

# American Studies Minor

## Overview

The **Minor in American Studies** is offered by the American Studies Program, which is a broad-based interdisciplinary program that explores the rich complexity of American culture and American lives. Courses in the minor focus on national myths and everyday realities, race and ethnicity, work, technology, media and popular culture, architecture and city planning, and the production and consumption of art forms like photography, film, dance, and music. In American Studies, though, we do not treat these topics as discrete categories, but instead explore their relationships to each other. For instance, we look at ideas about race and class embedded in national symbols and ideas. Through a variety of courses and in a mix of different categories, American Studies provides students with a deep understanding of the many forces and ideas shaping America over a long sweep of time in any number of places, the East, the West, in the heartland, and at the borders.

An American Studies minor is particularly useful in journalism, business, education and those fields that are served by creating thinking that draw inspiration from more than one area.

Minors are awarded only at the time of completion of the bachelor's degree and cannot be awarded either as a stand-alone program of study or after completion of the first bachelor's degree.

**Campus Location:** Main

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## Requirements

| Code  | Title   | Credit Hours |
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| Select six American Studies courses, at least three of which should be taken from the American Studies Core Areas listed below: |   |              |
| <b>American Biography and Work</b>  |   |              |
| AMST 1042   | Work in America                                   |              |
| AMST 1901   | Honors American Lives                             |              |
| <b>American Culture</b>   |   |              |
| AMST 2011   | The Arts in America                               |              |
| AMST 2012   | American Things: Introduction to Material Culture |              |
| AMST 2022   | Museums and American Culture                      |              |
| AMST 2120   | Topics in American Culture <sup>1</sup>           |              |
| or AMST 2900  | Honors Topics in American Culture                 |              |
| AMST 3011   | Photography in America                            |              |
| AMST 3012   | Film and American Society                         |              |
| AMST 3061   | Media and American Popular Culture                |              |
| <b>Place in American Life</b>   |   |              |
| AMST 2001   | Tourism in America                                |              |
| AMST 2021   | Philadelphia Neighborhoods                        |              |
| AMST 2051   | American Places: Home, City, Region               |              |
| or AMST 2951  | Honors American Places: Home, City, Region        |              |
| AMST 2120   | Topics in American Culture <sup>1</sup>           |              |
| or AMST 2900  | Honors Topics in American Culture                 |              |

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| AMST 3022   | Architecture, Urban Design, and American Culture |
| AMST 3051   | American Frontiers                               |
| <b>Diversity in America - See Advisor for Options</b> |  |
| <b>Change in America</b>                              |  |
| AMST 2031   | Radicalism in the United States                  |
| AMST 2041   | Technology and American Culture                  |
| AMST 2065   | Global America                                   |
| AMST 2120   | Topics in American Culture <sup>1</sup>          |
| or AMST 2900  | Honors Topics in American Culture                |
| AMST 3031   | Political Protest and Culture in the '60s        |
| or AMST 3931  | Honors Political Protest and Culture in the 60's |
| AMST 3032   | Literature and Political Change                  |
| AMST 3033   | Courtroom in American Society                    |
| AMST 3041   | Contemporary Trends in the American Workplace    |
| AMST 3075   | Literature of American Slavery                   |

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Specific subjects change each semester. See class schedule for information on a particular offering.