

AMERICAN STUDIES

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Program Office:

The American Studies Program offers a rigorous interdisciplinary program of study that students can tailor to their interests in close consultation with their American Studies advisor. American Studies graduates are prepared to lead in the development of effective, evidence-based, theoretically grounded responses to the most challenging questions in the American experience. Through coursework in multiple disciplines, experiential learning, senior capstone research, and mentorship from faculty with expertise across the humanities and social sciences, the American Studies Program promotes critical and creative thinking, strong communication skills, publicly engaged scholarship, intercultural competency, and examination of the United States within its national and transnational contexts.

Specific Requirements for Admission to the American Studies Major

- Successful completion of AMS 307 Introduction to American Studies with a grade of "C" or better.

B.A., American Studies Requirements (30 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
AMS 307	Introduction to American Studies	3
AMS 308	Theories and Methods in American Studies	3
AMS 491	Senior Seminar	3
Select two courses each from three of the following groups (for a total of 6 courses):		18
American Fine and Performing Arts		
ART 380	History And Criticism Of Cinema	
AMS 353	Jazz in American Culture	
AMS 384	Building the American City	
AMS 385	Survey of American Art	
AMS 387	Modern Hispanic Art History	
AMS 467	History Of The Art of Spain And Her Colonies	
AMS 468	Native American Art	
ARH 386	The History and Aesthetics of Latin American Photography	
THR 461	American Theater History	
American History		
AMS 275	The Twentieth Century as "The American Century"	
AMS 460	The History Of Women In The United States	
AMS 482	Race In America: Idea And Reality	
HIS 175	History of Protest in America	
HIS 287	Global Perspectives in History: The Native American Experience	
HIS 311	United States History To 1877	
HIS 312	United States History Since 1877	
HIS 355	Constitutional History of the United States Since 1877	
HIS 357	Religion In American Society To 1865	

HIS 358	Religion In American Society From 1865 To The Present
HIS 367	The African-American Experience
HIS 372	Equality, Minorities, And Public Policy
HIS 375	The United States And Latin America
HIS 384	Black History Through Literature
HIS 406	FLPA to Hawaii and the Philippines: Empire in the Pacific
HIS 449	American Colonies
HIS 450	Revolutionary America
HIS 451	The Early American Republic
HIS 452	Civil War and Reconstruction
HIS 458	The Sixties
HIS 565	The United States and Canada

American Literatures

AMS 312	Mass Media And Modern Culture
AMS 329	American Literature/American Identity
AMS 350	American Literature I: Beginnings To Civil War
AMS 393	African-American Literature
ENG 351	American Literature II: 1860-1914
ENG 352	English And American Literature: 1914 To The Present
ENG 353	Special Topics in Native American Literature
ENG 371	American Literature: Vision And Reality
ENG 381	Literature and the Environment
ENG 389	The Roaring Twenties
ENG 405	The Thirties
ENG 426	Canadian Literature
ENG 469	Modern American Poetry
ENG 470	Seminar in Film Studies
ENG 471	Modern American Drama
ENG 473	19th-Century American Novel
ENG 474	Modern American Novel
ENG 475	Contemporary American Literature
ENG 480	History Of Literary Criticism
ENG 482	Special Topics in American Literature

American Philosophy

AMS/PHL 367	American Philosophy
AMS 465	American Pragmatism
PHL 348	Philosophy of Feminism

American Politics

AMS 121	American Government And Politics
AMS 325	American States And Regions
AMS 327	Minority Politics in America
AMS 328	Mass Media In American Politics
AMS 335	Federal Indian Policy And Law
AMS 339	Public Policy And Poverty In The United States
AMS 372	Equality, Minorities, And Public Policy
AMS 432	Democratic Theory
AMS 437	Religion And Public Life In The United States
PLS 322	American Presidency
PLS 324	Congress And The Legislative Process

American Society and Culture

AMS 301	Social and Cultural Theory
AMS 310	Religion And Contemporary American Society
AMS 316	Qualitative Methods, Ethnography, and Engagement
AMS 318	Gender in American Society
AMS 331	Indians of the Great Plains
AMS 340	Native American Cultures and Health
AMS 341	Race and Justice
AMS 343	Peoples and Cultures of Native North America
AMS 345	Sport in American Culture
AMS 358	Critical Issues in the Study of North American Religions
AMS 360	Gender, Society and Culture
AMS 365	Issues of The Native American Experience
AMS 411	Social Inequality and Stratification
COM 471	Discourse of the American Family
COM 475	Resisting the Politics of Everyday Life
ECO 203	Introductory Microeconomics
ECO 205	Introductory Macroeconomics
ECO 443	Labor Economics
Inquiries in American Studies	
AMS 395	Selected Topics
AMS 400	Topical Seminar in American Studies
AMS 493	Directed Independent Readings
AMS 497	Directed Independent Research
AMS 585	American Studies Internship
HIS 316	Introduction to Digital Humanities
Select one additional course from any of the above groups	
Total Credits	
	30

American Studies Minor

The American Studies minor complements single-disciplinary studies in American politics, society, and culture through interdisciplinary approaches that are comparative, theoretical, and transnational in scope.

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AMS 308	Theories and Methods in American Studies	3
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AMS 497	Directed Independent Research
AMS 585	American Studies Internship
COM 442	Cultural Communication
COM 478	Perspectives on Work-Life Balance, Wellness and Justice
Total Credits	18

* Kingfisher Concentration requirements: Choose any 9 credits from list above.