

American Studies

The American Studies program is designed to meet the needs of students, including non-traditional majors and lifelong learners, who want to pursue a flexible, multi-disciplinary curriculum in American Studies. Students explore the experiences and values of the people of the United States as embodied in their history, literature, art, and other forms of cultural expression. All students are required to choose one of three program focus areas: American Arts, American History, or American Literature.

Students must complete a minimum of 45 credits in the program after declaring themselves to be American Studies majors. Up to 12 credits required in a minor or in a second-degree program may be applied toward the American Studies degree requirements. Courses taken to complete requirements in the American Studies program may also be used to satisfy University Core requirements.

For details about the American Studies degree, please email amerstudies@montana.edu, call 406-994-4395, or check the American Studies website. (<http://www.montana.edu/americanstudies>)

Foundation Courses

All students, regardless of program focus area, must complete the following courses:

AMST 101D	Introduction to American Studies	3
LIT 214D	Regional Literature	3
NASX 105D	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
	or AMST 202RA The Arts in America	
PSCI 210IS	Introduction to American Government	3
1 Year Foreign Language		6

American Studies Courses

AMST 201	American Identity, American Dreams	
AMST 401	Seminar in American Studies	
1 Additional AMST course at 300- or 400- level		

Concentration Areas - Choose One

American Arts Concentration

AMST 202RA	The Arts in America	
MUSI 203IA	American Popular Music	
Choose 1 American Arts Electives - History		6-8
HSTA 101IH	American History I	
HSTA 102IH	American History II	
HSTA 160D	Introduction to the Am West	
Choose 1 American Arts Electives - Literature		3
LIT 308	Multicultural Literature	
LIT 310	American Literature to 1900	
LIT 311	American Literature after 1900	

American History Concentration

HSTA 101IH	American History I	
HSTA 102IH	American History II	
HSTA 160D	Introduction to the Am West	
Choose 1 American History Elective - Arts		
AMST 202RA	The Arts in America	
MUSI 203IA	American Popular Music	
Choose 1 American History Elective - Literature		
LIT 308	Multicultural Literature	
LIT 310	American Literature to 1900	

LIT 311	American Literature after 1900	
American Literature Concentration		
LIT 308	Multicultural Literature	
LIT 310	American Literature to 1900	
LIT 311	American Literature after 1900	
Choose 1 American Literature Elective - Arts		
AMST 202RA	The Arts in America	
MUSI 203IA	American Popular Music	
Choose 1 American Literature Elective - History		4
HSTA 101IH	American History I	
HSTA 102IH	American History II	
HSTA 160D	Introduction to the Am West	
Total Credits		31-33

Capstone Experience

All students in the major take a common 4-credit capstone course in their final year (AMST 401 Seminar in American Studies). Students will work together in small groups to design solutions to contemporary issues in American society (e.g., immigration). Each small-group project will result in a scholarly product (typically a paper or presentation) that will serve as a measurable indication of the extent to which students have mastered the critical thinking, reading, writing, and oral communication skills that are the principal learning objectives of the program.

American Studies Courses

AMST 301	Reproduction in America	3
ANTY 332	Native North America	3
ANTY 351	Archaeology of North America	3
ARTH 430	19th Century Art	3
ARTH 440	20th Century Art	3
ECNS 372	Economic History of US	3
GPHY 325	Cultural Geography	3
GPHY 431	Historical Geography	3
HSTA 311	Early America	3
HSTA 315	The Age of Jefferson and Jackson: The Early American Republic	3
HSTA 316	American Civil War Era	3
HSTA 318	Origins of Modern America: From the Civil War to WWII	3
HSTA 322	Am History: WWII to Present	3
HSTA 320	Birth of Modern US: 1865-1945	3
HSTA 402	Sex and Sexuality in America	3
HSTA 406	McCarthy/Ike/Truman	3
HSTA 407	Gender in US & Canadian West	3
HSTA 408	Gender in America	3
HSTA 409	Food in America	3
HSTA 412IH	American Thought and Culture	3
HSTA 416	Race and Class in America	3
HSTA 450	History of American Indians	3
HSTA 460	Montana and the West	3
HSTA 464	Trans-Mississippi West	3
HSTA 468	History of Yellowstone	3
HSTA 470	American Environmental History	3
HSTA 482	History of American Technology	3
HSTR 372	The World at War	3
LIT 308	Multicultural Literature	3

LIT 310	American Literature to 1900	3
LIT 311	American Literature after 1900	3
LIT 335	Women and Literature	3
LIT 431RH	Studies in Major Author/s	3
MUSI 130IA	History of Jazz	3
NASX 304	Native American Beliefs and Philosophy	3
NASX 310	Native Cultures of North America	3
NASX 340	Native American Literature	3
NASX 360	Native Americans and Cinema	3
NASX 430	American Indian Education	3
NASX 476	American Indian Policy and Law	3
PHL 305	Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHL 328	Philosophy and Film	3
PHL 351	Philosophy and Feminism	3
PHL 354	Philosophy of Race	3
PHOT 303	Early History of Photography	3
PHOT 304	Recent History of Photography	3
PSCI 302	Media & Politics	3
PSCI 306	Legislative Process	3
PSCI 323	Modern Political Thought	3
PSCI 341	Political Parties and Elections	3
PSCI 346	American Presidency	3
PSCI 444	Congressional Campaign	3
PSCI 451	State and Local Government Policy Making	3
PSCI 454	Cinema and Political Theory	3
PSCI 471	American Constitutional Law	3
PSYX 335	Psychology of Gender	3
PSYX 462	Psychology of Prejudice	3
RLST 220IH	Interpretations of Amrcn Relig	3
SOCI 308	Becoming an Adult in America	3
SOCI 320	Sociology of Religion	3
SOCI 325	Social Stratification	3
SOCI 326	Sociology of Gender	3
SOCI 333	Sociology of Education	3
SOCI 340	Social Movements	3
SOCI 344	Sociology of Race & Ethnicity	3
SOCI 345	Sociology of Organizations	3
SOCI 359	Crime, Justice and Media	3
SOCI 425	Victims and Society	3
SOCI 435	Law and Society	3
SOCI 436	Law and Inequality	3
SOCI 470	Environmental Sociology	3
SOCI 485	Political Sociology	3
WGSS 378	LGBTQ Studies	3
WGSS 454	The Study of Men & Masculinity	3

American Studies offers the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy, with a special focus on the American West. Major fields include American Arts, American History, American Literature, American Pluralism, and Public History.

- Ph.D. of Philosophy in American Studies (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/american-studies/phd-philosophy-american-studies>)

- M.A. of Arts in American Studies (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/american-studies/ma-arts-american-studies>)

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Times was used instead of Adobe Garamond Pro.

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