AMERICAN STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College of Letters & Science

The Major
American Studies provides an excellent, broad education in the liberal arts. American Studies majors create an emphasis devoted to the close study of social and cultural issues crucial to the practice of American Studies. Advanced work in at least two other departments or programs allows each student to study areas tailored to their own individual education goals. Sample emphases include Youth Education, Social Justice and Social Movements; Popular Culture; Comparative Racial and Ethnic Studies; Nature, Culture and the Environment; Militarism and Incarceration; Queer and Trans Studies; Disability, Health, and Illness; and Food and Culture. Students have the option of writing a senior thesis or completing a creative capstone project, are encouraged to study abroad or participate in other forms of global education, and are encouraged to explore new career possibilities through internships—all of which can count toward the major units with permission of the advisor.

Career Alternatives
As an interdisciplinary major, American Studies offers students the choice of a variety of subject matter and approaches. This flexibility means that graduates are prepared to move into a broad range of career settings. Our alumni have become lawyers, teachers, social workers, urban planners, software engineers, filmmakers, professors, professional writers and comedians, marketing and communications professionals, librarians, museum curators, community organizers, and non-profit staff and leaders.

Global Education & Study Abroad
Majors are encouraged to study abroad or engage in domestic opportunities off-campus; such as the UC Washington Program (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/additional-education-opportunities/uc-washington-program-ucdc/), internships, and many other opportunities. Major requirements can be fulfilled with up to eight units from study abroad or other domestic off-campus opportunities with the permission of the undergraduate advisor.

Faculty Advisor
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Major Advisor
American Studies Advising (https://americanstudies.ucdavis.edu/ams-advising/); ams-advising@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-6429.

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Or an equivalent course in racial and ethnic diversity.

Choose one: 4-5
ANT 002  Cultural Anthropology
GSW 050  Introduction to Critical Gender Studies
SOC 002  Self & Society

Choose one: 4
HIS 017A  History of the United States
HIS 017B  History of the United States
HIS 072A  Women & Gender in America, to 1865
HIS 072B  Women & Gender in America, 1865-Present

Choose one: 4
CDM 001  Introduction to Film Studies
ENL 003  Introduction to Literature
ENL 010A  Literatures in English I: To 1700
ENL 010B  Literatures in English II: 1700-1900
ENL 010C  Literatures in English III: 1900 to Present

Or an equivalent course introducing critical approaches to literary and visual texts in the humanities.

Preparatory Subject Matter Subtotal 24-25

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American Studies Elective
Three additional upper division American Studies courses. 12

Emphasis
In consultation with the American Studies Undergraduate Advisor, the student designs a program of 20 units (typically five courses) of upper division course work around a unifying theme, period, or subject matter in American cultures. The courses should come from two or more departments or programs and may include up to 8 units of American Studies courses. Only 4 units of AMS 192 (internship) can be included in the emphasis. Students may choose the senior thesis option (AMS 190A & AMS 190B) for 8 units of the emphasis and take the remaining 12 units outside the department.

Recommended
College requirement in English composition. 1

Depth Subject Matter Subtotal 20

Total Units 64-65

1 Completion of the college requirement in English composition before enrollment in AMS 190A.