



University Bulletin

Undergraduate Degree Programs

American Studies

Capital College (AMSTD)

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American Studies is an interdisciplinary major that explores the patterns of life and thought of the American peoples, past and present. Its courses are grouped into three general areas of history, society, and culture, and it has special offerings in public history, material culture, and cultural history. The program encourages students to integrate theories, methods, and findings from various fields, including history, literature, folklore, ethnography, politics, art, architecture, and music. It also encourages applications of this knowledge to public history and cultural conservation, also known as "public heritage" work. The major helps students prepare for further study or careers in education, government, communication, law, museums, historical and cultural agencies, and archives. Internships are available for qualified students in American Studies. The internship is an extension of the student's academic studies and is an opportunity to gain practical experience.

For a B.HUM. degree in American Studies, a minimum of 120 credits is required.

Entry to Major Requirements:

Entry to the American Studies major requires a 2.00 or higher cumulative grade-point average.

Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)

GENERAL EDUCATION: 45 credits

(See description of General Education in this bulletin.)

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:

(Included in ELECTIVES)

UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:

(Included in ELECTIVES, GENERAL EDUCATION course selection, or REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR.)

ELECTIVES: 18 credits

BACHELOR OF HUMANITIES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 18 credits

(See description of Bachelor of Humanities Degree Requirements in this bulletin.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR: 39 credits

At least 12 credits must be at the 400 level.

PRESCRIBED COURSES (6 credits) [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)

AM ST 302(3) (Sem: 5-8)

AM ST 491W(3) (Sem: 7-8)

ADDITIONAL COURSES (18 credits)

*A grade of C or better is required for at least 9 credits of Additional Courses***[1](#mnote01)**

1. Select 6 credits from AM ST offerings in American history (AM ST 320, AM ST 400, AM ST 401, AM ST 402, AM ST 404, AM ST 405, AM ST 412, AM ST 417) (Sem: 5-8)
2. Select 6 credits from AM ST offerings in American society (AM ST 321, AM ST 322, AM ST 323, AM ST 324, AM ST 325, AM ST 430, AM ST 431, AM ST 435, AM ST 439, AM ST 441, AM ST 448, AM ST 449) (Sem: 5-8)
3. Select 6 credits from AM ST offerings in American culture (AM ST 363, AM ST 460, AM ST 461, AM ST 462, AM ST 472, AM ST 475, AM ST 476, AM ST 479) (Sem: 5-8)

SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (15 credits)

Select 15 credits from any American Studies offerings (AM ST and choices from the American Studies Program approved list) (Sem: 5-8)

These credits may be applied to a Capital College minor in support of the student's interests after consultation with the student's academic adviser from the major and the coordinator of the minor.

[1] A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

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