Programs of study

American studies combines history, the arts, literature and social sciences to understand the concepts and material practices that have shaped this country in its full regional, ethnic, class, gender and political diversity.

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CAREERS

American studies graduates can pursue careers in law, journalism, government, foreign service, social work, nonprofit and community work, international business, education and public administration.

REQUIREMENTS

The minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree, including the core curriculum requirements, is 120. Thirty-nine of the total semester credit hours required for the degree must be at the upper-division level.

All candidates for this degree must fulfill the core curriculum requirements and the degree requirements, which are listed below.

A. 39 semester credit hours in courses approved by the American studies adviser, of which 21 must be at the upper-division level

1. 24 semester credit hours of required courses
   a. AMS 2043 Approaches to American Culture
   AMS 3123 Applications of American Studies
   AMS 3243 Studies in Transnationalism
   AMS 3343 Studies in Race and Ethnicity
   AMS 3443 Studies in Gender and Sexuality

   b. 6 semester credit hours of AMS 4823, Topics in American Culture. AMS 4823 may be repeated for credit as long as the topics differ. Students can also take AMS 4983, Senior Thesis, in their last semester in partial fulfillment of this requirement.

   c. AMS 4973 Advanced Seminar in American Studies

2. 15 semester credit hours of support work focused on the Americas from at least two disciplines. American content may be interpreted as North, South and Central America, and the Caribbean. The American studies faculty adviser must approve all support work.

   Up to 9 hours of foreign language study may be counted as support work. Students can also take 3 semester credit hours of AMS 4933, Internship in American Studies, in partial fulfillment of this requirement.

B. 39 semester credit hours of electives

Students majoring in American studies are encouraged to make advising appointments with faculty in AMS early in their course of study.

MINOR IN AMERICAN STUDIES

All students pursuing a minor in American studies must complete 21 semester credit hours.

A. 12 semester credit hours of required courses
   AMS 2043 Approaches to American Culture
   AMS 3123 Applications of American Studies
   AMS 4823 Topics in American Culture
   AMS 4973 Advanced Seminar in American Studies

B. 9 additional semester credit hours of the following courses:
   AMS 3243 Studies in Transnationalism
   AMS 3343 Studies in Race and Ethnicity
   AMS 3443 Studies in Gender and Sexuality

Students have the option of taking AMS 4933, Internship in American Studies, to substitute for one of the above courses.

To declare a minor in American studies, or seek approval of substitutions for course requirements, students should consult the College of Liberal and Fine Arts Advising Center or an AMS faculty adviser.

Information gathered from the 2006–2008 undergraduate catalog.
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