

College of Arts and Sciences

American Studies

B.A. in American Studies

Admission to the Program

Formal admission to the major requires a grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale) in two courses related to the major.

University Requirements

- A total of 120 credit hours
- 6 credit hours of college writing
- 3 credit hours of college mathematics or the equivalent by examination

General Education Requirements

- A total of ten courses, consisting of one foundation course and one second-level course in an approved sequence from each of the five curricular areas
- No more than 6 credit hours may be taken in the same discipline

Major Requirements

- 43 credit hours with grades of C or better

Course Requirements

- AMST-206 American Dreams/American Lives (3)
- AMST-400 Interpreting American Culture (4)
- ANTH-251 Perspectives in Cultural Anthropology (3)
- 9 credit hours from the following:
 - HIST-205 American Encounters:
 - 1492–1865 2:2 (3)
 - HIST-206 The United States from Emancipation to World War II (3)
 - LIT-210 Survey of American Literature I (3)
 - LIT-211 Survey of American Literature II (3)
- 12 credit hours of courses dealing with some aspect of American life selected from a single department or related departments

- 9 additional credit hours in American studies (AMST-xxx) courses at the 300 level or above, excluding independent study and internships
- One of the following as a senior project:
 - AMST-410 Senior Thesis I (3)
 - AMST-411 Senior Thesis II (3)
 - AMST-491 Internship in American Studies (3)

University Honors Program

All University Honors students must complete at least 12 credit hours of advanced-level (300-level and above) Honors courses including a 3 to 6 credit hour Honors Senior Capstone Project. Students may graduate with University Honors in the major if they complete at least 12 advanced-level Honors courses including the Senior Capstone Project in the department. Each department has three levels of University Honors requirements: Level I Options (100-200-level Honors classes); Level II Options (300-level and above Honors classes); and Level III Options (Honors Senior Capstone). The department Honors coordinator advises students in the University Honors Program regarding departmental options. For more information, go to www.american.edu/academic.depts/honors/.

Minor in American Studies

- 22 credit hours with grades of C or better and at least 12 credit hours unique to the minor

Course Requirements

- AMST-206 American Dreams/American Lives (3)
- AMST-400 Interpreting American Culture (4)
- ANTH-251 Perspectives in Cultural Anthropology (3)
- 12 credit hours in American studies (AMST-xxx) at the 300 level or above