

AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR

Requirements

For a 30-credit major in American Studies, students complete the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Select one Gateway Course		3
AMST 2201	Roots of American Culture	3
AMST 3990	Independent Research Project	3
Select seven American Studies elective courses, including: ¹		21
At least one course housed in four different departments		
At least two courses at the 2000 level or higher ²		
Total Credits		30

¹ Five courses, selected in consultation with advisor, must be housed within a thematic concentration:

- America and the World
- Expression and Imagination in American Culture
- Gender in American Society
- Power, Politics, and Institutions in America
- Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration in American Society
- Values and Ethics in American Culture

² Majors may take AMST 3980 Internship as one of their 10 courses.

American Studies Program Learning Objectives

1. Students will engage the idea of America by framing questions for research and inquiry
2. Students will distinguish, summarize, and synthesize the idea of America through the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion, legal status, environment, and class.
3. Students will critically analyze and interpret cultural artifacts using interdisciplinary theories and methodologies, and discipline-specific knowledge.
4. Students will construct oral arguments and generate debate as they evaluate the processes that shape and reshape America and its identities.
5. Students will write informed, critical essays and larger research papers.
6. Students will examine and interpret their own places, engagement, and responsibilities in the unfolding narratives of America, within a global context.
7. Students will produce a final culminating project appropriate to the undergraduate and graduate curricula.

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	HIST 2242	Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in U.S. History	3
ENGL 1140	Caribbean Literature: History, Culture, and Identity	3	HIST 2244	American Constitutional and Legal History II: 1900 to Present	3
ENGL 1200	American Women Playwrights	3	HIST 2251	The American Century: The United States and the World Since 1900	3
ENGL 1210	American Literature and the Environment	3	HIST 2253	Early America to 1800	3
ENGL 1220	The Frontier in American Literature	3	HIST 2257	Who Built America? Working People in America	3
ENGL 1230	Ethnic American Literature	3	HIST 3331	American Revolution and the New Nation	3
ENGL 1240	American Literature: Myths and Legends	3	HIST 3356	History of the Cold War	3
ENGL 1250	American Drama	3	PHIL 2251	Ethical Theories in America	3
ENGL 2002	American Poetry	3	POLI 1101	Introduction to American Politics	3
ENGL 2031	Early American Literature	3	POLI 2103	Public Administration	3
ENGL 2033	American Women Writers of the 19th Century	3	POLI 2104	American Presidency	3
ENGL 2043	American Literature: 20th Century to the Present	3	POLI 2105	The American Congress	3
ENGL 2062	The Harlem Renaissance	3	POLI 2106	Supreme Court I	3
ENGL 2063	African American Women Writers	3	POLI 2107	Supreme Court II	3
ENGL 2064	African American Fiction, 1940 to Present	3	POLI 2108	Political Parties and Interest Groups	3
ENGL 2081	Native American Literature	3	POLI 2109	American Public Policy	3
ENGL 2082	Latinx Literature	3	POLI 2112	United States Environmental Politics and Policy	3
ENGL 3032	American Romanticism	3	POLI 2120	Politics of Care	3
ENGL 3033	American Realism and Naturalism	3	POLI 2331	Introduction to Peace and Justice	3
ENGL 3034	American Modernism	3	POLI 2333	American Political Thought	3
ENGL 3035	Contemporary American Literature and Culture	3	POLI 2334	Sex, Sexuality, and Gender	3
ENGL 3074	The Woman Question: Early Feminism and 19th Century Transatlantic Literature	3	POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3
ENGL 3075	Caribbean Women Writers	3	POLI 2476	United States Foreign Policy	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
			ENGL 2063	African American Women Writers	3

ENGL 2064	African American Fiction, 1940 to Present	3	HIST 2257	Who Built America? Working People in America	3
ENGL 2081	Native American Literature	3	HIST 2264	African-American History, 1865 to Present	3
ENGL 2082	Latinx Literature	3	MUSC 1101	The History of Jazz	3
ENGL 2083	Asian Diasporas: Challenges to Citizenship	3	POLI 2334	Sex, Sexuality, and Gender	3
ENGL 3034	American Modernism	3	POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3
ENGL 3075	Caribbean Women Writers	3	POLI 4301	The Battle Over Family Values in American Politics	3
FTMA 2204	African American Cinema	3	POLI 4302	Seminar on Feminist Theory	3
HIST 2239	20th Century United States	3	SOCI 1115	Sociology of the Family	3
HIST 2242	Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in U.S. History	3	SOCI 1130	Feminism, Gender, and Everyday Life	3
HIST 2253	Early America to 1800	3	SOCI 1135	Race, Gender, and Ethnic Relations	3
HIST 2257	Who Built America? Working People in America	3	SOCI 2100	American Class Structure	3
HIST 2262	African-American History, 1619 to 1865	3	SOCI 2115	Women: Work and Sport	3
HIST 2263	Inventing Themselves: African-American Women in U.S. History	3	SOCI 2410	History of Social Welfare	3
HIST 2264	African-American History, 1865 to Present	3	Values and Ethics in American Culture		
HIST 3331	American Revolution and the New Nation	3	BLST 1101	Black Lives Matter	3
HIST 3335	Civil War and Reconstruction	3	ENGL 1210	American Literature and the Environment	3
ITLN 2290	Italian American Cinema	3	ENGL 1220	The Frontier in American Literature	3
POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3	ENGL 1260	American Social Protest Literature	3
MUSC 1101	The History of Jazz	3	ENGL 1340	Democracy in Black and Indigenous Voices	3
MUSC 1112	Music of Black Americans	3	HIST 2237	American Prophetic Tradition	3
MUSC 1132	Critical Issues in American Popular Music: Blues to Hip Hop	3	HIST 2257	Who Built America? Working People in America	3
POLI 2334	Sex, Sexuality, and Gender	3	PHIL 2251	Ethical Theories in America	3
POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3	POLI 2112	United States Environmental Politics and Policy	3
RLST 1667	Mormonism: An American Church	3	POLI 2120	Politics of Care	3
RLST 2113	Jews and Judaism in America	3	POLI 2331	Introduction to Peace and Justice	3
RLST 2760	Islam in America	3	POLI 2336	Politics of Race, Class, and Gender	3
SOCI 1110	American Society	3	POLI 4301	The Battle Over Family Values in American Politics	3
SOCI 1135	Race, Gender, and Ethnic Relations	3	RLST 1667	Mormonism: An American Church	3
SOCI 2110	Race, Cities, and Poverty	3	RLST 2113	Jews and Judaism in America	3
SOCI 2410	History of Social Welfare	3	RLST 2649	American Catholic Theologians	3
Gender in American Society			RLST 2660	I'm Spiritual, Not Religious: The American Spiritual Tradition	3
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
			ENGL 3075	Caribbean Women Writers	3

HIST 2242	Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity 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 3367	East Asia in 20th-Century American Wars	3
POLI 2476	United States Foreign Policy	3
POLI 4302	Seminar on Feminist Theory	3
RLST 2760	Islam in America	3
SOCI 1125	Sociology of Religion	3
SOCI 1135	Race, Gender, and Ethnic Relations	3