public Sector	4
FLR 681	History and Theory of Folklore Research	5
FLR 684	Folklore Fieldwork Seminar [1]	5
AAD 521	Cultural Programming	4
Interdisciplinary Core Courses		
Select 20 credits from the following courses: [2]		20
Folklore Core Courses		
FLR 507	Seminar: [Topic] (Video Production)	
FLR 511	Folklore and Religion	
FLR 513	Folk Art and Material Culture	
FLR 514	Mythology and Modern Fantasy Fiction	
FLR 515	Folklore and Foodways	
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Anthropology Core Courses		
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ANTH 611	Ethnographic Research: Epistemology, Methods, Ethics	
ANTH 683	Anthropological Linguistics	
Arts and Administration Core Courses		
AAD 562	Cultural Policy	
German and Scandinavian Core Courses		
GER 507	Seminar: [Topic] (Magic, Uncanny, Surrealistic, and Fantastic Tales)	
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MUS 562	Popular Musics in the African Diaspora	
Electives		12
Select courses from the folklore core or outside that bolster specialization areas		
Internship		
FLR 604	Internship: [Topic] [3]	4
Thesis or Terminal Project		
FLR 503	Thesis [4]	9
or FLR 609	Terminal Project	

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Additional Courses

Consult the program's website or members of its faculty each term for special offerings that fulfill degree requirements. Visit the Folklore Program website for a list of additional approved courses.

Other undergraduate and graduate courses with related subject matter may be applied to folklore certificate programs by arrangement with the instructors and the folklore director. For a list of these courses, visit the program website.