

AMERICAN STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

This interdisciplinary minor is designed for students who want to complement their major program. American Studies is an interdisciplinary field that explores the patterns of life and thought of the American peoples, past and present. American Studies helps students prepare for further study or careers in education, government, business, science, 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.

A student seeking admission to the American Studies Minor must first be admitted to a major at Penn State. Upon admission, a Minor Adviser will be appointed from within the American Studies faculty to guide the student. For the American Studies Minor, a total of 18 credits is required. At least 6 credits must be at the 400 level.

What is American Studies?

American Studies examines the country's history in a way that emphasizes culture – literature, art & architecture, film, folklore, music, and media. While discovering America's past, students learn to think critically – to analyze and evaluate information; to write and speak clearly and expressively; and to conduct research.