

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

The American Studies degree has as its focus the cultures, institutions, arts, structure, and social processes of the United States. It emphasizes interdisciplinary work which integrates disciplinary perspectives. Students choose two broad areas within which to work.

Each student designs his or her own program, within specific guidelines, in consultation with a faculty advisor. The courses a student takes as part of the American Studies program may be given in any school within the university, but will include American Studies courses and appropriate Interdisciplinary Studies courses. A list of courses which apply to the American Studies degree follows, and updated lists may be obtained in Green 2.238.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (120 hours)

- I. Core Curriculum Requirements*: 42 hours
 - A. Communication (6 hours)
 - 3 hours Communication (RHET 1302)
 - 3 hours Communication Elective (BIS 3320)
 - B. Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 hours)
 - 6 hours Government (GOVT 2301 and 2302)
 - 6 hours History (HIST 1301 and 2301)
 - 3 hours Social and Behavior Sciences Elective
 - C. Humanities and Fine Arts (6 hours)
 - 3 hours Fine Arts (ARTS 1301)
 - 3 hours Humanities (HUMA 1301)
 - D. Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (6 hours)
 - 3 hours College Algebra (MATH 1300, 1306 or 1314)
 - 3 hours Statistics (STAT 1342 or PSY 2317)
 - E. Science (9 hours including at least one course with a substantial laboratory component)

* Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from accredited institutions of higher education. The courses listed in parenthesis are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major.

- I. Major Requirements: 48 hours
 - Major Core Courses (12 hours)
 - AMS 3302 American Cultures
 - BIS 3320 Nature of Intellectual Inquiry*
 - Two of the following:
 - HIST 3368 Slavery & Race Relations in the U.S.
 - HIST 3369 United States Foreign Relations
 - GOVT 3325 American Public Policy
 - GOVT 3327 United States Foreign Policy

Major Related Courses (36 hours)

In addition to the core requirements, students will take 18 semester credit hours of course work in each of two of the following six disciplinary options, for a total of 36 hours:

1. The American Body Politic
2. Americans Past and Present
3. America and the World Community
4. American Business and Technology
5. American Literature and the Arts
6. Popular Cultures

*A required Major course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. An additional IS course will be taken if BIS 3320 is used to satisfy the Core Curriculum Communication Elective requirement.

- III. Elective Requirements: 30 hours
 - Advanced Electives (6 hours)
 - Free Electives (24 hours)

Students must complete 51 hours of upper-division work to graduate.