

# American Studies - B.A.

## Degree Requirements

**Total Academic Credits:** 120

**Major Credits:** 36

**Min. Upper-Level Credits:** 45

**Min. Cumulative GPA:** 2.0

§ indicates Benchmark requirements

‡ indicates Gateway courses

## Curriculum Notes

- This sample plan assumes no AP/IB/CLEP or transfer credit and foreign language proficiency up to the 201 level.
- All students must complete a credit-bearing English and Mathematics course in the first year of study.
- The American Studies Department also offers a dual major/education certificate program for students seeking teaching certification in early childhood, elementary, and secondary education.
- Transfer students and students changing majors may be interested to know that major requirements are streamlined to the extent that they can be completed in two years. The major is flexible - we count up to 9 credits from other departments on related themes within the major's core themes.

## Year One

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ENGL GEP	3	AMST 100 Intro to American Studies (AH GEP) §	3
AH GEP	3	MATH GEP	3
SS GEP	3	SS GEP	3
S non-lab GEP	3	S w/ lab GEP	3
Elective	4	Elective	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

## Year Two

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Foreign Language 201	4	AMST 200 What is an American? (AH GEP) §	3
C GEP	3	C GEP	3
SS GEP	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

## Year Three

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
AMST 300 Approaches in American Studies §	3	AMST 400-level Seminar	3
AMST Core Theme Upper-Level Elective	3	AMST Core Theme Upper-Level Elective	3
AMST Core Theme Upper-Level Elective	3	AMST Core Theme Upper-Level Elective	3
Elective	3	Writing Intensive Course	3
Elective	3	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		

## Year Four

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
AMST Applied Experience §	3	AMST 490 Senior Seminar	3
AMST Core Theme Upper-Level Elective	3	Upper-Level Elective	3
AMST Core Theme Upper-Level Elective	3	Upper-Level Elective	3
Upper-Level Elective	3	Upper-Level Elective	3
Upper-Level Elective	3	Upper-Level Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

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