

2009-2010

B.A. in American Cultural Studies

Interdisciplinary Studies

What Is "American Cultural Studies"?

American Cultural Studies allows students to concentrate on the Americanization process, American character, American cultural institutions and/or American cultural values, particularly as these shape our concepts and choices of vocation. The program in American Cultural Studies serves those students and faculty who are interested in the study of such questions, but find that important aspects of cultural institution, cultural artifacts and cultural values are not fully revealed by the course of study within a single department or college. The program allows students the opportunity to study issues arising specifically from the cultural diversity in American society. Whenever possible, the program takes advantages of the rich curricular offerings of the various departments and colleges of the university.

Why Should I Consider This Major?

Students who want a liberal arts education of breadth and depth will find that, because of its flexibility, the program adapts well to their needs. It offers suitable undergraduate background for advanced study in law, domestic social services, public service, government service or education, and graduate work in American studies, ethnic studies and the social sciences. It also offers unique ways to combine the study of the humanities and social sciences.

How to Declare:

A formal program of study is initially designed by the student in consultation with a member of the American Cultural Studies faculty. The program is then approved by the Director of American Cultural Studies.

Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in American Cultural Studies within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Work on fulfilling General University Requirements.

Complete prerequisites and co-requisites for major courses.

Other Activities:

Declare or apply for major.

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Sample Careers:

Attorney
Public Administration
Higher Education
Social Worker
Marketing Specialist
Teaching English as a
Second Language
Consumer Advisor
Community Relations
Director
Human Resource
Coordinator
Non-Profit Agency
Administrator



American Cultural Studies Major Requirements: 70 Credits

Core Requirements: 39-44 credits

AMST 301 Comparative Cultural Studies (4)
AMST 499 Research and Writing (4)

Three courses from: (9 credits)

AMST 202 The American Indian Experience (3)
AMST 203 The Hispano/a American Experience (3)
AMST 204 The African American Experience (3)
AMST 205 The Asian American Experience (3)
AMST 206 The Jewish American Experience (3)
AMST 242 The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered (GLBT) Experience (3)

Two courses, under advisement, from: (8-10 credits)

AMST 314 Contemporary Latino/a Issues (4)
AMST 315 Contemporary American Indian Issues (4)
AMST 316 Contemporary African American Issues (4)
ANTH 104 American Mosaic: The Cultures of the U.S. (4)
ANTH 353 Sex and Gender in Culture (4)
EGEO 201 Human Geography (4)
FAIR 212c Introduction to Political Economy (5)
FAIR 374b The Cultural Creation of Identity (5)
FAIR 443r *Course discontinued; see ACS advisor*
PLSC 101 Government and Politics in the Modern World (5)
PLSC 250 The American Political System (5)
PLSC 347 Race, Politics, and Public Policy (5)
PLSC 421 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Politics (5)
SOC 221 Introduction to Population Issues (5)
SOC 255 Social Organization of Criminal Justice (5)
SOC 260 The Family in Society (5)
SOC 268 Gender and Society (5)
SOC 269 Race and Ethnic Relations (5)

One course from: (4-5 credits)

HIST 261 Black History in the Americas (5)
HIST 263 African Americans Since 1865 (5)
HIST 265 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Experiences in U.S. History (5)
HIST 275 The Indian in American History (5)
HIST 362 Asian American History (4)
HIST 369 Topics in U.S. Women's History (4)
HIST 461 U.S. Urban History (5)
HIST 463 Latinas & Latinos in the U.S. West (4)
HIST 465 History of Sexuality in the U.S. (4)
HIST 467 American Cultural History: 1790-1880 (4)

Two courses from:

ENG 216 Intro to American Literature (5)
ENG 227 Intro to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Literature (5)
ENG 234 Intro African American Literature (5)
ENG 235 Intro to American Indian Literature (5)
ENG 236 Intro to Asian American Literature (5)
ENG 239 Intro to Latino Literatures (5)
ENG 270 Intro to Language and Society (5)
ENG 327 Studies in Historically Marginalized Literatures (5)
ENG 338 Women and Literature (5)

One course from:

A/HI 360* Nationalism & Culture Identity, 19th & 20th Centuries (4)
FAIR 359v Art & Popular Culture (4)
FAIR 451x Resistance Art of the Indigena (4)
DNC 232 Movement and Culture (3)
MUS 202 Jazz: Genesis and Evolution (3)
MUS 205 Survey of Non-Western Musical Cultures (3)

*Must meet Prerequisites

Individualized Program of Study

(26-31 credits under advisement)

A formal program of study is initially designed by the student in consultation with a member of the American Cultural Studies faculty. The program is then approved by the director of American Cultural Studies. No program of study may substantially duplicate an existing departmental or college program. Ordinarily, final approval of the course of study must be granted before senior status is reached.

Other American Cultural Studies Options

Minor in American Cultural Studies (approximately 25 credits)
Minor in American Indian Studies (25-28 credits)
Minor in African American Studies (approximately 26 credits)
Minor in Asian American Studies (27 credits)
Minor in Diversity in Higher Education (minimum 25 credits)
Minor in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Studies (25 credits)
Minor in Raza Latina Studies (minimum 26 credits)

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.

HUM: ENG 216, 270

SSC: GEOG 201; PLSC 101 or 250; SOC 221, 255, 260

BCGM: AMST 202, 203, 204, 205 242; ANTH 104;
ENG 227, 234, 235, 236, 338; HIST 275;
SOC 268 or 269

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.