

AMERICAN STUDIES UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR (BA, BS, HBA, HBS)

Available only at OSU-Cascades.

An interdisciplinary major that engages American culture in its historical, contemporary, and global contexts. Examines American culture through a variety of media including film, music, literature, history, politics, and art. Teaching faculty members are from several different disciplines and students approach course objectives from many scholarly vantage points.

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- Broad, critical knowledge of American cultural history.
- Demonstrate the ability to write clear analytical prose.
- Ability to read and assess documentary evidence from a variety of written genres.
- Capacity to compare and integrate knowledge from several disciplinary perspectives.
- Developed research skills, including handling of primary and secondary sources, library use and online scholarly search tools.
- Ability to interpret and synthesize the meaning in American culture of a range of material objects.
- Familiar with the importance of American cultural contexts in a global society.
- Developed sense of engaged, critical citizenship.

Code	Title	Credits
Baccalaureate Core		
Select 51 credits		
Lower Division		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
ENG 253	*SURVEY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE: COLONIAL TO 1900	4
ENG 254	*SURVEY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE: 1900 TO PRESENT	4
Select two of the following: 8		
HST 201	*HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES	
HST 202	*HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES	
HST 203	*HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES	
<i>AMS Lower Division Electives</i>		
Select one of the following: 3-4		
ANTH 210	*INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 251	*LANGUAGE IN THE USA	
ENG 260	*LITERATURE OF AMERICAN MINORITIES	
HST 101	*HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION	
HST 102	*HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION	
HST 103	*HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION	
HST 106	*WORLD HISTORY III: THE MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY WORLD	
PS 201	*INTRODUCTION TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
SOC 204	*INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
Upper Division		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
AMS 311	TOPICS IN AMERICAN STUDIES (this course is repeatable with different topics)	4
AMS 350	*AMERICAN CULTURE AND THE VIETNAM EXPERIENCE	4

AMS 406	PROJECTS	1
ART 386/ENG 386	A CULTURAL HISTORY OF AMERICAN ART AND LITERATURE: PART I	4
ART 387/ENG 387	A CULTURAL HISTORY OF AMERICAN ART AND LITERATURE: PART II	4
ART 388/ENG 388	A CULTURAL HISTORY OF AMERICAN ART AND LITERATURE: PART III	4
<i>AMS Upper-Division Electives</i>		
Select 12 credits of the following:		12
ANTH 311	*PEOPLES OF THE WORLD-NORTH AMERICA	
ANTH 350	LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND SOCIETY	
ANTH 352	*ANTHROPOLOGY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT	
ART 462	DIRECTIONS AND ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY ART	
COMM 326	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION	
COMM 412	TOPICS IN SPEECH COMMUNICATION	
COMM 416	ETHNOGRAPHY OF COMMUNICATION	
COMM 427	CULTURAL CODES IN COMMUNICATION	
ENG 317	*THE AMERICAN NOVEL: BEGINNINGS TO CHOPIN	
ENG 318	*THE AMERICAN NOVEL: MODERNIST PERIOD	
ENG 319	*THE AMERICAN NOVEL: POST-WORLD WAR II	
ENG 360	*NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE	
ENG 362	*AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS	
ENG 470	*STUDIES IN POETRY	
ENG 482	STUDIES IN AMERICAN LITERATURE, CULTURE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
ENG 485	*STUDIES IN AMERICAN LITERATURE	
PS 363	*GENDER AND RACE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PS 370	*SCIENCE, RELIGION, AND POLITICS	
PS 375	*THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND POLICIES	
PS 475	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY	
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SOC 381	SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY	
SOC 426	*SOCIAL INEQUALITY	
SOC 430	GENDER AND SOCIETY	
SOC 475	RURAL SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 480	*ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY	
<i>Required</i>		
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Total credits required for graduation		180

* Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)

^ Writing Intensive Course (WIC)

American Studies Final Portfolio (Must be submitted during the student's final term)

1. Pick three essays you wrote during the course of your program in American Studies that you feel are representative of your most meaningful work. These may be your best essays, but they may be essays in which you struggled with difficult material in an attempt to better understand it. In other words, which essays are most meaningful to you in your experience earning an American Studies degree at OSU Casacades?
2. Incorporating at least one of the American Studies Outcomes, write a three-page cover letter explaining why you chose these essays and how they reflect what you have learned and experienced in the process of earning your degree in American Studies at OSU-Cascades.

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