

American Studies, Minor

American Studies provides students with an interdisciplinary approach to the study of American cultures. Through examination of historical, religious, and literary texts, political institutions, popular culture, film, art, and the physical landscape, students will explore how Americans create meaning in their lives and make sense of the world in which they live. By encouraging students to approach their majors from the perspective of several overlapping disciplines, American Studies courses will foster deeper critical thinking and broader contextualization.

Matriculation Requirements

1. Completion of 30 hours of credit at UVU.
2. Admitted to a bachelor degree program at UVU.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		18
Discipline Core Requirements		6 Credits
AMST 2000	Introduction to American Studies HH	3
AMST 300R	Topics in American Studies	3
Elective Requirements		12 Credits
Complete 12 hours from the following list of electives		12
AIST 327G	Indians of Utah GI (3)	
AIST 3810	Precolumbian America (3)	
AIST 3830	Indians of the Great Plains (3)	
AIST 3850	The Struggle for Self-determination American Indians 1891 to present (3)	
ANTH 3000	Language and Culture LH (3)	
ANTH 3360	Contemporary Issues in American Culture (3)	
ANTH 3460	Anthropology of Mormonism (3)	
ANTH 3500	Discourse Semiotics and Representation (3)	
ARTH 3100	History of American Art and Architecture (3)	
COMM 3100	Propaganda and Persuasion (3)	
COMM 3115	Communicating in Environments (3)	
COMM 3700	Free Expression in a Democratic Society (3)	
COMM 3780	Mormons Media and Culture (3)	
CINE 217G	Race Class and Gender in U S Cinema GI HH (3)	
CNST 3870	Constitutional History to Plessy 1896 (3)	
CNST 3880	Constitutional History Since Plessy 1896 (3)	
CNST 4730	Framing of the US Constitution (3)	
CNST 4795	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (3)	
ECON 4500	US Economic Development and History (3)	
EDEL 3050	Foundations of American Education (2)	
EDSC 3050	Foundations of American Education (2)	
ENGL 2210	Introduction to Folklore HH (3)	
ENGL 2510	American Literature before 1865 HH (3)	
ENGL 2520	American Literature after 1865 HH (3)	
ENGL 3520	Nineteenth Century American Literature (3)	
ENGL 3530	Modern American Literature (3)	
ENGL 3540	Contemporary American Literature (3)	
ENGL 3710	Literature by Women (3)	
ENGL 3780	Mormon Literature (3)	
ENGL 4570	(3)	
ENGL 476G	Multi-ethnic Literature in America GI (3)	

ENVT 3280	Environmental Law (3)
ENVT 3850	Environmental Policy WE (3)
GEOG 3100	Cartography (3)
GEOG 3800	Environmental History of the United States (3)
HIST 320G	Women in American History to 1870 GI WE (3)
HIST 321G	Women in American History since 1870 GI (3)
HIST 322G	History of the American West to 1850 GI WE (3)
HIST 323G	History of the American West since 1850 GI WE (3)
HIST 3260	History of Utah (3)
HIST 371R	Issues and Topics in American History (3)
HIST 3730	American Origins to 1790 (3)
HIST 3731	US History-Early Republic through the Progressive Era (3)
HIST 3732	U.S. History-Progressive Era to the 21st Century (3)
HIST 3740	American Revolution (3)
HIST 3800	Environmental History of the United States (3)
HIST 384G	American Indian History since 1890 GI (3)
HIST 466G	Legacies and Reckonings in the American West GI WE (3)
HIST 471R	Special Issues and Topics in American History (3)
HUM 1010	Humanities Through the Arts HH (3)
HUM 3500	Approaches to Humanities WE (3)
LANG 3000	Language and Culture LH (3)
PHIL 3150	Philosophical Issues in Feminism (3)
PHIL 3470	Pragmatism and American Philosophy (3)
PHIL 3530	Environmental Ethics (3)
PHIL 3700	Social and Political Philosophy (3)
POLS 3150	US Presidency (3)
POLS 3200	US Congress (3)
POLS 3400	American Foreign Policy (3)
PSY 3100	Psychology of Gender (3)
REC 3700	Natural Resource Interpretation (3)
SOC 2370	Sociology of Gender (3)
SOC 263G	Race and Minority Relations GI (3)
SOC 3430	Sociology of Education (3)
SOC 3460	Political Sociology (3)
SOC 4400	Social Change (3)

Graduation Requirements

1. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above.
2. Residency hours--minimum of 12 credit hours through course attendance at UVU.

Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in Wolverine Track (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

First Year

Semester 1		Credit Hours
AMST 2000	Introduction to American Studies HH	3
Credit Hours		3
Semester 2		Credit Hours
AMST 300R	Topics in American Studies	3
Credit Hours		3

Second Year

Semester 3

AMST Elective	3
AMST Elective	3

Credit Hours **6**

Semester 4

AMST Elective	3
AMST Elective	3

Credit Hours **6**

Total Credit Hours **18**

Program Learning Outcome

- 1. Apply multiple disciplinary concepts, methods, and approaches to critically evaluate aspects of American culture and society.
- 2. Articulate the implications of different representations of identity in terms of race, class, gender, sexuality, and other categories of analysis.
- 3. Interpret how American culture is a complex site of intersecting struggles over meanings and identities, with important social implications.