AMERICAN STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College of Letters & Science

The Major

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 Washington Program, 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 permission of the undergraduate advisor.

Faculty Advisor

J. DeCristo

Major Advisor

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Or an equivalent course in social science approaches to culture

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

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
CDM 001  Introduction to Film Studies

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

Preparatory Subject Matter Subtotal 24-25

Depth Subject Matter

AMS 100  Methods in American Studies   4
AMS 160  Undergraduate Seminar in American Studies  4

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 course 192 (internship) can be included in the emphasis. The student may choose the senior thesis option (190A-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 40

Total Units 64-65

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