

American Studies

FACULTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE *Conley (English); Felder (Economics); Fuller (Philosophy and Religious Studies); Gill (Political Science); Robertson (History).*

This interdisciplinary minor offers students a comprehensive introduction to the history, literature, art, and politics of American culture.

Minor in American Studies

Curriculum and Requirements

The minor consists of six three-hour courses, two of which are required: AMS 200 Critical Issues and AMS 400 Senior Project. The remaining three courses will be chosen from electives which must deal with aspects of the American experience and must complement one another. To assure that this is done, students must have their American studies program approved by the advisor. Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all courses taken for the American studies minor.

Nine of the 18 hours required by the minor must be taken at the junior-senior level. Students may not use as electives courses needed for their majors. No more than two electives may be from a single department.

The Program:

AMS 200 Critical Issues in American Studies 3

Three electives from among the following 9

ENG 329 Studies in African American Literature
 ENG 330 Studies in Native American Literature
 ENG 332 Early American Literature
 ENG 334 19th Century American Literature
 ENG 336 20th Century American Literature
 HIS 203 United States History to 1877
 HIS 303 American Urban History
 HIS 304 Women in American History
 HIS 305 American Indian History
 PLS 301 Topics in American Politics
 PLS 311 Political Parties: Electorate and Politics
 PLS/PHL 407 American Political Philosophy
 PLS 421 The Politics of Regulation
 PLS 459, 460 Constitutional Law
 RLS 200 Contemporary Religion in the United States
 SOC 211 Contemporary Social Problems
 SOC 312 Social Inequality
 SOC 313 Race, Ethnicity, and Minority Relations
 SOC 314 Native Americans

One elective from among the following 3

All courses listed above plus

AAS 210 African-American History: From Slavery to 1877
 AAS 300 Contemporary Issues in African-American Studies
 ECO 313 American Economic History
 ECO 400 Economics Colloquium for Seniors
 ECO 499 Senior Seminar in Economics, Part II
 ETE 115 Schools and Schooling in American Society
 ENG 233 American Literature to 1865
 ENG 235 American Literature 1865 to Present
 ENG 495 Independent Study
 ENG 480 Senior Project

HIS 300 The United States Since 1945
 HIS 301 Topics in American History: Intellectual
 HIS 302 Topics in American History: Diplomatic
 HIS 306 The United States Civil War Era
 HIS 308 Topics in American History: Political
 HIS 309 The History of U.S. Law Enforcement
 HIS 505, 506 Seminar in Directed Reading
 HIS 507, 508 Area Study in Directed Reading
 PLS 310 Political Behavior
 PLS 360 Judicial Politics
 PLS 419 Introduction to Public Administration
 RLS 350, 351 Topics in Religious Studies
 RLS 387 Contemporary Trends in Religious Thought
 SOC 390 Topics in Sociology
 WMS 200 Introduction to Women's Studies
 WMS 400 Directed Research in Women's Studies

AMS 400 Senior Project 3

Total Hours 18

Course Descriptions

AMS 200 Critical Issues in American Studies

3 hrs.

Examination of key configurations of ideas, values, material conditions, institutions, and cultural manifestations in selected historical periods in the geographical area that is now the United States. Required of all American studies minors; open to others.

AMS 400 Senior Project

3 hrs.

Topics selected in consultation with the advisor. May be satisfied by independent study under supervision of approved faculty or by a project conducted in an approved research seminar.