

AMST 3700: American Studies: Principles and Methods

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

What is American Studies? And what does it mean to study America? To answer these questions, this reading, writing and discussion based course introduces students to the field of American Studies: the interdisciplinary study of American cultures. The course critically examines the meaning and culture of America locally and globally, using a wide variety of readings and activities from multiple academic disciplines and popular culture.

AMST 3710: U.S. in the World

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

Examines "America" as a cultural signifier that circulates around the world. These representations not only travel to other countries, but also return to us in cultural products from other countries. In addition to cultural theory, we will look at film, television, literature, and music. A primary concern is to interrogate what ideological assumptions underlie our notion of what "America" means.

AMST 3720: America and Empire

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

This course critically examines imperialism and colonialism in the Americas. Possible course topics include: U.S. imperial projects, global assertions of U.S. power, European colonization of the Americas, or Indigenous Peoples' resistance to empire. We will read across disciplines, pulling from an array of methods and materials, to understand "America" in relation to colonial and imperial ideologies and movements.

AMST 3730: Introduction to Native American Studies

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

This course serves as a broad overview of Native American cultures, history, and contemporary issues, with an emphasis on multidisciplinary approaches to the field. Students learn about Native America through a variety of perspectives and topics, including the relationship between Native nations and the U.S. government, questions of tribal identity and belonging, and Indigenous cultural productions,