

## B.A./B.S. in American Studies

# Central Oregon Community College Transfer Guide

### American Studies: Program Overview

American studies is a major that encourages students to question and develop an understanding of America and American Culture. Interdisciplinary study in literature, history, arts, and political science (among others) provides students with a rigorous yet individualized program.

American studies majors go on to apply knowledge in a broad number of fields, sparking new thinking and practices in business, education, art, law, medicine and politics.

[osucascades.edu/academics/American-studies](https://osucascades.edu/academics/American-studies)

### Degree Planning Notes:

- Students completing an AAOT should use this guide to select classes in AAOT and Major.
  - Applying for the COCC/OSU degree partnership program (DPP) allows students to begin OSU coursework while completing COCC courses. DPP students receive advising at OSU.  
[osucascades.edu/admissions/cocc-degree-partnership-program](https://osucascades.edu/admissions/cocc-degree-partnership-program)
  - Transfer Admissions Advisors:  
[osucascades.edu/admissions/admissions-advising](https://osucascades.edu/admissions/admissions-advising)
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### OSU Graduation Requirements:

- 180 total college credits
- 60 upper division credits

### Complete the following requirements to complete your degree:

- American Studies Core
- Option – select one
  - Pre-Law Studies
  - American Culture and Identities
  - Culture and Natural Environments
  - General American Studies
- OSU Baccalaureate Core
- College of Liberal Arts Core (LAC)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) Requirements

*Degree requirements are subject to change and dependent on catalog year in admission to OSU and major declaration.*

## American Studies Major Core Requirements (53-54 credits)

Courses in the Major can double count in Bacc Core or CLA. One course cannot count in all 3 areas.

Major Requirement (OSU)	COCC Approved Transfer Courses:
ENG 253 (4) Survey of American Literature or ENG 254 (4) Survey of American Literature	ENG 253 (4) Survey of American Literature or ENG 254 (4) Survey of American Literature
Select <b>two</b> courses from the options below: HST 201 (4) History of the United States HST 202 (4) History of the United States HST 203 (4) History of the United States	Select <b>two</b> courses from the options below: HST 201 (4) History of the United States HST 202 (4) History of the United States HST 203 (4) History of the United States
AMS 350(4) American Culture, the Vietnam Experience	OSU Only
AMS 450 (4) Pragmatism and American Thought	OSU Only
AMS 406 (2) Projects: AMS Senior Portfolio	OSU Only
ART/ENG 386 (4) Cultural History of American Art and Lit	OSU Only
ART/ENG 387 (4) Cultural History of American Art and Lit	OSU Only
ART/ENG 388 (4) Cultural History of American Art and Lit	OSU Only
Select 12 Credits (3-4 classes) from the following options: ENG 445 (4) ^ Studies in Non-Fiction <b>WIC</b> or ENG 485 (4) ^Studies in American Literature <b>WIC</b>	OSU Only

## Specialty Options: Option selection is required

### Pre-Law Studies (21cr)

American Studies is an excellent pathway to legal studies. This option provides a key knowledgebase for students who wish to apply to law school. This option teaches student to demonstrate ability to identify specific cultural tensions arising around freedoms protected by the first, second, and fourteenth amendments to the constitution. Students will articulate key concepts and events in American cultural history and their global impact.

Course	Title	BC/CLA Core:	COCC Approved Transfer
COMM 114 (3cr)	Argumentation and Critical Discourse	BC: Speech	COMM 114
COMM 320 (3cr)	Intro to Rhetorical Thought		OSU Only
ENG 416 (4cr)	Power and Representation		OSU Only
PS 322 (4cr)	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	BC: DPD	OSU Only
PS 362 (4cr)	American Political Thought	BC: Soc Sci	OSU Only
PS 475 or SSCI 301	Environmental Politics and Policy Or Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Science		OSU Only

### American Culture and Identities (23cr)

The American Cultures and Identities Option brings the skills and methodologies taught in the American Studies core to bear especially on how identities are embedded in American publics, languages, communities, and literatures. This option investigates the role of key elements such as race, class, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, and social justice in the formation and understanding of American Culture and identities

Course/Credits	Title	BC/CLA Core	COCC Approved Transfer Course
ANTH 350 (4cr)	Language, Culture and Society	CLA: Soc Sci	OSU Only
COMM 326 (3cr) or COMM 427 (3cr)	Intercultural Communication or Cultural Codes in Communication		OSU Only
ENG 362 (4cr) or ENG 497 (4cr)	American Women Writers or International Women Voices	BC: Lit/Arts BC: CGI	OSU Only
Select 2 from below: ENG 212 (4cr) ENG 221 (4cr) ENG 360 (4cr)	Literature of the World – Meso/S. America, Caribbean African-American Literature Native American Literature	CLA: Non-W. Culture	OSU Only
ENG 416 (4cr)	Power and Representation		OSU Only

## Culture and Natural Environments (22cr)

In this option, students focus on the role of the built and natural environments in American culture. Both cultural and natural environments play a crucial part in the creation, continuity, and success or failure of American communities. This option studies the role of American cultures in their relation to the physical environment and the consequences of that relationship on local, national, and global scales. The intersections of social justice and environmental justice are key elements of investigation.

Course	Title	BC/CLA Core:	COCC Approved Transfer
ENG 240 (4cr)	Introduction to Environmental Literature		OSU Only
ENG 482 (4cr)	American Literature, Culture and the Environment		OSU Only
GEO 309 (3cr)	Environmental Justice	BC: DPD	OSU Only
PS 475 (4cr)	Environmental Politics and Policy		OSU Only
SUS 420 (3cr)	Social Dimensions of Sustainability		OSU Only
WR 462 (4cr)	Environmental Writing		OSU Only

## General American Studies (21cr)

American Studies electives selected with your advisor to reach 21 credits, from the following disciplines: AMS, ANTH, COMM, ENG, ES, HST, PS, WR.

## General Education Courses

[coreeducation.oregonstate.edu/students](http://coreeducation.oregonstate.edu/students)

### Baccalaureate Core (Students admitted Spring 2025 and earlier only)

- Complete one course in each Perspectives category with no more than two in the same department.
- For full listing of courses that fulfill Baccalaureate Core, please refer to [admissions.oregonstate.edu/baccalaureate-core-course-equivalencies-central-oregon-community-college](http://admissions.oregonstate.edu/baccalaureate-core-course-equivalencies-central-oregon-community-college)

<b>SKILLS COURSES</b>	Math	see articulation tables
	Writing I	WR 121Z
	Writing II	see articulation tables.
	Speech (Writing III)	see articulation tables.
	Fitness	see articulation tables.
<b>PERSPECTIVE COURSES</b>	Biological Science	see articulation tables.
	Physical Science	see articulation tables.
	Additional Biological or Physical Science	see articulation tables.
	Cultural Diversity	see articulation tables.
	Literature and the Arts	see articulation tables.
	Social Processes and Institutions	see articulation tables.
	Western Culture	see articulation tables.
<b>DPD COURSE</b>	Difference, Power and Discrimination	see articulation tables.
<b>SYNTHESIS COURSES</b>	Contemporary Global Issues	Upper division course, take at OSU.
	Science, Technology and Society	Upper division course, take at OSU.
<b>WIC COURSE</b>	Writing Intensive Curriculum	Upper division, completed in major at OSU.

### Core Education (Students admitted Summer 2025 and onward)

- Students who complete the Core Transfer Map (CTM) or the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree will have completed the Foundational Core requirements. Course specific transfer tables to be published soon.

<b>FOUNDATIONAL CORE</b>	Writing Foundations	WR 121Z
	Arts and Humanities: General	CTM or AAOT
	Arts and Humanities: Global	CTM or AAOT
	Quantitative Literacy and Analysis	CTM or AAOT
	Communication, Media and Society	CTM or AAOT
	Social Science	CTM or AAOT
	Scientific Inquiry and Analysis (2 courses)	CTM or AAOT
	Difference, Power and Oppression Foundations	CTM or AAOT
<b>SIGNATURE CORE</b>	Transitions	OSU Only
	Difference, Power and Oppression Advanced	OSU Only
	Seeking Solutions	OSU Only
	Writing Elevation	WR 227z or OSU Only
	Writing Intensive Curriculum	OSU Only

COCC - The Core Transfer Map (CTM) is designed for students who plan to transfer to an Oregon public university. Composed of 30 credits in writing, math, social sciences, sciences, arts and letters, and electives, the CTM meets at least 30 credits of general education requirements for a bachelor's degree at any Oregon public university. Students interested in transferring in a specific major should consult with an academic advisor to select specific CTM classes that can also fulfill lower-division requirements in their planned major. Students who believe they have completed CTM requirements and would like it notated on their transcripts should submit a request via the [application for Certificate/Degree form](#).

## College of Liberal Arts Core (LAC) Requirements

Courses in CLA Core can double count in Bacc Core or Major but not all 3 areas. Your advisor may approve additional transfer courses.

[beav.es/iSz](http://beav.es/iSz)

CLA Core Requirement	COCC Transfer Course Options
Fine Arts (3-4 cr) 1 course	ART 101, ART studio, MUS, Creative Writing, Theatre Arts
Humanities (3-4 cr) 1 course	HST, ENG, PHL, ARH Courses
Non-Western Culture (3-4 cr) 1 course	ARH 208, GEOG 202, HST 260, ES 211
Social Science (3-4 cr) 1 course	ANTH; HST; PS; PSY, SOC
Additional CLA Core (3-4cr) 1 course	Completed in Major

## BA or BS Requirements (select 1) – Courses in Bacc Core cannot count in B. Sci section

B.A. Requirements	Notes
Second year proficiency in a second language with C- grade or better.	Sample: SPAN 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203 (24 cr)
B.S. Requirements	
<b>1 computer science (CS) course</b> approved by the student's advisor (3-4 cr)	Samples: CIS 120, CIS 122, CIS 125G and CIS 131
<b>1 course</b> from the College of Science except math or statistics (3-4 credits)	Depts – BI, CH, G, GEOG, GS, PH
<b>Two math or statistics courses (6-8 credits):</b> any course at the 200-level or above or above taught by MTH or ST	<i>NO double counting with Bacc Core:</i>