

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

Treasure Valley 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. Over and over again American studies graduates prove the immeasurable value and applicability of liberal arts training and education. We are certain that providing you with the skills and resources to think critically, globally and democratically is at the heart of what a modern university must do to achieve relevance for the world in which all of us live.

Degree Requirements:

To complete a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in American Studies students must complete the following degree requirements:

- OSU Graduation Requirements
- Baccalaureate Core
- College of Liberal Arts Core
- BA or BS Requirements
- American Studies Core
- Option – select one
 - Pre-Law Studies
 - American Culture and Identities
 - Culture and Natural Environments

This document details the degree requirements and the approved Community College transfer courses to meet these requirements.

Please visit the OSU-Cascades American Studies program website for more details. Degree requirements are subject to change and dependent on catalog year in admission to OSU and major declaration.

osucascades.edu/academics/american-studies

Connect with OSU-Cascades Transfer Admissions Advisors for questions:

- <https://osucascades.edu/admissions/admissions-advising>
- Select your community college to find your Cascades Admissions Advisor
- Contact Admit@osucascades.edu for general admission questions.

General Education Courses

coreeducation.oregonstate.edu/students

Baccalaureate Core (Students admitted Spring 2025 and earlier only)

- The table below shows OSU requirement and the different options at the community college to complete this requirement.

Find the approved list of courses that complete Bacc Core at the following website:

<https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/baccalaureate-core-course-equivalencies-treasure-valley-community-college>

SKILLS COURSES	Math	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
	Writing I	WR 121Z
	Writing II	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
	Speech (Writing III)	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
	Fitness	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
PERSPECTIVE COURSES	Biological Science	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
	Physical Science	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
	Additional Biological or Physical Science	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
	Cultural Diversity	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
	Literature and the Arts	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
	Social Processes and Institutions	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
	Western Culture	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
DPD COURSE	Difference, Power and Discrimination	see articulation tables or complete AAOT
SYNTHESIS COURSES	Contemporary Global Issues	Upper division course, take at OSU.
	Science, Technology and Society	Upper division course, take at OSU.
WIC COURSE	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.
- Students will contact their community college for Core Transfer Map completion details.

FOUNDATIONAL CORE	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
SIGNATURE CORE	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

College of Liberal Arts Core (CLA Core) Requirements

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

CLA Core Requirement	Transfer Course Options (more courses may be approved by advisor)
Fine Arts (3-4 cr) 1 class	ART studio courses; TA dept. classes; MUS dept. courses; WR 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244.
Humanities (3-4 cr) 1 class	HST 201, 202, 203 in Major
Non-Western Culture (3-4 cr) 1 class	ENG 360 in Major suggested
Social Science (3-4 cr) 1 class	ANT dept. courses, EC dept, HST dept. courses, PS dept. courses, PSY dept. courses, SOC dept. courses ; WS 101
Additional CLA Core (3-4cr) 1 class	ENG 386 in Major – double counts

BA or BS Requirements (select 1) B. Sci. courses cannot double count in Bacc Core.

B.A. Requirements	Transfer Courses
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	
1 computer science (CS) course approved by the student's advisor (3-4 cr)	Samples: CIS or CS 100 or 200 level courses 3-4 credits
1 course from the College of Science except math or statistics (3-4 credits)	CoSci Depts. – BI, BOT, CH, ESR, G, GEO, GS, PH
2 courses in 200-level or higher Math or Statistics	

American Studies Major Core Requirements (53-54 credits)

This table shows major requirements and the community college transfer course that is approved for major transfer. Courses in the Major can double count in Bacc Core or CLA Core. One course cannot count in all 3 areas.

Major Requirement (OSU)	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 255 (4) Survey of American Literature
Select two 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 two 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 WIC or ENG 485 (4) Studies in American Literature WIC	OSU Only

Specialty Options (21-23 Credits) *Option selection is required*

American Studies major select at least one specialty option to complete their major requirements. See below for courses that can double count in the Bacc Core or CLA Core sections. One course cannot count in all 3 sections.

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:	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	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:	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.