American Studies Program

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The American Studies Program offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the history, culture and society of the United States. It provides students with the opportunity to develop an integrated understanding of American society by transcending the boundaries of traditional disciplines. You need to take 10 courses from the list below. (1) You may sample courses from as many areas as possible. (2) You can also, in consultation with the program coordinator, choose an individualized area of concentration such as: The American City, The American Family, American Public Policy, Politics in America, Race and Ethnicity in America, Visual, Literary and/or Performance Cultures, Criminal Justice in America, American Government, Women in America and Minority Groups in America. Areas of concentration may be highly individualized, depending on the student's intellectual focus, prior preparation and the availability of courses.

Requirements for American Studies Major

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Interdisciplinary Electives

Select one course from five of the following groups.

Group 1		
AR-214	Art Advertising and Design	3
AR-240	Cultural Diversity in Art	3
AR-250	Live Performance Art	3
AR-340	The Visual Arts in America	3
AR-293	Today's Film Scene	3
Group 2		
CJ-165	Introduction to Criminology	3
CJ-170	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ-175	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
CJ-210	Multiculturalism in Criminal Justice	3
CJ-222	Family Law	3
CJ-240	Gangs and Organized Crime	3
CJ-253	Social Deviance	3
CJ-258	Criminal Justice Ethics (Values course)	3
CJ-280	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CJ-390	Criminal Law	3
CJ-420	Drugs Society & Human Behavior	3
CJ-485	Child Protection Agencies and the Law	3
Group 3		
CU-256	The Horror Film	3
CU-282	Leadership	3
CU-285	Gender & Communication	3
Group 4		
EC-324	Poverty & Inequality	3
Group 5		
ED-160	Education/Schooling/Multicultural Soc	3
ED-390	Innovative Projects in Education I	3
Group 6		
EL-493	Film Noir: Dark Side of American Film	3
Group 7		

HS-344	Alexander Hamilton's America	3
HS-345	The Era of the Civil War	3
HS-347	American Republic 1919-1945	3
HS-375	The World Wars	3
HS-444	History of American Immigration	3
Group 8		
PO-201	American Government	3
PO-207	The Mass Media and American Politics	3
PO-215	United States Foreign Policy	3
PO-310	Feminist Political Theory	3
PO-409	Constitutional Law & Governmental Powers	3
PO-417	Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties	3
Group 9		
SO-256	Sociology of Sports	3
SO-345	Sociology of Intimacy	3
SO-370	Urban Anthropology	3
Group 10		
TH-343	Black Theology	3
TH-496	Theology and Urban Problems	3
Group 11		
UR-151	The Contemporary City (Core Social Science)	3
UR-202	Urban Music: Jazz to Hip-Hop	3
UR-308	Analysis of Urban Social Class	3
UR-309	Women in Changing Urban World	3