
American Heritage

100. American Heritage. (3:3:0) F, W, Su Honors also.
Synthesis of American constitutional and economic principles, and patterns of historical development.

American Studies

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Admission to Degree Program

The American Studies degree program is open enrollment.

The Discipline

The American Studies major examines the sweep of American experience, society, culture, and civilization from a variety of viewpoints—literature, history, gender, humanities, regions, politics, ethnic groups, geography, art, economics, religion, and folklore—based in core courses designed to examine the American experience from a variety of standpoints. Majors are encouraged to develop particular skills in writing; literary criticism; historical research; and social, political, and economic analysis. The program provides not only rich interdisciplinary experience but also exposure to a variety of excellent scholars and teachers.

Career Opportunities

On graduation, American Studies students are usually qualified to enter graduate and professional schools (for law, MBA, MPA, PhD), government or community service, teaching, or advanced graduate studies in the liberal arts, including American studies, American civilization, American culture, American history, and American literature.

Graduation Requirements

To receive a BYU bachelor's degree a student must complete, in addition to all requirements for a specific major, the following university requirements:

- The university core, consisting of requirements in general and religious education (See the University Core section of this catalog for details. For a complete listing of courses that meet university core requirements, see the current class schedule.)
- A minimum of 30 credit hours in residence
- A minimum of 120 credit hours
- A cumulative GPA of at least 2.0

Undergraduate Programs and Degrees

BA American Studies
Minor Western American Studies

Students should see their college advisement center for help or information concerning the undergraduate programs.

BA American Studies (45 hours*)

Major Requirements

- Students can complete the Advanced Written and Oral Communication requirement by taking Engl 311, 312, 314, 315, or 316 according to individual academic direction. Those interested in graduate work are urged to take the Hist 200, 490 option.
- Majors should begin course work in the major by taking Am St 303 fall semester of the sophomore or (at latest) junior year.
- Complete the following prerequisite courses:
 - Pl Sc 110.
 - Econ 110.
 - Hum 261, 262.
- Complete the following:
 - Am St 303.
- Complete ten courses (30 hours) from the following:
 - Am St 200, 360, 390R (twice only), 395.
 - ArtHC 345, 365.
 - Econ 274.
 - Engl 336, 358R, 392, 395R.
 - Geog 250.
 - Hist 366, 380, 395.
 - Hum 420R, 425R, 430R, 440R, 460R, 490R.
 - Pl Sc 320, 321, 322.

Note: Engl 358R and 395R, as well as the humanities courses, must be topics in an American subject.

Note: Course substitutions may be made only with written, prior permission of the American Studies coordinator unless they are on the approved list.

Note: Students may substitute 3 credit hours of Washington, D.C., seminar credit for one American Studies elective.

*Hours include courses that may fulfill university core requirements.

Minor Western American Studies (18 hours*)

Major Requirements

- Complete the following:
 - Am St 200.
- Complete one course from three of the following four clusters:
 - Natural Environment*
 - Biol 150.
 - Geol 101.
 - InBio 215, 225.
 - Human Heritage*
 - Hist 360, 361.
 - Social Environment*
 - Anthr 345, 346, 350.
 - Econ 274.
 - Soc 327.
 - Arts and Literature*
 - Engl 364, 368, 392.
 - Span 365.

- Complete additional elective courses to make a total of 18 hours. Electives may be chosen from the courses listed above that have not been used, from the additional courses listed below, or from topical courses on Western themes offered through academic departments or the Honors Program.
 - Anthr 530, 535.
 - ArtHC 345.
 - Geog 306.
 - Hist 363, 364, 366, 382, 385, 386, 387, 394.
 - Pl Sc 317.
 - Rel C 342, 343.
 - Span 461.

*Hours include courses that may fulfill university core requirements.

American Studies (Am St)**Undergraduate Courses****200. The American West as a Region.** (3:3:0)

Geography, natural history, history, and cultures of the American West.

303. Studies in the American Experience. (3:3:0)

Social and intellectual life in American culture from the colonial period to the present.

360. Film in American Culture. (3:3:0)

Selected readings, lectures, and analysis of specific motion pictures as social documents, reflecting different facets of the American experience.

390R. Topics in American Studies. (3:3:0 ea.)

Multidisciplinary study of a carefully defined problem in American culture. Topics vary.

395. Theories and Methods in American Studies. (3:3:0)

Prerequisite: Am St 303.

Readings/discussion seminar introducing students to theories, definition, and practice of American Studies.

Ancient Scripture

See Religious Education in Academic Departments, Degrees, and Courses section of this catalog.

Animal and Veterinary Science

See Biology, Integrative Biology, and Plant and Animal Sciences sections of this catalog.