

# B.A. in American Cultural Studies

## Interdisciplinary Studies

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### What is the study of 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 advantage of the rich curricular offerings of the various departments and colleges of the university.

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### Why should I consider an American Cultural Studies 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.

### Declaring an American Cultural Studies Major:

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.

#### Sample Career Fields:

- 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 Native American Experience (3)

AMST 203 The Hispanic 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 Experience (3)

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

AMST 315 Contemporary Native American Issues (4)

ANTH 104 American Mosaic: The cultures of the U.S. (4)

or ANTH 353 Sex and Gender in Culture (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)

or SOC 269 Race and Ethnic Relations (5)

PLSC 101 Government and Politics in the Modern World (5)

or PLSC 250 The American Political System (5)

FAIR 212 Introduction to Political Economy (5)

FAIR 374b The Cultural Creation of Identity (4)

GEOG 201 Human Geography (4)

One Course from: (4-5 credits)

HIST 261 Black History in the Americas (5)

HIST 263 African Americans Since 1865 (4)

HIST 265 Lesbian & Gay Experience in U.S. History (4)

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)

## ***Other American Cultural Studies options:***

Minor in American Cultural Studies (25 credit)

Minor in Native American Studies (25 credits)

Minor in African American Studies (25 credits)

Minor in Asian American Studies (25 credits)

Minor in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Studies (25 credits)

Minor in Diversity in Higher Education (25 credits)

Two courses from:

ENG 216 Intro to American Literature (5)

ENG 227 Intro to Gay & Lesbian 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 270 Intro to Language and Society (5)

ENG 327 Studies in Historically Marginalized Literature (5)

ENG 338 Women and Literature (5)

One course from:

FAIR 451 Resistance Art of the Indigena (4)

DNC 232 Movement and Culture (3)

A/HI 360 Nationalism & Culture Identity, 19th & 20th Centuries (4)

pr A/HI 448\* 20th Centuries or Encounters with the Other (4)

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 selected under advisement)

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### **These required or elective courses will also satisfy the GUR or other Graduation Requirement:**

**HUM:** ENG 216, 270

**SSC:** SOC 221, 255, 260

GEOG 201

PLSC 101 or 250

**BCGM:** AMST 202, 203, 204, 205 242

ANTH 104

SOC 268 or 269

HIST 275

ENG 227, 234, 235, 236, 338

**WP:** AMST 499, A/HI 448