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
- PSCI 210IS The Arts in America 3
- 1 Year Foreign Language 6

American Studies Courses

- AMST 201 American Identity, American Dreams 3
- 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 3
- MUSI 2031A American Popular Music 3
- Choose 1 American Arts Electives - Literature 3
- LIT 310 American Literature to 1900 3
- LIT 311 American Literature after 1900 3

American History Concentration

- HSTA 101IH American History I 3
- HSTA 102IH American History II 3
- HSTA 160D Introduction to the Am West 3
- Choose 1 American History Elective - Arts 3
- AMST 202RA The Arts in America 3
- MUSI 2031A American Popular Music 3
- Choose 1 American History Elective - Literature 3
- LIT 308 Multicultural Literature 3
- LIT 310 American Literature to 1900 3

American Literature Concentration

- LIT 308 Multicultural Literature 3
- LIT 310 American Literature to 1900 3
- LIT 311 American Literature after 1900 3

Choose 1 American Literature Elective - Arts

- AMST 202RA The Arts in America 3
- MUSI 2031A American Popular Music 3

Choose 1 American Literature Elective - History

- HSTA 101IH American History I 4
- HSTA 102IH American History II 4

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

American Literature to 1900

- LIT 311 American Literature after 1900

American History I

- HSTA 101IH

American History II

- HSTA 102IH

Introduction to the Am West

- HSTA 160D
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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