

AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A.

The program in American Studies offers a comprehensive knowledge of American institutions and culture. The basic program consists of courses in a variety of areas of study that students may combine according to their cultural and professional objectives. The purpose is to acquaint students with the intellectual and cultural development of the nation, to prepare them for responsible citizenship, and to show the continuity of past, present, and future in acceptable cultural and historical terms.

All students electing to major or minor in American Studies should consult the director before registering. Information concerning a Master of Arts degree in American Studies will be found in the Graduate School Catalog.

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Requirements for a Major in American Studies

Code	Title	Hours
Thirty-three semester hours including the following:		
Required Courses		
JOU/FDM 1303	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
AMS 4385	Seminar in American Studies	3
Twenty-seven semester hours of 3000-4000 level courses, with no more than twelve credits from one area from the following:		27
<i>English</i>		
ENG 3380	American Literature through Whitman	
ENG 3390	American Literature from Whitman	
ENG 3393	Literature of the American West and Southwest	
ENG 4380	American Renaissance	
ENG 4381	Early American Literature	
ENG 4383	American Realism and Naturalism	
ENG 4386	Postmodern American Novel	
ENG 4387	Modern American Novel	
ENG 4389	Postmodern American Poetry	
ENG 4390	Literature of the South	
ENG 4391	Modern American Poetry	
ENG 4394	American Drama	
<i>History</i>		
HIS 3360	History of the American Presidency	
HIS 3362	History of Religion in America	
HIS 3371	History of Black Americans	
HIS 3380	History of Texas	
HIS 3384	History of Indigenous Peoples of America	
HIS 4354	Religion and War in U.S. History	
HIS 4362	American Colonial History	
HIS 4363	American Revolution and Constitution	
HIS 4365	The Early Republic, 1789-1860	
HIS 4368	Civil War and Reconstruction	

HIS 4369	Religion in America, 1877-Present
HIS 4371	United States, 1877-1920
HIS 4374	United States since 1920
HIS 4375	The American Civil Rights Movement
HIS 4378	History of the American Woman Since 1865
HIS 4380	The American West
HIS 4383	History of the South
HIS 4386	The City in American History
HIS 4392	U.S. Foreign Relations since 1919
HIS 4395	History of American Thought, 1630-1859
HIS 4396	History of American Thought, 1859 to Present
HIS 4398	Reading Course in American History
<i>Philosophy</i>	
PHI 4318	Philosophy of Law
PHI 4342	Contemporary American Philosophy
<i>Political Science</i>	
PSC 3310	Legislative Process and Behavior
PSC 3320	Minority and Ethnic Group Politics
PSC 3322	American Public Policy
PSC 3330	The American Presidency
PSC/REL 3339	Law and Religion in the United States ¹
PSC 3340	Campaigns and Elections
PSC 3353	American Political Thought
PSC 4300	Political Behavior
PSC 4320	African American Politics
PSC 4361	American Constitutional Law
PSC 4381	American Constitutional Law
<i>Religion</i>	
REL/PSC 3339	Law and Religion in the United States ¹
REL 3344	New Religious Movements in the United States
REL 4336	Introduction to Religion in America
REL 4338	Women in Religion in America
<i>Anthropology/Sociology</i>	
ANT 3350	Native North Americans
ANT 4353	Archaeology of North America
SOC 3311	The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
SOC 4322	Stratification in Society
SOC 4366	Social Movements
<i>Art/Music</i>	
ARTH 4356	Modern American Art History
ARTH 4357	American Art
MUS 3322	Popular Musics
MUS 3323	Jazz and its History
MUS 4326	American Folk Music
MUS 4365	Music and Identity in Texas Culture
<i>Communication/Journalism</i>	
CSS 4396	American Rhetoric
JOU 3376	History of American Journalism
JOU 4359	History of Photography
Total Hours	

¹ Course cannot count in two areas