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Global and Cultural Awareness from approved list

Skills

First Year Writing from approved list

Advanced Written and Oral Communications from approved list

Quantitative Reasoning from approved list

Languages of Learning (Math or Language) from approved list

Arts, Letters, and Sciences

Civilization from approved list

Arts from approved list

Letters from approved list

Biological Science from approved list

Physical Science from approved list

Social Science from approved list

Core Enrichment: Electives

Religion Electives from approved list

Open Electives from approved list

*THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (15 hours overlap).

Graduation Requirements:

Minimum residence hours required 30.0

Minimum hours needed to graduate 120.0

Suggested Sequence of Courses

Freshman Year

1st Semester

First-year Writing or A HTG 100 3.0

ECON 110 (FWSpSu) 3.0

Religion Cornerstone course 2.0

University Core (other than religion) 7.0

Total Hours 15.0

2nd Semester

A HTG 100 or First-year Writing 3.0

POLI 110 (FWSpSu) 3.0

Religion Cornerstone course 2.0

Quantitative Reasoning (if needed) 0-3.0

University Core (other than religion) 4-7.0
Total Hours 15.0
Sophomore Year
3rd Semester
AM ST 303 (offered Fall only) 3.0
Biological Science 3.0
Civilization 13.0
IHUM 261 (FSp) 3.0
Religion Cornerstone course 2.0
General Electives 3.0
Total Hours 17.0
4th Semester
AM ST 304 (offered Winter only; prereq AM ST 303) 3.0
Civilization 23.0
IHUM 262 (W) 3.0
Religion Cornerstone course 2.0
University Core (other than religion) 3.0
Total Hours 14.0
Junior Year
5th Semester
American Studies elective (FWSpSu) 3.0
American Studies elective (FWSpSu) 3.0
Religion Elective (FWSpSu) 2.0
Physical Science 3.0
University Core (other than religion) 2.0
General Electives 2.0
Total Hours 15.0
6th Semester
AM ST Requirement 43.0
American Studies elective (FWSpSu) 3.0
American Studies elective (FWSpSu) 3.0
Religion Elective 2.0
General electives 4.0
Total Hours 15.0
Senior Year
7th Semester
Languages of Learning 3-4.0
American Studies elective (FWSpSu) 3.0
American Studies elective (FWSpSu) 3.0
American Studies elective (FWSpSu) 3.0
Religion Elective 2.0
Total Hours 14-15.0
8th Semester
AM ST 490 (offered Fall and Winter only; prereq AM ST 304) 3.0
American Studies elective (FWSpSu) 3.0
American Studies elective (FWSpSu) 3.0
General Electives 8.0
Total Hours 17.0

Elective courses may be offered during Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer, providing students with a great deal of flexibility in completing their American Studies major. However, due to the program’s size, there is no flexibility regarding when the required AM ST courses are offered. AM ST 303
is offered only during the Fall semester, while AM ST 304 is offered only during the Winter semester. Because 303 is a prerequisite for enrolling in 304, students should enroll in AM ST 303 during the Fall of their sophomore year (or the Fall of their junior year if they are entering the American Studies major a bit later). After completing AM 303 in the Fall, students should immediately thereafter complete AM ST 304 during the subsequent Winter semester. Students may not enroll in AM ST 490 (the senior capstone course) until after they have completed AM ST 304. AM ST 490 is offered only in Fall and Winter. This means that if a student enrolls in AM ST 304 in January of a particular calendar year, the earliest they could possibly complete AM ST 490 would be in December of the same calendar year. Before declaring the American Studies major, students who are juniors and seniors should consult with Dr. Dave McMillan of the Liberal Arts Advisement Center (801-422-3541) to determine the graduation timeline they should anticipate in completing the American Studies major. All students are encouraged to work with Dr. McMillan to outline an efficient path toward graduation.

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The American Studies 304/490 sequence fulfills the Advanced Written and Oral Communications requirement. Majors should begin course work in the major by taking Am St 303 fall semester of the sophomore or (at latest) junior year, followed by Am St 304.

Required courses:

- IHUM 261 - Introduction to American Humanities 1: Colonial Era Through 1876 3.0
- IHUM 262 - Introduction to American Humanities 2: 1877 to the Present 3.0

Complete 2 courses

- Required courses:
  - IHUM 261
  - IHUM 262

Complete 1 option

- option 2.1 A HTG 100 - American Heritage 3.0
- option 2.2 Complete 2 courses
  - *ECON 110 - Economic Principles and Problems 3.0
  - HIST 221 - The United States Since 1877 3.0
  - POLI 110 - American Government and Politics 3.0

Note: POLI 210 may be substituted for POLI 110.

Complete 2 courses

- AM ST 303 - American Studies History and Theory 3.0
- AM ST 304 - American Studies Methodologies and Writing Practices 3.0

Complete 30.0 hours from the following course(s)

- AM ST 300 - Literature and Cultures of the American West 3.0
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- AM ST 301 - Western American Studies Seminar 3.0
- AM ST 360 - Film in American Culture 3.0
- AM ST 390R - Topics in American Studies 3.0

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

- AM ST 392R - American Studies Lecture Series: Presentations on American Studies/Western American Studies 1.0

You may take up to 3 credit hours.

- ANTHR 345 - Anthropology of the Latter-day Saints 3.0
- ANTHR 350 - Archaeological Cultures of North America 3.0
- ANTHR 390R - Special Topics in Regional Anthropology 3.0

You may take up to 3 credit hours.

- ARTHC 345 - American Art to 1876 3.0
- ARTHC 353 - American Art 1876-1950 3.0
- ARTHC 365 - American Architecture 3.0
- COMMS 301 - Mass Media History and Philosophy 3.0
- COMMS 302 - Popular Culture and Media 3.0
- COMMS 406 - Media and the First Amendment 3.0
- ECON 274 - (Not currently offered)
- ELING 322 - Modern American Usage 3.0
ENGL 293 - American Literary History 3.0
ENGL 337R - Studies in Literary Form and Genre 3.0
ENGL 358R - (Not currently offered)
ENGL 367R - American Regional Literature 3.0
ENGL 384R - Author Studies 3.0
You may take this course up to 1 time.
ENGL 388R - American Literature before 1800 3.0
ENGL 389R - American Literature after 1800 3.0
ENGL 392 - American Folklore 3.0
GEOG 250 - United States and Canada 3.0
GWS 332 - The History of Latter-day Saint Women 3.0
GWS 354 - Pan American Women Writers 3.0
HIST 218 - The Family and the Law in American History 3.0
HIST 293 - World War II in History and Memory 3.0
HIST 316 - (Not currently offered)
HIST 359 - Inter-American Relations 3.0
HIST 360 - American West to 1900 3.0
HIST 361 - The American West Since 1900 3.0
HIST 362 - United States Immigration History 3.0
HIST 364 - Utah 3.0
HIST 365 - American South 3.0
HIST 367 - Slavery in the United States 3.0
HIST 368 - Sport, Society, and American Culture 3.0
HIST 370 - Early America 3.0
HIST 371 - Revolutionary America 3.0
HIST 373 - Civil War Era, 1848-1877 3.0
HIST 374 - U.S. History from 1890 to 1945 3.0
HIST 375 - Joseph Smith in Mormon History and Historiography 3.0
HIST 376 - U.S. History from 1945 to 2000 3.0
HIST 378 - History of American Families 3.0
HIST 379 - U.S. Religious History to 1860 3.0
HIST 380 - U.S. Religious History Since 1860 3.0
HIST 382 - Mormonism in the American Experience 3.0
HIST 383 - African-American History, 1865 to Present 3.0
HIST 384 - United States Women's History 3.0
HIST 385 - Latinos in the United States 3.0
HIST 386 - (Not currently offered)
HIST 387 - (Not currently offered)
HIST 391 - The Vietnam War 3.0
HIST 392 - U.S. Constitutional History 3.0
HIST 393 - U.S. Foreign Relations 3.0
HIST 394 - Scripture in American History 3.0
HIST 398 - American Capitalism: Politics and the Economy in Modern American History 3.0
IHUM 490R - Seminar in the Humanities 3.0
You may take this course up to 1 time.
MUSIC 204 - Introduction to Jazz 3.0
POLI 311 - (Not currently offered)
POLI 312 - American Judicial Politics 3.0
POLI 313 - Interest Groups 3.0
POLI 314 - The United States Presidency 3.0
POLI 315 - Congress and the Legislative Process 3.0
POLI 316 - American Political Parties 3.0
POLI 317 - Public Opinion and Voting Behavior 4.0v
POLI 318 - Campaigns and Elections 3.0
POLI 319R - Topics in American Government and Politics 3.0v
POLI 321 - The Media in American Politics 3.0
POLI 322 - Urban and Local Politics 3.0
POLI 325 - Politics of Wilderness, National Parks, and Public Land Management 3.0
POLI 365 - Early American Political Thought: 1620-1865 3.0
POLI 366 - Modern American Political Thought: 1865-Present 3.0
POLI 376 - U.S. Foreign Policy 3.0
POLI 377 - National Security Affairs 3.0
POLI 420 - Constitutional Law - American Federal System 3.0
POLI 421 - Constitutional Law - Rights and Immunities 3.0
POLI 422 - Interests and Ideas in the American Founding 3.0
POLI 462 - Tocqueville on America 3.0
REL C 341 - Joseph Smith and the Restoration, 1805-1845 2.0
REL C 342 - (Not currently offered)
REL C 343 - The Modern Church, 1900 to the Present 2.0
REL C 353 - American Christianity and the Restored Gospel 2.0
SOC 323 - Sociology of Race and Ethnicity 3.0
SOC 327 - (Not currently offered)
SPAN 452 - U.S. Latinx Literature 3.0

Note 1: To count toward Requirement 3, ENGL 358R, ENGL 384R, IHUM 490R, and HIST 490 must be taught on America-oriented topics.
Note 2: Course substitutions may be made only with written, prior permission of the American Studies coordinator.
Note 3: Students may substitute up to three credit hours of approved internship credit for up to three hours of American Studies electives, including Washington, D.C. seminar credits.

requirement 5 Complete 3.0 hours from the following course(s)
Complete HColl 399R or receive a waiver for this requirement. To receive a waiver, students may, with approval from the American Studies Program coordinator, complete an alternative 3.0 credit hour internship experience or complete a coordinator-approved career-oriented minor.
H COLL 399R - Professional Internship 9.0v
You may take up to 6 credit hours.

requirement 6 Complete 1 course
BA in American Studies (570120)2023-2024 Program Requirements Cont...
Complete the following during the senior year before graduation:
*AM ST 490 - Senior Capstone 3.0

The Discipline
Focusing on the United States of America, the American Studies major examines the sweep of American experiences, social movements, and cultural conditions from a variety of viewpoints. Making use of required courses as well as a highly flexible set of elective courses, the program offers students significant latitude in studying topics in U.S. literature, history, gender, humanities, regions, politics, ethnicities, geography, art, economics, religion, folklore, and other issues. Majors are encouraged to develop particular skills in writing, research, and social, political, and economic analysis. The program not only provides for rich interdisciplinary experiences but also exposure to a variety of excellent scholars and teachers.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
While preserving the flexibility that makes the American Studies major appealing to many students, the American Studies Program actively seeks to prepare students for their lives and careers after graduation. To this end, each American Studies major receives course credit for either a career-related internship or a career-related minor. Upon graduation, students often enter the workforce in fields related to their internships or minors, with placements ranging from history teaching to international finance, from the tech sector to the military, from editing to university advisement, from
museum curatorships to politics, and from nonprofits to many other career opportunities. Some American Studies majors also choose to continue their educations at the graduate level; majoring in American Studies can be excellent preparation for entering law school, medical school, business school, and masters and PhD programs in American literature, history, and politics.

MAP DISCLAIMER
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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