

School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Arts in American Studies



For a country less than 250 years old, the United States has amazingly complex business, communications and cultural systems. Whether you're doing business with an American company or hosting guests from another country, an understanding of traditions and expectations is essential to successful interaction.

The bachelor's degree in American Studies allows students to explore the cultures, society and politics of the United States from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Careers in American Studies

Graduates with degrees in American studies work in business, nonprofit organizations, media and cultural industries. The bachelor's degree in American studies is an excellent preparation for law or graduate school.

The University's Career Center is an important resource for students pursuing postgraduation employment. Licensed counselors are available to provide strategies for mastering job interviews, writing professional cover letters and resumes and connecting with campus recruiters, among other services.



American Studies at UT Dallas

The UT Dallas program in American studies focuses on the institutions, arts, structures and social processes of the United States. It emphasizes interdisciplinary work; students choose two broad areas within which to study:

- America and the World Community
- American Health Policy
- American Legal System
- American Literature and Arts
- Business in America
- Gender in American Culture
- Media and Communication Studies
- Political and Social Movements
- Politics in American Society
- Popular Culture
- Race and Ethnicity in American Life
- Technology in American Life
- The American Environment

Please see our website for the most current information at utdallas.edu/is/academics/ba-american-studies.

Internships and Honors

The School of Interdisciplinary Studies internship program at UT Dallas offers students the opportunity for practical experience in their field of interest while earning college credits. Internships provide:

- Experience in a professional work environment
- Academic credit under faculty supervision
- The opportunity to try a career or industry before committing to a full-time employment situation

The American studies honors program offers the opportunity for advanced scholarly work and recognition. To earn departmental honors, students must graduate with:

- A 3.9 cumulative GPA
- A 3.9 GPA in designated courses
- A total of 30 hours of credit in required honors courses
- A six-hour internship or three-hour internship with approved coursework

For a full list of courses and descriptions, visit: catalog.utdallas.edu

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The programs of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) provide students with a broad learning experience. Because of the individualized focus and flexibility, the program is appropriate for both students preparing to enter the workplace and those planning to continue their studies. IS students are encouraged to customize a degree plan using two or more disciplines — a combination of business and the social sciences, for example — or they can tailor degrees in American studies or Healthcare studies around topics of interest.

Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts: American studies, interdisciplinary studies

Bachelor of Science: Healthcare studies, interdisciplinary studies

Master of Arts: Interdisciplinary studies

Minors Offered

If your academic focus leads you elsewhere at UT Dallas, but you would still like to pursue studies in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, the following minors are available:

- American Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Exercise Sciences
- Gender Studies
- Healthcare Studies

Additional Facts

The University's Teacher Development Center (TDC) is housed in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and provides rigorous, university-based coursework with extensive field experience, including student teaching or a supervised postbaccalaureate internship for students interested in making teaching or school administration their career. The TDC offers teacher certification options for both undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students.

The University's Academic Bridge Program, for which the school is responsible, assists high-potential students who may not have completed a college-track high school curriculum to transition to the academically rigorous environment of UT Dallas.

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