

Department of American Studies
B.A. Major
Program of Study

Students who major in American Studies are those that are interested in learning about how systems of race, gender, sexuality, colonialism, imperialism, disability, and more impact the histories, experiences, and structures of American life. We feature award-winning faculty, individualized learning, and opportunities for students to create and design their own program of study and research projects. The major requires a minimum of 36 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 that culminates in a Senior Thesis.

Program of Study (36 total credits)

1. One American Studies introductory level course selected from the following options (3 credits):

AMST 1110/182: Introduction to Environmental and Social Justice
AMST 1120/183: Introduction to Gender Studies
AMST 1130/184: Introduction to American Popular Culture
AMST 1140/185: Introduction to Race, Class and Ethnicity
AMST 1150/186: Introduction to Southwest Studies

2. American Studies 2110/285: American Life and Thought (3 credits)

3. Interdisciplinary Requirement: Interdepartmental Studies of American Culture (15 credits)

At least 6 credits must be 300 level or above; no more than 6 credits in any one area listed below in the following areas: (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: Theories & Methods in American Studies (Fall semester; 3 credits)

5. Upper-Level Courses (Three 300-level or higher courses) (9 credits)

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. The 9 credits must be 300 level and above

6. American Studies 485: Senior Seminar in the Culture of American Studies (Spring semester; 3 credits)