

## Department of American Studies Minor

**Description:** Students who minor in American Studies assume considerable responsibility for creating their own courses of study. Our minors are encouraged to work in a wide variety of subjects and disciplines and to develop individual and innovative courses of study. The minor requires a minimum of **24** semester hours, which includes a three-credit hour introductory course and three other seminars that introduces students to main currents in the field of American Studies and prepares them to conduct original research. Part of the unique flexibility of the minor is found in the transdisciplinary nature of the degree. Students are encouraged to apply courses to the American Studies minor from other departments (courses that they count toward other majors, minors or core UNM requirements).

### Course of Study (24 Total Credits)

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- 1. One (1) American Studies 180 level course (3 credits) selected from the following courses** (multiple sections of all 180 classes—both in class and online—are offered every semester).
  - AMST 182: Introduction to Environment, Science and Technology
  - AMST 183: Introduction to Gender Studies
  - AMST 184: Introduction to American Popular Culture
  - AMST 185: Introduction to Race, Class and Ethnicity
  - AMST 186: Introduction to Southwest Studies
- 2. American Studies 285: American Life and Thought** (3 credits; course offered every semester)
- 3. Interdisciplinary Requirement: Interdepartmental Studies of American Culture** (6 credits)

*All 6 credits must be 300 level or above in any one area listed below: (1) American Studies; (2) History; (3) Literature or Philosophy; (4) Political, Economic, or Geographic Studies; (5) Social, Scientific, or Cultural Systems; and (6) Arts and Communication*
- 4. American Studies 385: Methods in American Studies** (3 credits; one section offered each Fall semester)
- 5. Senior Program** (9 credits; three 300-level or higher courses)

*In consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies, choose courses from the American Studies Department and at least one other department that relate to your particular academic interests.*