Bachelor of Arts in American Studies

Summary of Degree Requirements

University Requirements:

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The specific courses required for this major are: AMST 2098, and AMST 4097 (or AMST 4098 with permission).
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education (http://bulletin.temple.edu/undergraduate/general-education) section of the Undergraduate Bulletin for more details.

College of Liberal Arts Requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
  - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
  - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
  - For Social Science majors, 6 upper level credits (numbered 2000-4999) must be taken in Humanities Subject Areas: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Greek (Ancient), Greek and Roman Classics, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Philosophy, Religion, Russian, and Spanish in the College of Liberal Arts, Art History in the Tyler School of Art and Architecture, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in CLA/CST coursework, and in the major.
- Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- Professional Development Requirement
  - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the appropriate course option for this major. Other courses that fulfill this requirement may be found on the CLA College Requirements (http://bulletin.temple.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/#collegerequirementstext) page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements:
  - All students must complete or test out of the first and second levels of a foreign language - these courses are numbered 1001 and 1002;
  - All students must complete at least one course from the GenEd Global/World Society category; and
  - All Bachelor of Arts students must complete one of the following options:
    - Third semester of a foreign language;
    - Demonstrated proficiency beyond the third semester in a foreign language (placement exam or certification from the language department);
    - Take one Global Studies course from the list on the CLA College Requirements (http://bulletin.temple.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/#collegerequirementstext) page;
    - Study Abroad at an approved program; or
    - Take a second General Education Global/World Society course.
- Notes on Foreign Language Study
  - The third level of language is numbered 1003 in French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese and numbered 2001 in all other foreign language subjects.
  - Students are strongly encouraged to take the third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honor society Phi Beta Kappa. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
  - See the College of Liberal Arts Policies (http://bulletin.temple.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/#policiestext) section of this Bulletin for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students’ other experiences with language.

General Electives are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

Major Requirements (39 credits):

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Core Courses
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Must complete five courses, one from each group below:

### American Biography and Work
- **AMST 1001/1901** American Lives
- **AMST 1042** Work in America
- **AMST 1002** Key Documents in American Culture Before World War I

### American Culture
- **AMST 2011** The Arts in America
- **AMST 2022** Museums and American Culture
- **AMST 2012** American Things: Introduction to Material Culture
- **AMST 3011** Photography in America
- **AMST 3012** Film and American Society
- **AMST 3061** Media and American Popular Culture
- **AMST 3013** The Documentary Mode
- **AMST 2120/2900** Topics in American Culture

### Place in American Life
- **AMST 2051/2951** American Places: Home, City, Region
- **AMST 2021** Philadelphia Neighborhoods
- **AMST 3051/3951** American Frontiers
- **AMST 2001** Tourism in America
- **AMST 2120/2900** Topics in American Culture

### Diversity in America
- **AMST 3096** Asian Diaspora
- **AMST 2096** Asian Diaspora
- **AMST 2097** Asian Women in Transition

### Change in America
- **AMST 3041** Contemporary Trends in the American Workplace
- **AMST 2041** Technology and American Culture
- **AMST 3901** Honors Ideal America: Reform, Revolution, and Utopia
- **AMST 3032** Literature and Political Change
- **AMST 3033** Courtroom in American Society
- **AMST 2064** America in the 1950's
- **AMST 3031/3931** Political Protest and Culture in the '60s
- **AMST 3075** Literature of American Slavery
- **AMST 2031** Radicalism in the United States
- **AMST 2032** Critical Moments in the American Past
- **AMST 2065** Global America
- **AMST 2120/2900** Topics in American Culture

### Additional Courses
- Select three American Studies 2000-4999 Electives
- Open Electives - American Studies Focus

### Capstone Course
- **AMST 4097** Senior Seminar in American Studies
- **AMST 4098** Senior Independent Study

Total Credit Hours: 39

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1. Specific subjects change each semester. See class schedule for information on a particular offering. AMST 2120 may meet one or more of the above requirements with permission of the director.

2. These can include choices from the American Studies core courses as well as choices from all other American Studies courses.

3. Students must take at least three courses outside of the major selected in consultation with the American Studies director and congruent with an American Studies focus. We recommend that at least 6 of these credits be in American history or literature.
4 Students must take the Senior Seminar in their final year of study (usually offered in Fall semester). Only in rare circumstances and with special permission can students satisfy the capstone by taking AMST 4098.

**Distinction in Major**

American Studies majors may graduate with distinction in the major if they have a GPA of at least 3.5 in the major and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

**Suggested Academic Plan**

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**Requirements for New Students starting in the 2019-2020 Academic Year**

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CLA/CST 2000+ Humanities/CST Course 3
American Studies 2000-4999 Elective 3
American Studies 2000-4999 Elective 3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course 3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 2
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College 2

Term Credit Hours 16

Year 4

Term

Fall
One 1000+ Focus Elective\(^1\) 3
AMST 4097 or 4098 Senior Seminar in American Studies [WI] 3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course 3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3

Term Credit Hours 15

Spring
One 1000+ Focus Elective\(^1\) 3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course 3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course 3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College 3

Term Credit Hours 15

Total Credit Hours: 123

\(^1\) Choose this course with the American Studies Director.

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