

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

Advising Guide & Degree Checklist

American Studies: Program Overview

American Studies is an interdisciplinary major that encourages students to develop questions, perspectives, and ideas about American culture, philosophies, and society. American studies students complete a unique American Studies program portfolio in consultation and guidance with the Faculty Lead, Dr. Neil Browne. American studies students go on to apply knowledge in a broad number of fields, sparking new thinking and practices in business, education, art, law, medicine and politics.

An interdisciplinary major that engages American culture in its historical, contemporary, and global contexts. Examines American culture through a variety of media including film, music, literature, history, politics, and art. Teaching faculty members are from several different disciplines and students approach course objectives from many scholarly vantage points.

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

1. OSU Graduation Requirements
2. Baccalaureate Core
3. College of Liberal Arts Core
4. BA or BS Requirements
5. American Major Requirements

OSU Graduation Requirements:

Students pursuing a degree at OSU must meet the following requirements in addition to program and college requirements.

- 180—total number of credits required to graduate from OSU
- 60—number of upper division credits required
- 45 of last 75 credits must be OSU credits
- Maintain a 2.0 or better university GPA

**All catalog and course selection information is subject.*

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Baccalaureate Core Requirements (Bacc Core)

- Complete all Bacc Core using the OSU-Cascades Bacc Core course guide. Students who have an AAOT have all Skills and Perspectives completed. Students still need to complete Synthesis requirements.
- Courses **can** double count between Bacc Core, CLA Core and Major, but not between all 3 areas

Requirement	Course	Grade
Skills (16)		
Writing I (3-4cr)		
Writing II (3-4cr)		
Speech (3-4cr)		
Fitness HHS 231 (3 cr)		
Fitness PAC (1 cr)		
Math (3-4cr)		
Perspectives (24-32 cr)	**No more than two courses from any one department**	
Bio Science (4-5cr)		
Physical Science (4-5cr)		
1 additional Bio or Phys. Sci. (4-5cr)		
Cultural Diversity (3-4cr)		
Literature & Arts (3-4cr)	ENG 253 in major double counts here	X
Social Process & Inst. (3-4cr)		
Western Culture (3-4cr)	ENG 254 in major double counts here	X
Difference Power & Discrim (3-4cr)	HST 201, HST 202 or HST 203 in major counts here	X
Synthesis (6cr)	**Synthesis course must be from 2 different departments**	
Contemporary Global Issues (CGI)	AMS 350 in major double counts here	X
Science Tech and Society (STS)		

College of Liberal Arts Core (CLA Core)

- Courses can double count between Bacc Core, CLA Core and Major, but not between all 3 areas.
- More courses may be added to OSU-Cascades in future terms

CLA Core Requirement	Course options	Grade
Fine Arts (3-4 cr)	ART 101, ART 115, ART 117, ART 131, ART 121, ART 263, ART 222	
Humanities (3-4 cr)	ART/ENG 386 in major double counts here	X
Non-Western Culture (3-4 cr)	ANTH 315, ART 208, ENG 212, ENG 360	
Social Science (3-4 cr)	HST 201, 202, 203 in major double count here	X
Additional CLA Core course (3-4cr)	ART/ENG 387 in Major double counts here	X

BA/BS Requirements

- Courses used to satisfy the B.S. cannot double count to satisfy baccalaureate core requirements.
- Select either BA or BS section below.

B.A. Requirements	Notes	Course/Grade
Second year proficiency in a second language at the college level with C-grade or better.	Sample: SPAN 111, 112, 113, 211, 212, 213	
B.S. Requirements		
Any computer science (CS) course approved by the student's advisor	sample ART 121, CS 160 or CS 391	
Any course from the College of Science except math or statistics (3-4 credits)	sample: BB 332, GEOG 340, MB 330	
One of the following MTH/ST combination (2 courses):		
A. ST 351 and ST 352 (8 credits) B. MTH 111 and MTH 245 (8 credits) or MTH 111 and MTH 112 C. MTH 241 or MTH245 or MTH251, and ST 351 (8 credits). D. MTH 112 and MTH 251 (8 credits) E. Any 8 credits of MTH dept courses at the 200 level or above	No double count with BC: Math <i>ST 201 not allowed here. If completed talk with your advisor</i>	

American Studies – Major Requirements (56 cr)

Complete each course below (29):

Term Planned:

ENG 253 (4) Survey of American Literature
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AMS 311 (4) Topics in American Studies
AMS 350(4) American Culture, the Vietnam Experience
ART/ENG 386 (4) Cultural History of American Art and Lit
ART/ENG 387 (4) Cultural History of American Art and Lit
ART/ENG 388 (4) Cultural History of American Art and Lit
AMS 406 (1) Projects: AMS Senior Portfolio

Winter
Spring
Fall 2020 (EOY)
Fall 2019 (EOY)
Fall 2020 (EOY)
Winter 2021 (EOY)
Spring 2021 (EOY)

Select **two** courses below (8cr):

HST 201 (4) History of the United States
HST 202 (4) History of the United States
HST 203 (4) History of the United States

Fall
Winter
Spring

American Studies Major Electives

Select **one** AMS lower division elective from the following list (3-4cr):

ANTH 210 (3) Comparative Cultures [Bacc Core: Cultural Diversity]
ANTH 251 (4) Languages in the USA [Bacc Core: Difference Power Discrimination]
ENG 260 (4) Literature of American Minorities [Bacc Core: Difference Power Discrimination]
HST 106 (3) World History III [Bacc Core: Cultural Diversity]
PS 201 (4) Intro to United States Govt. and Politics [Bacc Core: Social Processes]
SOC 204 (3) Introduction to Sociology [Bacc Core: Social Processes]

Select **12 credits, 3 or 4 classes** from the following list (12cr):

ANTH 311 (3) Peoples of the World- North America [Bacc Core: Cultural Diversity] [CLA Core: Non-Western]
ANTH 350 (4) Language, Culture, and Society
ANTH 352 (3) Anthropology, Health, and Environment
ART 462 (3) Directions and Issues in Contemporary Art
COMM 326 (3) Intercultural Communication
COMM 412 (3) Topics in Speech Communication
COMM 416 (4) Ethnography of Communication
COMM 427 (3) Cultural Codes of Communication
ENG 317 (4) The American Novel: Begin to Chopin
ENG 318 (4) The American Novel: Modernist Period
ENG 319 (4) The American Novel: Post WWII
ENG 360 (4) Native American Literature [CLA Core: Non-Western]
ENG 362 (4) American Women Writers
ENG 470 (4) ^Studies in Poetry **WIC**
ENG 482 (4) Studies in Amer. Lit, Culture, Envr.
ENG 485 (4) ^Studies in American Literature **WIC**
PS 363 (4) Gender and Race in Amer. Political
PS 375 (4) The Civil Rights Movement and Policies
PS 475 (4) Environmental politics and Policy
SOC 381 (4) Social Dimensions of Sustainability
SOC 426 (4) Social Inequality
SOC 475 (4) Rural Sociology
SOC 480 (4) Environmental Sociology

EOY = Every Other Year

Select **one Writing Intensive Course (WIC)** may be from elective above or ENG 445 (4 cr)

AMS 406 Projects: American Studies Final Portfolio (1)

- Completed during the student's final term
- Work with American Studies Faculty Lead, Dr. Neil Browne when ready for portfolio requirement.

AMS 406: Portfolio Requirements:

Students will pick three essays you wrote during the course of your program in American Studies that you feel are representative of your most meaningful work. These may be your best essays, but they also may be essays in which you struggled with difficult material in an attempt to better understand it. In other words, which essays are most meaningful to you in your experience earning an American Studies degree at OSU-Cascades?

Incorporating at least one of the American Studies Outcomes below, write a three-page cover letter explaining why you chose these essays and how they reflect what you have learned and experienced in the process of earning your degree in American Studies at OSU Cascades.