AMERICAN STUDIES (AMST)

AMST 500: Theory and Methods
3 Credits
Introduction to graduate work in American Studies through exploration of the approaches, materials, and interpretations of the field.

AMST 502: Problems in American Studies
3-6 Credits/Maximum of 6
A variable-content course, addressed each term to a specific problem, topic, or period in American culture.

AMST 510: U.S. Literature and Culture
3 Credits
Studies exploring the relationship between literature and culture in American Studies.

AMST 511: Pivotal Books
3-9 Credits
Exploration of a number of books which have been particularly influential in shaping thinking about American civilization.

AMST 520: Topics in Popular Culture
3 Credits
A detailed exploration of aspects of American popular culture, including popular culture's relationship to society and scholarship.

AMST 530: Topics in American Folklore
3 Credits/Maximum of 9
This is an advanced topics seminar in folklore studies. It will provide students with a command of the research literature in a specific area of folklore research, based on the topic defined by the instructor.

AMST 531: Material Culture and Folklife
3 Credits
Investigation of American material culture and folklife, including topics such as traditional design, cultural landscape, architecture, art, craft and food.

AMST 533: American Civilization in the Eighteenth Century
3-9 Credits
Detailed investigation of specific periods or topics in eighteenth-century American civilization.

AMST 534: American Civilization in the Nineteenth Century
3-9 Credits
Representative interdisciplinary investigation of social, historical, economic, and aesthetic forces predominant in nineteenth-century America.

AMST 535: American Civilization in the Twentieth Century
3-9 Credits
Detailed investigation of specific periods or topics in twentieth-century American civilization.

AMST 536: American Civilization in the Twenty-first Century
3 Credits
Detailed investigation of specific topics in twenty-first century American civilization.

AMST 540: Ethnography and Society
3 Credits
Studies exploring issues of race and ethnicity in America that can be addressed with theories and methods of American Studies.
AMST 561: Seminar in Gender and Culture
3 Credits
Thematic study of gender issues in American history and culture.

AMST 562: Topics in Religion and American Culture
3 Credits/Maximum of 6
Contrary to notions about the secularization of American society, a large number of Americans continue to report that religion plays an important role in their everyday lives. At the same time, changing demographic, political, and cultural environments in the United States have contributed to a massive reorganization of the American religious landscape since 1970. Thus religion, it seems, is a timely issue in the study of American culture, one which will doubtless open up new avenues of American Studies research in the future. This seminar is a detailed study of aspects of religious history and culture in the United States. It will offer students an overview of the current engagement of American Studies with the study of religion and ask students to consider new pathways in this research for the future.

AMST 570: Topics in American Art
1-6 Credits
Various themes within the American arts will be explored under this rubric.

AMST 575: Museum Internship
3 Credits
A supervised museum internship experience featuring a "hands on" introduction into aspects of the curatorial profession.

AMST 579: Readings in American Studies
3-9 Credits
Directed readings in selected areas of American Studies. AM ST 579 Readings in American Studies (3-9)This course will cover major readings in a selected area of American Studies. The readings are designed to represent past and current scholarship in an area of research undertaken by a student or students. The selection of readings will be directed by a faculty member in consultation with the student(s). The readings typically cover areas that are not covered in depth within other American Studies offerings. Outcomes of the course include historiographies and theoretical essays, annotated bibliographies, and book reviews.

Prerequisite: AM ST500

AMST 580: Projects in American Studies
1-6 Credits/Maximum of 6
Independent exploration within American Studies; evidenced by major paper, film, exhibition or specialized examination.

AMST 590: Colloquium
1-3 Credits/Maximum of 3
Continuing seminars which consist of a series of individual lectures by faculty, students, or outside speakers.