

Student ID: _____
Student Name: _____
Adviser Name: _____

Catalog: 2019-20 College of Liberal Arts
Program: American Studies Major
Minimum Credits Required: _____

American Studies Major

Meet the Faculty

American Studies is an interdisciplinary major/minor that educates students for responsible leadership and productive careers. It encourages students to use multiple academic disciplines and perspectives to explore the complexity and diversity of this nation's history, literature, and culture. Students learn the role of ideas, discourse, and events in creating American culture. They examine the interplay of race, regional identity, politics, capitalism, globalization, and popular culture in developing an American identity.

Major Requirements

Majors complete ten (10) courses from at least five disciplines, including at least one class from each of the four core departments (English, History, Political Science, and Sociology). Students must also take at least one class from a department outside the four core departments. While study abroad is encouraged, a maximum of five (5) transfer courses will be counted toward the major.

Core Courses

Complete both of the following courses:

Course Name	Crs:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
AMST 200 - Introduction to American Studies				
AMST 490 - Senior Seminar				

Complete two (2) of the following lower-level courses:

Course Name	Crs:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SOC 111 - Social Problems				
SOC 112 - The Family				
POL 160 - Introduction to American Politics				

Complete two (2) of the following upper-level courses:

Course Name	Crs:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
HIS 340 - History of American Sexuality				
HIS 346 - The United States Since 1945				
HIS 347 - History of Urban America				
HIS 349 - Race and Ethnicity in United States				
HIS 329 - Aspects of War				
POL 252 - American Civil Rights Law and Policy				
POL 343 - The American Presidency <i>Prereq(s):</i> POL 160 or POL 161				
POL 346 - Voting and Elections <i>Prereq(s):</i> POL 160 or POL 161				
POL 353 - Foreign Policy of the U.S. <i>Prereq(s):</i> POL 130.				
POL 363 - American Social Policy <i>Prereq(s):</i> POL 160 or POL 161				
POL 381 - Congress and the Legislative Process				
POL 382 - Constitutional Law <i>Prereq(s):</i> POL 160 or POL 161 or consent.				
POL 395 - Topics in Political Theory <i>Prereq(s):</i> POL 220 or consent.				
POL 481 - Seminar in American Politics <i>Prereq(s):</i> Completion of core and distribution courses in American politics or consent.				
SOC 330 - Social Movements <i>Prereq(s):</i> any prior SOC class or permission.				
SOC 331 - The Civil Rights Movement and Black Freedom Struggle in the United States <i>Prereq(s):</i> any prior SOC class or permission.				
SOC 350 - Class Inequality <i>Prereq(s):</i> one SOC course or permission of instructor.				

SOC 355 - Race and Ethnic Relations <i>Prereq(s):</i> one SOC course or permission of instructor.				
SOC 356 - The State of Black America <i>Prereq(s):</i> one SOC course or permission of instructor.				
Elective Courses				
Complete two (2) of the following lower level courses:				
Course Name	Crs:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
• ARH 260 - Modern American Art (Course no longer offered)				
ECO 121 - Economics of Contemporary Issues				
ECO 126 - Economics and Public Policy				
ECO 140 - Nonprofit Economics				
ENV 289 - Nature in the City				
• HIS 241 - African American History II				
• HIS 235 - American Graphic Media				
• HIS 207 - Women in the Modern United States				
MUS 160 - History of Jazz				
MUS 165 - History of Rock and Roll				
PHI 226 - Philosophy of Education				
PHI 295 - Topics in Philosophy				
PHI 215 - Social and Political Philosophy				
• POL 120 - Problems in Political Thought				
POL 252 - American Civil Rights Law and Policy				
REL 135 - Religion in America				
THE 203 - History of American Film				
THE 205 - History of American Musical Theatre				
THE 206 - History of Radio and Television				
THE 295 - History of American Theatre				
Complete two (2) of the following upper level courses:				
Course Name	Crs:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
• Any of the upper level core courses				
• ARH 365 - Special Studies: Modern American Art				
ECO 321 - Labor Economics <i>Prereq(s):</i> ECO 202 and ECO 203.				
ECO 325 - Distribution of Income and Wealth <i>Prereq(s):</i> ECO 202 and ECO 203.				
• ENV 305L - American Rivers				
ENV 380 - American Environmental History <i>Prereq(s):</i> ENV 189.				
ENV 390 - Culture and Landscape				
MUS 363 - American Music				
PHI 302 - American Philosophy <i>Prereq(s):</i> Completion of one PHI course.				
Notes:				