American Studies Minor (Comp Stds)

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American studies is an interdisciplinary field that investigates the study of American culture, including social, political, economic, historical, aesthetic, religious, and material elements. The American Studies minor brings together scholarship in a number of fields to give students a broad view of American society from a variety of perspectives, with particular attention to the problems of a diverse, pluralistic nation in an interdependent world.

The minor in American studies consists of 25 credit hours of course work predominantly in the social sciences and humanities. The courses should constitute a balanced, coherent program with a sharp sense of focus. Students are required to take Comparative Studies 234 and one course from each of the categories below. The remaining credit hours may be chosen from either or both lists. At least 15 credit hours must be at the 300 level or above. Up to 10 credit hours of minor course work may overlap with the GEC.

To develop a strong background in American Studies, the following courses are recommended, although minor credit cannot be given for them: English 270, History 151 and 152, Music 341, and Rural Sociology 105.

Once the coordinating advisor in the Department of Comparative Studies has approved the Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the department.

Required course (5 credit hours)
Comparative Studies 234

Social problems and issues*

American-American and African Studies 218, 230, 243, 261, 323.01, 323.02, 326, 345, 361, 504, 545, 555.01, 555.02, 561, 565, 580, 595, 630
Anthropology 421.08
City and Regional Planning 643
Comparative Studies 241, 242, 243, 367.02, 367.04, 545
Economics 367.01, 367.02
English 367.06, 367.07
History 308, 323, 325, 326, 346, 368, 375, 387, 525 (with US topic), 527, 530.04, 555, 556, 557, 559, 560, 561, 562, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 577, 582, 583, 588
Landscape Architecture/Natural Resources 367
Political Science 300, 367.01, 501, 502, 504, 505, 507, 508, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 519, 520, H521, 573
Sociology 345, 367.01, 367.02, 367.03, 367.04, 370, 510, 520, 524, 540, 545

*Cultural Expression*

American-American and African Studies 244, 254, 271, 282, 288, 303, 310, 345, 367.02, 367.03, 367.04, 375, 378, 379, 451, 551, 552, 555.01, 555.02, 571, 582, 605
Arabic 367
East Asian Languages and Literatures 346
English 281, 290, 291, 367.01, 367.02, 367.03, 367.04, 367.05, 550, 551, 552, 553, 563 (with American topic), 564.03, 581, 582, 586, 587, 588, 681
History 332, 578, 579
History of Art 330 530541, 606, 637, 638
Linguistics 303, 367.01, 367.02, 372
Music 646

Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 341
Philosophy 367
Spanish 330, 367, 557
Theatre 367
Yiddish 367
Women's Studies 375, 545

Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern minors.

Required for graduation: No

Credit hours required: A minimum of 20 (some minors require more)

Transfer credit hours allowed: A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC: Permitted, unless specifically disallowed by an individual minor program.

Overlap with the major: Not allowed and

The minor must be in a different subject than the major.

The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors: Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

100-level course: For every five credit hours of 100-level course work on the minor, the minimum total required for the minor is increased by five.

Grades required:

Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.

Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.

Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Approval required: The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:

The academic unit offering the minor, or

A college/school counselor.

Filing the minor program form: The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor: Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:

The academic unit offering the minor, or

A college/school counselor (depending on the minor).