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 15 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 2281 and one course from each of the categories below (3-9 credits in each). The remaining credit hours may be chosen from either or both lists. At least 6 credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above. Up to 6 credit hours of minor course work may overlap with the GE.

To develop a strong background in American Studies, the following courses are recommended, although minor credit cannot be given for them: Comparative Studies 2350/English 2270, and History 1151 and 1152.

Once the coordinating adviser 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 (3 credit hours)**

American Studies 2281

**Social problems and issues***

- African-American and African Studies 2080, 2081, 2085, 2218, 2261, 2290, 2291, 3080, 3081, 3082, 3083, 3086, 3089, 3230, 3308, 3310, 3361, 3440, 4326, 4504, 4535, 4561, 4563, 4571, 4582, 4921
- Anthropology 3420
- Comparative Studies 2321, 2322, 2343, 2367.04, 4921
- Economics 2367.01, 2367.02
- English 2367.04
- Political Science 2367, 3100, 4110, 4120, 4126, 4127, 4130, 4132, 4135, 4136, 4137, 4138, 4139, 4140, 4150, 4152, 4162, 4164, 4165, 4170, 4175, 4262, 4282, 4285, 4460
- Sociology 2345, 2367.01, 2367.02, 2367.03, 2367.04, 2380, 2382
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 2282, 2340, 2367.01, 2367.02, 2367.03, 2367.04, 2750, 3370, 4001, 4002, 4005, 4010, 4513, 4520, 4524, 4560, 4921

**Cultural Expression***

- African-American and African Studies 2201, 2270, 2281, 2288, 2367.01, 2367.04, 3376, 4378, 4460, 4551, 4565, 4571, 4582
- Arabic 2367
- Comparative Studies 2321, 2322, 2367.02, 2367.07, 2367.08, 3604, 3672, 3677, 3678, 3686, 3689, 4658, 4685, 4692, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4822, 4871, 4874, 4921
- East Asian Languages and Literatures 3446
- English 2281, 2282, 2290, 2291, 2367.01, 2367.02, 2367.03, 2367.05, 4550, 4551, 4552, 4553, 4563, 4581, 4582, 4586, 4587, 4588
- History 2045, 2065, 2455, 3020, 3021, 3045, 3085
- History of Art 3631, 3635, 4630, 4640, 5630, 5631, 5632
- Linguistics, 3601, 3604, 4601
- Music 2244, 2252, 2253, 2288, 3341
- Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 3201
- Spanish 2242, 2330, 2350, 4557.10
- Theatre 2367.01, 2367.02
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 2230, 2340, 2367.01, 2367.02, 2367.03, 2367.04, 3317, 3370, 4375, 4401, 4402, 4527, 4560, 4921
- Yiddish 2367

*each course is 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted.

### American Studies minor program guidelines

**Required for graduation**

No required credit hours

**Credit hours required**

A minimum of 15 credit hours shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above.

**Transfer and EM credit hours allowed**

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

**Overlap with the GE**

A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

**Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)**

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

**Grades required**

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted 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.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course graded

**Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor**

**Total credits**

No more than 3 credit hours.

**Approval required**

The minor program must be approved by the Department of Comparative Studies.

**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 Department of Comparative Studies
- The Arts & Humanities advisor assigned to Comparative Studies.