

# American Studies Major (AMS)

American Studies is an interdisciplinary major which approaches the study of American culture from the perspective of a variety of academic disciplines. This approach encourages students to form a broad understanding of the ideas, issues, and events which have shaped our national identity. Students will develop an area of concentration in consultation with the program coordinator.

Students who successfully complete the American Studies major will:

- demonstrate knowledge of the key factors shaping American history and culture;
- demonstrate knowledge of how American literature contributes to American culture;
- demonstrate knowledge of how other cultural influences shape American society, including (but not limited to) art, politics, religion, and philosophy;
- analyze aspects of American identity in writing;
- analyze aspects of American identity orally.

Degree Type: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Program Contact: Professor Todd Coke

No minor required.

A minimum of fifteen hours must be taken at the 300-level or above.

**Program:** American Studies

**Type:** B.A.

Core Courses	18 hours
Required Course Selections	9 hours
Elective Courses	24 hours
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>

## Core Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
AMS250	Introduction to American Studies	3
HIS223	Introduction to American History: 1492-1877	3
HIS225	Introduction to American History: 1877 to Present	3
ENG343	American Literature to 1870	3
ENG345	American Literature from 1870	3
AMS450	Senior American Studies Seminar	3

## Required Course Selections

Select three of the following courses from three different departments:

Item #	Title	Credits
ART310	Modern Art History	3
COMM306	Media Criticism	3
PHI412	American Philosophy	3
HIS338	Religion in American History	3
SOC309	Sociology of Religion	3
SOC113	Modern Social Problems	3
POS100	American Government	3
EC0221	Principles of Macroeconomics	3

## Elective Courses

Select remaining 24 hours from the following departments, subject to approval from the program director: [Art](#), [Biology](#), [Communication](#), [Economics](#), [English](#), [History](#), [Music](#), [Philosophy](#), [Political Science](#), [Religion](#), or [Sociology](#).

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