

AMERICAN STUDIES (BA)

The American Studies Program at the University of Connecticut provides students with the opportunity to gain a critical understanding of the American experience while allowing individual students to define what aspects of that experience they would like to explore. Although our required courses focus largely on the United States, the field also studies the United States in a global context by examining how other cultures have shaped this country and how this country has influenced the world.

Requirements

General Requirements

- Total Credits for the Major: 27** (nine courses, not including "Related Coursework") In fulfilling the Course Requirements below, a single course can be "double-dipped" to fulfill two areas at once (but not triple-dipped). **Note:** Students who double dip must reach their 27 credits for the major by taking any of the classes listed in the course requirements below.
- General Distribution Requirement I.** In fulfilling the requirements for the American Studies degree, students must take four AMST-designated courses (AMST 1201 Introduction to American Studies and AMST 3265W American Studies Methods count toward this total).
- General Distribution requirement II.** In fulfilling the requirements for the American Studies degree, students must take courses listed in three different departments, not including AMST. Courses cross listed with AMST may count for this requirement, however (for example, AMST 3440 /ARTH 3440 counts as an Art History course).

Course Requirements

With the permission of the Director of American Studies, a student may also satisfy these requirements with a course not listed here.

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| Intro Course | | |
| AMST 1201 | Introduction to American Studies | 3 |
| American Studies Methods Requirement | | |
| AMST 3265W | American Studies Methods | 3 |
| Space, Place, Land, and Landscape | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| AMST/ENGL 2200 | Literature and Culture of North America before 1800 | |
| AMST/ARTH 3440 | | |
| AMST/ENGL/HIST 2207 | Empire and U.S. Culture | |
| AMST/ENGL 2276W | American Utopias and Dystopias | |
| AMST/HIST 3502 | Colonial America: Native Americans, Slaves, and Settlers, 1492-1760 | |
| AMST/HIST 3542E | New England Environmental History | |
| AMST/LLAS 3271/ POLS 3834 | Immigration and Transborder Politics | |
| AMST/URBN 2400 | City and Community in Film | |
| ANTH 3904 | Ethnohistory of Native New England | |

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| ENGL 3235W | | |
| ENGL 3240E | American Nature Writing | |
| HIST 2541/2541W | The History of Urban America | |
| HIST 3520 | Social and Cultural History of Connecticut and New England | |
| HIST 3522 | | |
| HIST 3540E | Environmental History of the Americas | |
| HIST/AAAS/LLAS 3875 | | |
| The United States and the World | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| AMST/ENGL/HIST 2207 | Empire and U.S. Culture | |
| AMST/LLAS 3271/ POLS 3834 | Immigration and Transborder Politics | |
| HIST 3504 | The American Revolution | |
| HIST 3516 | Rise of U.S. Global Power | |
| HIST/AFRA 3206 | Black Experience in the Americas | |
| HIST/LLAS/AFRA 3618 | Comparative Slavery in the Americas | |
| HIST/MAST 2210E | History of the Ocean | |
| HIST/AFRA/LLAS 3208 | Making the Black Atlantic | |
| HIST/AAAS/LLAS 3875 | | |
| HRTS/SOCI 2800 | Human Rights in the United States | |
| Popular Culture and the Cultural Imagination | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| AMST/CLCS/ HEJS 2204 | Jewish Culture in American Film | |
| AFRA/AMST/ HDFS/WGSS 3042 | | |
| AMST/ARTH 3440 | | |
| AMST/ARTH 3570 | History and Theory of Digital Art | |
| AMST/ENGL 2200 | Literature and Culture of North America before 1800 | |
| AMST/ENGL 2276 | American Utopias and Dystopias | |
| or AMST 2276W | American Utopias and Dystopias | |
| or ENGL 2276W | American Utopias and Dystopias | |
| AMST/HIST 3568 | Hip Hop, Politics and Youth Culture in America | |
| AMST/MUSI 1002 | | |
| AMST/POLS 3822 | Law and Popular Culture | |
| AMST/URBN 2400 | City and Community in Film | |
| ARTH 3715 | | |
| DRAM 3131 | African-American Theatre | |
| DRAM 4151 | The American Film | |
| ENGL 2201 | American Literature to 1880 | |
| or ENGL 2201W | American Literature to 1880 | |
| ENGL 2203 | American Literature Since 1880 | |
| or ENGL 2203W | American Literature Since 1880 | |
| ENGL 3207 | American Literature since the Mid-Twentieth Century | |

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| or ENGL 3207W | |
| ENGL 3210 | Native American Literature |
| ENGL 3212 | Asian American Literature |
| ENGL 2214 | African American Literature |
| or ENGL 2214W African American Literature | |
| ENGL/AFRA 3213 | Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century African American Literature |
| ENGL 3215 | Twentieth- and Twenty-First Century African American Literature |
| ENGL/AFRA 3217 | Studies in African American Literature and Culture |
| or ENGL 3217W | |
| or AFRA 3217W | |
| ENGL 3218 | Ethnic Literature of United States |
| ENGL 3220 | Jewish American Literature and Culture |
| or ENGL 3220W Jewish American Literature and Culture | |
| ENGL 3240E | American Nature Writing |
| ENGL/WGSS 3613 | LGBTQ+ Literature |
| HIST 3569 | Slavery in Film |
| Intersectionalities | |
| Select one of the following: 3 | |
| AMST/AAAS 2201 | Introduction to Asian American Studies |
| AMST/CLCS/ HEJS 2204 | Jewish Culture in American Film |
| AMST/AAAS 2276 | American Utopias and Dystopias |
| or AMST 2276W American Utopias and Dystopias | |
| or AAAS 2276W | |
| AMST/ENGL 2274W | Disability in American Literature and Culture |
| AMST/HIST 3502 | Colonial America: Native Americans, Slaves, and Settlers, 1492-1760 |
| AMST/HIST 3568 | Hip Hop, Politics and Youth Culture in America |
| AMST/POLS 3082 | Critical Race Theory as Political Theory |
| AMST 3834 | |
| AMST/LLAS 3271/ POLS 3834 | Immigration and Transborder Politics |
| AAAS/HIST 3531 | Japanese Americans and World War II |
| AFRA/ANTH 3152 | Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism |
| ANTH 3026 | Peoples and Cultures of North America |
| ANTH 3027 | Contemporary Native Americans |
| AFRA/HRTS/SOCI 2520 | White Racism |
| ARTH 3715 | |
| DRAM 3131 | African-American Theatre |
| ENGL 2214/2214W | African American Literature |
| ENGL 3210 | Native American Literature |
| ENGL 3212 | Asian American Literature |
| ENGL/AFRA 3213 | Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century African American Literature |
| ENGL 3215 | Twentieth- and Twenty-First Century African American Literature |

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| ENGL/AFRA 3217/ ENGL 3217W/ AFRA 3217W | Studies in African American Literature and Culture |
| ENGL 3218 | Ethnic Literature of United States |
| ENGL 3605 | Latina/o Literature |
| ENGL/WGSS 3613 | LGBTQ+ Literature |
| HIST 2570 | American Indian History |
| HIST 3554 | Immigrants and the Shaping of American History |
| HIST 3555 | Work and Workers in American Society |
| HIST 3560 | Constructions of Race, Gender, and Sexuality in U.S. History |
| HIST 3561 | History of Women and Gender in the U.S. to 1850 |
| HIST 3562 | History of Women and Gender in the United States, 1850-Present |
| HIST 3563 | African American History to 1865 |
| HIST/AFRA 3569 | Slavery in Film |
| HIST 3564 | African American History Since 1865 |
| HIST/LLAS/AFRA 3618 | Comparative Slavery in the Americas |
| HIST 3674 | History of Latinos/as in the United States |
| POLS 3218 | |
| POLS 3642 | African-American Politics |
| SOCI 2510 | |
| SOCI 3459 | |
| Politics, Social Movements, and Everyday Life | |
| Select one of the following: 3 | |
| AAAS/HIST 3531 | Japanese Americans and World War II |
| AMST/AAAS 2201 | Introduction to Asian American Studies |
| AMST/HIST 2550 | Crime, Policing, and Punishment in the United States |
| AMST/HIST 3568 | Hip Hop, Politics and Youth Culture in America |
| AMST/LLAS 3271/ POLS 3834 | Immigration and Transborder Politics |
| AMST/POLS 3082 | Critical Race Theory as Political Theory |
| HIST 3504 | The American Revolution |
| HIST 3510 | Civil War America |
| HIST 3519 | Contemporary America |
| HIST 3550 | |
| HIST 3555 | Work and Workers in American Society |
| POLS 2607 | American Political Parties |
| POLS 3218 | |
| POLS 3602 | The Presidency and Congress |
| POLS/AFRA/ WGSS 3652 | Black Feminist Politics |
| POLS 3802 | Constitutional Law |
| POLS 3807 | Constitutional Rights and Liberties |
| POLS 3817 | Law and Society |
| POLS 3822 | Law and Popular Culture |
| SOCI/AFRA/HRTS 2530 | African Americans and Social Protest |
| SOCI 2835 | Social Movements and Social Change |

The Americas

Select one of the following: 3

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| AMST/LLAS 3271/ POLS 3834 | Immigration and Transborder Politics |
| ANTH/LLAS 3021 | Contemporary Latin America |
| ANTH 3026 | Peoples and Cultures of North America |
| ANTH 3027 | Contemporary Native Americans |
| ANTH/LLAS 3029 | The Caribbean |
| ANTH 3042 | |
| ANTH 3531/ HIST 3209/ MAST 3531 | Maritime Archaeology of the Americas |
| ANTH 3902 | North American Prehistory |
| ENGL 3605 | Latina/o Literature |
| HIST/AFRA 3206 | Black Experience in the Americas |
| HIST/LLAS 3607 | Latin America in the Colonial Period |
| LLAS 3609 | Latin America in the National Period |
| HIST 2650 | History of Urban Latin America |
| HIST 3608W | The Hispanic World in the Ages of Reason and Revolution |
| HIST 3610 | |
| HIST/LLAS/AFRA 3618 | Comparative Slavery in the Americas |
| HIST 2621 | Cuba in Local and Global Perspective |
| HIST/LLAS 2622 | History of Gender and Sexuality in Latin America and the Caribbean |
| HIST/LLAS 3660W | History of Migration in Las Americas |
| HIST/AAAS/LLAS 3875 | |
| POLS 3235 | Latin American Politics |
| SPAN 3234 | |
| SPAN 3265 | Literature of Puerto Rico and the Spanish Caribbean |

Electives

Select one elective, selected from any of the courses above 3

Total Credits 27

Additions to these lists may be approved by the Director of American Studies.

Related Coursework

Four courses related to American Studies, approved by the advisor on the final plan of study. Courses from the American Studies course requirements list can also be used to satisfy Related Coursework, so long as they have not been used to satisfy other requirements, and so long as they do not have an AMST designation.

A minor in American Studies is described in the "Minors" section.

University General Education Requirements

Every student must meet a set of core requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree, in addition to those required by the student's major course of study and other requirements set by the student's school or college. For more information about these requirements,

please see General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/gen-ed-requirements/>).

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements

Students must meet a set of requirements established by the college in addition to the University's General Education requirements. For more information, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) section of this catalog.