

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, 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):

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Introduction		
AMST 2098	Reading Culture	3
Core Courses		

Must complete five courses, one from each group below:		
American Biography and Work		3
AMST 1001/1901	American Lives	
AMST 1042	Work in America	
AMST 1002	Key Documents in American Culture Before World War I	
American Culture		3
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 ¹	
Place in American Life		3
AMST 2051/2951	American Places: Home, City, Region	
AMST 2021	Philadelphia Neighborhoods	
AMST 3022	Architecture, Urban Design, and American Culture	
AMST 3051/3951	American Frontiers	
AMST 2001	Tourism in America	
AMST 2120/2900	Topics in American Culture ¹	
Diversity in America		3
AMST 3096		
AMST 2096	Asian Diaspora	
AMST 2097	Asian Women in Transition	
Change in America		3
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 ¹	
Additional Courses		
Select three American Studies 2000-4999 Electives ²		9
Open Electives - American Studies Focus ³		9
Capstone Course		
AMST 4097	Senior Seminar in American Studies ⁴	3
or AMST 4098	Senior Independent Study	
Total Credit Hours		39

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 2018-2019 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
	GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course [GQ]	4
	Foreign Language 1001 - first level	4
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
IH 0851 or 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
	Foreign Language 1002 - second level	4
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
	American Studies 1000+ American Biography and Work Course from approved list	3
Term Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
IH 0852 or 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
AMST 2098	Reading Culture [WI]	3
	American Studies 2000+ American Culture Course from approved list	3
	Select one of the following:	3
	Foreign Language - third level	
	GenEd Global/World Society course	
	Internationally Focused Course from approved list	
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
	GenEd Breadth Course	3-4
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
	American Studies 2000+ Diversity in America Course from approved list	3
	American Studies 2000+ Place in American Life Course from approved list	3
CLA 1002	Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors	1
Term Credit Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
	CLA/CST 2000+ Humanities/CST Course	3
	American Studies 2000+ Change in America Course from approved list	3
	American Studies 2000-4999 American Studies Elective	3
	One 1000+ Focus Elective ¹	3
	CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		

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		
Fall		
One 1000+ Focus Elective ¹		3
AMST 4097 or 4098	Senior Seminar in American Studies [WI] ²	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.

² Students must take AMST 4097 (usually offered in fall semester) in their final year of study. Only in rare circumstances and with special permission can students satisfy the capstone by taking AMST 4098.