AMST - American Studies

AMST 101D. Introduction to American Studies. 3 Credits. (2 Lec, 1 Lab) F
Introduction to the field of American Studies and to major issues in American history, literature, and the arts.

AMST 201IH. American Identity, American Dreams. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
AMST 201IH explores the historical development of the notion of a singular American identity, the reality of varied American identities, and expressions of Americanness in contemporary culture. Iterations of national identity are examined in contexts like American gun culture, the gender-based pay gap, reservation policy and Indian Boarding Schools, LGBTQ activism, the ethos surrounding National Parks, and the popularity of extreme sporting competitions.

AMST 202RA. The Arts in America. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) ES
PREREQUISITE: WRIT 101W. Uses the methodologies of American Studies to question the history, theory, and criticism of various American art forms and movements. Disciplines covered include: film, photography, television, sculpture, painting, architecture, and music.

AMST 291. Special Topics. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: None required but some may be determined necessary by each offering department. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number.

AMST 301. Reproduction in America. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: WRIT 101W Provides historical context for human reproduction and examines the ways in which women and men in America - both in the past and in contemporary culture - adapt and shape reproductive practices to the unique events of their lives.

AMST 401. Seminar in American Studies. 4 Credits. (4 Sem) S to be offered even years.
PREREQUISITE: AMST 201. Capstone course in American Studies. Students will research and design solutions to contemporary problems in American Society.

AMST 401R. Seminar in American Studies. 4 Credits. (4 Sem) S to be offered even years.

AMST 410. Religion and the United States Supreme Court. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) On Demand
PREREQUISITES: Successful completion of at least one core 'D' or 'IH' course AND at least two other courses from any of the following: HSTA, HSTR, AMST, RLST, PHL, PSCI, NASX, SOCI. This course investigates the symbiotic relationship between American religion and the US Supreme Court. Topics include legal discourse surrounding religious freedom, the legal status of minority religions, and the social impact of landmark Supreme Court decisions.

AMST 490. Undergraduate Research. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; Max 6 credits) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: AMST 101 or 201; Junior or Senior status, consent of instructor and approval of Program Director. Course will address responsible conduct of research. Directed research and study on an individual basis.

AMST 491. Special Topics. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisites as determined for each offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number.

AMST 492. Independent Study. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; Max 6 Credits) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: AMST 101 or 201; Junior or Senior status, consent of instructor and approval of Program Director. Directed research and study on an individual basis.

AMST 498. Internship. 1-12 Credits. (1-12 Ind; 12 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: AMST 101 or 201; Junior or Senior status, consent of instructor and approval of Program Director. An Individualized assignment arranged with an agency, business, or other organization to provide guided experience in the field.

AMST 501. Methods in American Studies. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) F
Introduction to major trends in American Studies scholarship, with a particular focus on American Studies in an international context. The course will also introduce students to the range of scholarship in the American Studies program. Co-convened with AMST 401R.