

# American Studies, Minor

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Explore the historical, political and cultural underpinnings of the fabric that binds communities today. Gain insight as you explore the myriad facets that meld the American experience with perspectives of marginalized populations.

## Description

The American studies minor program gives students the opportunity to pursue an interest in the interdisciplinary examination of American culture. This minor is particularly appropriate for students majoring in humanities or social sciences disciplines.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#)

## Program requirements

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The minor in American Studies consists of 18 credit hours of coursework, of which a minimum of 12 hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be completed through courses offered by the School of Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies. Credit hours may not be shared between major and minor requirements. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

### Core Requirements -- 6 credit hours

[AMS 201: Introduction to American Studies \(HUAD OR \(L or HU\) & C\)](#) (3)

[HRC 200: Introduction to Social and Cultural Analysis \(CIVI OR SB & C\)](#) (3)

## Upper Division Electives -- 12 credit hours

AMS 326: Popular Culture (3)

AMS 330: American Lives (HUAD OR HU & C) (3)

AMS 332: Studies in Race and Ethnicity (3)

AMS 334 / ETH 333 / WST 334: Class in America (SB) (3)

AMS 336 / ENG 334 / ETH 334: The American Southwest in Literature and Film (HUAD OR HU & C) (3)

AMS 353 / ENG 353 / ETH 353: African American Literature: Beginnings through the Harlem Renaissance ((L or HU) & C) (3)

AMS 354 / ENG 354 / ETH 354: African American Literature: Harlem Renaissance to the Present (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C) (3)

AMS 380 / ETH 380 / WST 380: Race, Gender, and Class (SOBE OR SB & C) (3)

AMS 412: Studies in American Politics and Law (3)

AMS 428 / ETH 428 / LAS 428: Peoples and Cultures of the American West, to 1848 (SB & H) (3)

AMS 449 / ETH 449 / WST 449: Hate Speech, Manifestos, and Radical Writings (CIVI OR SB & C) (3)

AMS 450 / ETH 450 / LAS 450: Latina/os, Schooling and Social Inequality (C) (3)

AMS 469 / ETH 469 / WST 469: Abject Bodies and the Politics of Trash (SB & C) (3)

ENG 337: Major American Novels (L or HU) (3)

FOR 454 / HST 454 / REL 454: History of Genocide (GCSI OR G & H) (3)

HST 320: U.S. Urban History since 1850 (SB & H) (3)

HST 337: American Indian History to 1900 (HUAD OR (HU or SB) & C & H) (3)

HST 413: Contemporary America (HUAD OR (L or SB) & H) (3)

HST 419 / LAS 419: 20th Century Chicano/a History (C) (3)

REL 321: Religion in America (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C & H) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

## Enrollment requirements

**GPA Requirement:** None

**Incompatible Majors:** BA in social and cultural analysis (American studies); BA in American studies

**Other Enrollment Requirements:** None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

## Career opportunities

This minor is ideal preparation for students seeking employment in the following careers:

- archivist
- copy writer
- editor
- high school teacher
- historian
- history professor
- journalist
- lawyer
- middle school teacher
- museum curator
- political analyst

## Contact information

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