

American Studies (AMST)

Courses required for the first year: None
Courses recommended for the first year: AMST 101: Introduction to American Studies
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The Major in American Studies

28 Credits, including AMST101 (4 credits) and AMST 401 (2 credits); one course from each of the three Foundations areas: History, Politics, Arts & Culture (12 credits); at least 10 additional credits from Elective courses. At least 16 credits from 300-level courses; no more than 8 credits from any course code other than AMST.

NOTE: As of the 2023-2024 academic year, the American Studies major is only available to APEP students, enrolled at the EMCC campus of Augustana College.

Required Courses

Required AMST Courses	Foundations Area 1: American History	Foundations Area 2: Politics and American Communities	Foundations Area 3: American Arts and Culture	Electives
AMST 101	HIST 130	COMM 110	ART 343	AMST 360
AMST 401	HIST 131	COMM 210A	ARHI 368	AMST 380A
	HIST 133	COMM 230	ENGL 125S	CSD 215
	HIST 220	COMM 240	ENGL 265	CLAS 250
	HIST 345	COMM 330	ENGL 270	CLAS 258
	SCAN 350	COMM 380	ENGL 275	EDUC 217
		ECON 345	ENGL 278	GEOG 339
		ECON 404	ENGL 370	HIST 333

		GEOG 123	ENGL 375	HIST 338
		POLS 101	ENGL 385	LING 201
		POLS 107	ENGL 390	POLS 334
		POLS 203	HIST 232	RELG 372
		POLS 260	HIST 235	SOAN 326
		POLS 320	HIST 335	SOAN 342
		POLS 325	HIST 336	
		POLS 330	KINS 320	
		POLS 335	MJMC 345	
		POLS 338	MUSC 132	
		POLS 352	MUSC 315	
		POLS 361	MUSC 316	
		POLS 362	MUSC 317	
		POLS 385	RELG 205	
		PUBH 180	RELG 313	
		SOAN 101	SOAN 222	
		SOAN 221	THEA 343	
		SOAN 321	THEA 344	
		SOAN 329	WGSS 235	
		SOAN 335	WGSS 335	
		SOAN 341		
		WGSS 250		
		WGSS 370		

The Minor in American Studies

18 Credits, including AMST101 (4 credits); one course from each of the three Foundations areas: History, Politics, Arts & Culture (12 credits); at least 2 additional credits from Foundations or Elective courses. At least 6 credits from 300-level courses; no more than 8 credits from any course code other than AMST.

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Major Overview

If you're looking for a job called "American Studies Practitioner," you're unlikely to find one. Instead, this major offers the flexibility that our rapidly changing employment landscape demands, as well as the creative, interdisciplinary thinking necessary to solve the problems facing our nation and world today.

The topics and methods of inquiry of American studies allow you to explore multiple academic fields, encouraging both critical and creative thinking, and introducing you to multiple methods of problem-solving. Through courses in history, culture, art, communication and politics, you will develop a broad base of knowledge and draw connections among subjects as diverse as literary theory, social scientific research and popular culture. Exploring the relationships between identity, place and power, American studies prepares students for careers in fields such as education, communication, media, law, politics, social service, community and labor organizing, and business.

Whether you're interested in the life of Malcolm X, religion in early America, or teenage rom-coms, American studies is a flexible major that will allow you to explore that interest and connect it to deep questions about what defines (and who gets to define) "America." In the words of scholar George Lipsitz, "Confronting [America's] cruel contradictions and painful paradoxes has made American studies into a never completed work of living sculpture, a place where strangers can meet, where ideas are aired,

where problems are diagnosed and where solutions are imagined, envisioned and enacted" (["What is American Studies? An ASA White Paper," 2015](#)).

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