

AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

For a 15-credit minor in American Studies, students complete the following:

Code	Title	Credits
AMST 2201	Roots of American Culture	3
Select one gateway course from the list below		3
Select three additional elective courses from the list below ¹		9
Total Credits		15

¹ Two of the three electives must be housed in a department different from that of the gateway elective.

Fairfield University also offers a Master of Arts degree in American Studies. The 5000-level core and elective courses in that program are available to qualified senior undergraduate American Studies majors and minors with approval of the program director.

American Studies Electives

Gateway Courses

Code	Title	Credits
AHST 1164	American Art and Media Culture	3
AHST 1165	African-American Art	3
ENGL 1140	Caribbean Literature: History, Culture, and Identity	3
ENGL 1200	American Women Playwrights	3
ENGL 1210	American Literature and the Environment	3
ENGL 1220	The Frontier in American Literature	3
ENGL 1230	Ethnic American Literature	3
ENGL 1240	American Literature: Myths and Legends	3
ENGL 1250	American Drama	3
ENGL 1260	American Social Protest Literature	3
ENGL 1290	American Short Story	3
ENGL 1310	Contemporary Women Writers of Color	3
ENGL 1330	African American Literary Tradition	3
ENGL 1340	Democracy in Black and Indigenous Voices	3
ENGL 1700	Writing the Self: Autobiography	3
FTMA 1101	American Cinema History	3
FTMA 1102	American Television History	3
FTMA 2206	American Film: Decades	3
FTMA 2207	Film Genres (depending on genre)	3
HIST 2239	20th Century United States	3
HIST 2246	Women and Gender in U.S. History	3
HIST 2251	The American Century: The United States and the World Since 1900	3
HIST 2253	Early America to 1800	3
HIST 2257	Who Built America? Working People in America	3
ITLN 2290	Italian American Cinema	3
MUSC 1101	The History of Jazz	3
MUSC 1102	History and Development of Rock	3
MUSC 1112	Music of Black Americans	3

MUSC 1120	History of American Song	3
POLI 1101	Introduction to American Politics	3
POLI 2104	American Presidency	3
POLI 2120	Politics of Care	3
POLI 2331	Introduction to Peace and Justice	3
POLI 2333	American Political Thought	3
POLI 2334	Sex, Sexuality, and Gender	3
POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3
POLI 2476	United States Foreign Policy	3
RLST 1601	Religion in the United States	3
RLST 2660	I'm Spiritual, Not Religious: The American Spiritual Tradition	3
RLST 2665	Religion and Medicine in the United States	3
SOCI 1110	American Society	3
SOCI 1130	Feminism, Gender, and Everyday Life	3
SOCI 1135	Race, Gender, and Ethnic Relations	3
SOCI 2100	American Class Structure	3
THTR 1200	American Women Playwrights	3
THTR 1250	American Drama	3

Interdisciplinary Themes

Code	Title	Credits
Expression and Imagination in American Culture		
AHST 1164	American Art and Media Culture	3
AHST 1165	African-American Art	3
ENGL 1140	Caribbean Literature: History, Culture, and Identity	3
ENGL 1200	American Women Playwrights	3
ENGL 1210	American Literature and the Environment	3
ENGL 1220	The Frontier in American Literature	3
ENGL 1230	Ethnic American Literature	3
ENGL 1240	American Literature: Myths and Legends	3
ENGL 1250	American Drama	3
ENGL 2002	American Poetry	3
ENGL 2031	Early American Literature	3
ENGL 2033	American Women Writers of the 19th Century	3
ENGL 2043	American Literature: 20th Century to the Present	3
ENGL 2062	The Harlem Renaissance	3
ENGL 2063	African American Women Writers	3
ENGL 2064	African American Fiction, 1940 to Present	3
ENGL 2081	Native American Literature	3
ENGL 2082	Latinx Literature	3
ENGL 3032	American Romanticism	3
ENGL 3033	American Realism and Naturalism	3
ENGL 3034	American Modernism	3
ENGL 3035	Contemporary American Literature and Culture	3
ENGL 3074	The Woman Question: Early Feminism and 19th Century Transatlantic Literature	3
ENGL 3075	Caribbean Women Writers	3

ENGL 3077	Nonstop Metropolis: Literature and Culture in NYC	3	POLI 4301	The Battle Over Family Values in American Politics	3
FTMA 1101	American Cinema History	3	POLI 4302	Seminar on Feminist Theory	3
FTMA 1102	American Television History	3	RLST 1667	Mormonism: An American Church	3
FTMA 2204	African American Cinema	3	RLST 2665	Religion and Medicine in the United States	3
FTMA 2206	American Film: Decades	3	SOCI 1110	American Society	3
FTMA 2207	Film Genres (depending on genre)	3	SOCI 1135	Race, Gender, and Ethnic Relations	3
MUSC 1101	The History of Jazz	3	SOCI 1140	Urban/Suburban Sociology: NYC	3
MUSC 1102	History and Development of Rock	3	SOCI 2100	American Class Structure	3
MUSC 1120	History of American Song	3	SOCI 2200	Criminology	3
MUSC 1132	Critical Issues in American Popular Music: Blues to Hip Hop	3	SOCI 2210	Sociology of Law	3
PHIL 2267	(De)Colonizing the Human	3	SOCI 2215	Death Penalty in America	3
RLST 1667	Mormonism: An American Church	3	Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration in American Society		
RLST 2660	I'm Spiritual, Not Religious: The American Spiritual Tradition	3	AHST 1164	American Art and Media Culture	3
SOCI 1130	Feminism, Gender, and Everyday Life	3	AHST 1165	African-American Art	3
SPAN 4353	Spanish-American Narrative	3	BLST 1101	Black Lives Matter	3
THTR 1200	American Women Playwrights	3	ENGL 1220	The Frontier in American Literature	3
THTR 1250	American Drama	3	ENGL 1310	Contemporary Women Writers of Color	3
Power, Politics, and Institutions in America			ENGL 2031	Early American Literature	3
ENGL 1260	American Social Protest Literature	3	ENGL 1330	African American Literary Tradition	3
ENGL 1340	Democracy in Black and Indigenous Voices	3	ENGL 1340	Democracy in Black and Indigenous Voices	3
HIST 2239	20th Century United States	3	ENGL 2043	American Literature: 20th Century to the Present	3
HIST 2240	The Personal Is Political: Women's Activism in the 1960s	3	ENGL 2062	The Harlem Renaissance	3
HIST 2242	Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in U.S. History	3	ENGL 2063	African American Women Writers	3
HIST 2244	American Constitutional and Legal History II: 1900 to Present	3	ENGL 2064	African American Fiction, 1940 to Present	3
HIST 2251	The American Century: The United States and the World Since 1900	3	ENGL 2081	Native American Literature	3
HIST 2253	Early America to 1800	3	ENGL 2082	Latinx Literature	3
HIST 2257	Who Built America? Working People in America	3	ENGL 2083	Asian Diasporas: Challenges to Citizenship	3
HIST 3331	American Revolution and the New Nation	3	ENGL 3034	American Modernism	3
HIST 3356	History of the Cold War	3	ENGL 3075	Caribbean Women Writers	3
PHIL 2251	Ethical Theories in America	3	FTMA 2204	African American Cinema	3
POLI 1101	Introduction to American Politics	3	HIST 2239	20th Century United States	3
POLI 2103	Public Administration	3	HIST 2242	Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in U.S. History	3
POLI 2104	American Presidency	3	HIST 2253	Early America to 1800	3
POLI 2105	The American Congress	3	HIST 2257	Who Built America? Working People in America	3
POLI 2106	Supreme Court I	3	HIST 2262	African-American History, 1619 to 1865	3
POLI 2107	Supreme Court II	3	HIST 2263	Inventing Themselves: African-American Women in U.S. History	3
POLI 2108	Political Parties and Interest Groups	3	HIST 2264	African-American History, 1865 to Present	3
POLI 2109	American Public Policy	3	HIST 3331	American Revolution and the New Nation	3
POLI 2112	United States Environmental Politics and Policy	3	HIST 3335	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
POLI 2120	Politics of Care	3	ITLN 2290	Italian American Cinema	3
POLI 2331	Introduction to Peace and Justice	3	POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3
POLI 2333	American Political Thought	3	MUSC 1101	The History of Jazz	3
POLI 2334	Sex, Sexuality, and Gender	3	MUSC 1112	Music of Black Americans	3
POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3	MUSC 1132	Critical Issues in American Popular Music: Blues to Hip Hop	3
POLI 2476	United States Foreign Policy	3	POLI 2334	Sex, Sexuality, and Gender	3
			POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3
			RLST 1667	Mormonism: An American Church	3

RLST 2113	Jews and Judaism in America	3	POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3
RLST 2760	Islam in America	3	POLI 4301	The Battle Over Family Values in American Politics	3
SOCI 1110	American Society	3	RLST 1667	Mormonism: An American Church	3
SOCI 1135	Race, Gender, and Ethnic Relations	3	RLST 2113	Jews and Judaism in America	3
SOCI 2110	Race, Cities, and Poverty	3	RLST 2649	American Catholic Theologians	3
SOCI 2410	History of Social Welfare	3	RLST 2660	I'm Spiritual, Not Religious: The American Spiritual Tradition	3
Gender in American Society					
BLST 1101	Black Lives Matter	3	RLST 2663	New Religious Movements in America	3
ENGL 1200	American Women Playwrights	3	RLST 2665	Religion and Medicine in the United States	3
ENGL 1220	The Frontier in American Literature	3	SOCI 1115	Sociology of the Family	3
ENGL 1310	Contemporary Women Writers of Color	3	SOCI 1125	Sociology of Religion	3
ENGL 2033	American Women Writers of the 19th Century	3	SOCI 2110	Race, Cities, and Poverty	3
ENGL 2063	African American Women Writers	3	SOCI 2210	Sociology of Law	3
ENGL 2082	Latinx Literature	3	SOCI 2215	Death Penalty in America	3
ENGL 3074	The Woman Question: Early Feminism and 19th Century Transatlantic Literature	3	SOCI 2220	Criminal Justice System Seminar	3
ENGL 3075	Caribbean Women Writers	3	SOCI 2410	History of Social Welfare	3
FTMA 2207	Film Genres (depending on genre)	3	America and the World		
HIST 2240	The Personal Is Political: Women's Activism in the 1960s	3	ENGL 1140	Caribbean Literature: History, Culture, and Identity	3
HIST 2245	Feminism in the United States	3	ENGL 1230	Ethnic American Literature	3
HIST 2246	Women and Gender in U.S. History	3	ENGL 2082	Latinx Literature	3
HIST 2247	Family and Sexuality in U.S. History	3	ENGL 2083	Asian Diasporas: Challenges to Citizenship	3
HIST 2257	Who Built America? Working People in America	3	ENGL 3075	Caribbean Women Writers	3
HIST 2264	African-American History, 1865 to Present	3	HIST 2242	Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in U.S. History	3
MUSC 1101	The History of Jazz	3	HIST 2251	The American Century: The United States and the World Since 1900	3
POLI 2334	Sex, Sexuality, and Gender	3	HIST 2253	Early America to 1800	3
POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3	HIST 3367	East Asia in 20th-Century American Wars	3
POLI 4301	The Battle Over Family Values in American Politics	3	POLI 2476	United States Foreign Policy	3
POLI 4302	Seminar on Feminist Theory	3	POLI 4302	Seminar on Feminist Theory	3
SOCI 1115	Sociology of the Family	3	RLST 2760	Islam in America	3
SOCI 1130	Feminism, Gender, and Everyday Life	3	SOCI 1125	Sociology of Religion	3
SOCI 1135	Race, Gender, and Ethnic Relations	3	SOCI 1135	Race, Gender, and Ethnic Relations	3
SOCI 2100	American Class Structure	3			
SOCI 2115	Women: Work and Sport	3			
SOCI 2410	History of Social Welfare	3			
Values and Ethics in American Culture					
BLST 1101	Black Lives Matter	3			
ENGL 1210	American Literature and the Environment	3			
ENGL 1220	The Frontier in American Literature	3			
ENGL 1260	American Social Protest Literature	3			
ENGL 1340	Democracy in Black and Indigenous Voices	3			
HIST 2237	American Prophetic Tradition	3			
HIST 2257	Who Built America? Working People in America	3			
PHIL 2251	Ethical Theories in America	3			
POLI 2112	United States Environmental Politics and Policy	3			
POLI 2120	Politics of Care	3			
POLI 2331	Introduction to Peace and Justice	3			