

# AMST - American Studies

## **AMST 101D Introduction to American Studies: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

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)**

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 (2 Lec, 1 Other)**

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 Other)**

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 Other)**

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 401R Seminar in American Studies: 4 Credits (4 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: AMST 201D. Capstone course in American Studies. Students will research and design solutions to contemporary problems in American Society. Co-convened with AMST 501 and 502

## **AMST 410 Religion and the United States Supreme Court: 3 Credits (3 Other)**

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, PSCL, 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 Other)**

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.  
Repeatable up to 6 credits.

## **AMST 491 Special Topics: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

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 Other)**

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  
Repeatable up to 6 credits.

## **AMST 498 Internship: 1-12 Credits (1-12 Other)**

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 Other)**

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.

## **AMST 502 Research in American Studies: 3 Credits (3 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: AMST 501. Graduate research and advanced readings in American Studies. Co-convened with AMST 401R

## **AMST 590 Master's Thesis: 1-10 Credits (1-10 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: Master's standing  
Repeatable up to 99 credits.

## **AMST 591 Special Topics: 3 Credits (3 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing or seniors by petition. Course prerequisites as determined for each offering. Advanced study of topics in the discipline, in courses not required in any curriculum, including experimental offerings of visiting professors, trial offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics

## **AMST 592 Independent Study: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing, consent of instructor, approval of department head and Vice Provost of Graduate Education. Directed research and study on an individual basis  
Repeatable up to 8 credits.

## **AMST 594 Seminar: 1 Credits (1 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. Graduate level topics which are not covered in other courses. Students will prepare and present discussion material

## **AMST 689 Doctorial Reading and Research: 3-6 Credits (3-6 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: Doctoral standing. Presentation and discussion of dissertation research and writing  
Repeatable up to 15 credits.

## **AMST 690 Doctoral Thesis: 1-10 Credits (1-10 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: Doctoral standing  
Repeatable up to 99 credits.