

# 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 406-994-4247, 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:

| Freshman Year   | Credits |
|---|---------|
| AMST 101D - Introduction to American Studies  | 3       |
| NASX 105D - Introduction to Native American Studies<br>or AMST 202RA - The Arts in America                                    | 3       |
| 1 Year Foreign Language Courses   | 6       |
| History Option- History Concentration Students Must take all 3  |         |
| HSTA 101IH - American History I<br>or HSTA 102IH - American History II<br>or HSTA 160D - Introduction to the Am West          | 4       |
| CORE Elective   | 6       |
| Advisor Approved Electives  | 9       |
| Year Total:   | 31      |
| Sophomore Year  | Credits |
| LIT 214D - Regional Literature  | 3       |
| PSCI 210IS - Introduction to American Government  | 3       |
| AMST 201IH - American Identity, American Dreams<br>Arts Option- Art Concentration Students must take both                     | 3       |
| AMST 202RA - The Arts in America<br>or MUSI 203IA - American Popular Music  | 3       |
| CORE Elective   | 6       |
| Advisor Approved Elective   | 12      |
| Year Total:   | 30      |
| Junior Year   | Credits |
| Literature Option - Literature Concentration Students must take all 3   |         |
| LIT 308 - Multicultural Literature<br>or LIT 310 - American Literature to 1900<br>or LIT 311 - American Literature after 1900 | 3       |
| Upper Division AMST Elective  | 3       |
| CORE Elective   | 6       |
| Advisor Approved Elective   | 18-24   |
| Year Total:   | 30-36   |

| Senior Year                            | Credits |
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| AMST 401 - Seminar in American Studies | 4       |
| CORE Elective                          | 3-6     |
| Advisor Approved Elective              | 24      |
| Year Total:                            | 31-34   |
| Total Program Credits:                 | 122-131 |

## 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

|            |   |   |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |  | 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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