

American Studies

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American Studies is interdisciplinary study that crosses the humanities and the social sciences, encouraging students to analyze America—broadly, transnationally considered—as a site of intellectual inquiry. Asking “What is America? What does it mean and what has it meant to be called ‘American’?” provokes a multitude of theoretical and pragmatic questions that are vital for developing intercultural knowledge and civic engagement among undergraduate students. Applying cultural and social thought to such matters as citizenship, democracy, community, religion, gender, poverty and prosperity, politics, popular culture, and identity in this region makes American Studies an intellectually sophisticated yet practical course of study, bringing theory and praxis together.

THE MINOR

Four courses from the approved list, at least two of which must be at the 100-level or above. 16

COURSES

AMST/REL 347	American Religious Thinkers	4
ANTH 172	North American Archaeology	4
COMM/WGSS/AAS 376	New Media, Race and Gender	4
ENGL 105	Intro to Latino/a Literature and Culture	4
ENGL/FILM 119	Introduction to the Horror Film	4
ENGL 123	American Literature I	4
ENGL 124	American Literature II	4
ENGL 316/LAS 105	Native American Literature	4
ENGL/FILM 319	Advanced Studies in the Horror Film	4
ENGL/REL 317	Topics in Jewish Literature	4
ENGL/AAS 318	African-American Literature and Culture	4
ENGL 376	Early American Literature	4
ENGL 377	American Romanticism	4
ENGL 378	American Realism	4
ENGL 379	Modern American Literature	4
ENGL 380	Contemporary American Literature	4
ENGL 382		4
HIST 112/WGSS 124	Takin' It to the Streets: The Global Sixties	4
HIST 124	Women in America	4
HIST/AAS/WGSS 126	How Black Women Made Modern America	4
HIST/AAS 130	African American History	4
HIST 180	Religion and the American Experience	4
HIST 305	Public History	4
HIST/ES 315	American Environmental History	4
HIST/WGSS 325	History of Sexuality and the Family in the U.S.	4
PHIL 007	Emerson, Thoreau, and Beyond: An Introduction to Philosophy	4
PHIL/AAS 117	Race, Racism, and Philosophy	4
PHIL 217	Race & Philosophy Seminar	4
POLS/AAS 205	The Political Development of American Race Relations	4
POLS/PHIL 367	American Political Thought	4

REL/AAS/JST/ENGL 102	Promised Lands: Jewish and African American Children's Literature	
REL/POLS 126	Religion, Law and Constitution	4
REL/JST/WGSS 138	Sex, Gender, Jews	4
REL/JST 152	American Judaism	4
REL 171	Religion And Society	4
REL/JST/THTR 177	Jews and the Broadway Musical	4
SOC/AAS 103	Race and Ethnicity in the Contemporary U.S.	4
SOC/AAS/LAS 106	Race and Ethnicity in the Americas	4
SOC 115	A Nation of Immigrants: The American Experience	4
SOC 128	Race, Gender, and Work	4
SOC 130	Sociology of Sports	4
SOC 138	The Sociology of Reality TV	4
SOC 166	Money, Power, Prestige: Social Stratification"	4
SOC/WGSS/AAS 310	Gender, Race, and Sexuality: The Social Construction of Differences	4
SOC/AAS 313	Keep the Change: Social Movements in Society	4
SOC 323	The Child In Family and Society	4
SOC 326	Social Class in American History	4
SOC/JOUR 327	Mass Communication and Society	4
SOC/WGSS 364	Sociology of the Families	4
SOC/REL 375	The Christian Right In America	4
SOC/AAS 379	Race and Class in America	4

**** THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN AMERICAN STUDIES IS CURRENTLY ON HIATUS. NO STUDENTS ARE BEING ADMITTED. CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS MAY STILL BE PURSUED****

M.A. IN AMERICAN STUDIES

A Master of Arts degree in American Studies is offered in the College of Arts and Sciences. Candidates for the master's degree must complete at least 30 credit hours, 18 of which must be at the 400 level.

AMST 400	American Studies: Theory and Method	3
Methods Course ¹		3-6
AMST 490	Master's Thesis	6
Concentration/Track ³		12
Environmental Policy Design (EPD) ^{4, 5, 6}		
Gender & Sexuality (WGSS) ^{4, 7}		
Race & Ethnicity (AAS) ^{4, 8}		
Culture & Ideas ⁹		
Documentary Film ^{4, 10}		
Customized Concentration		
Free Electives ¹¹		3-6

¹ Choose 1 or 2 methods courses in consultation with advisor/mentor and permission of course instructor needed. Possible courses include SOC 410 Statistics for Sociological Inquiry; SOC 411 Advanced Quantitative Research Methods; SOC 412 Advanced Qualitative Research Methods; POLS 402 Methods Of Policy Analysis; POLS 403 Creativity, Ideas, and Methods in Political Science; POLS 421 Research Methods; PSYC 421 Statistical Analysis of Psychological Data I; HIST 401 Historical Research HIST 438 Techniques in Public History; ENGL 481 Theory and Criticism; ENGL 483 Creative Writing and Literary Studies; EDUC 403 Research; EDUC 405 Qualitative Research Methods; EDUC 408 Introduction to Statistics

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- 2 Traditional thesis is available but students may also fulfill this requirement through other final project forms such as: documentary film, journal article, internship/Community Fellows (<https://community-fellows.cas2.lehigh.edu/>) placement, exhibit/installation, archive, report. There will be a written and presentation component to all thesis/other final projects.
- 3 Choose one in consultation with advisor/mentor. Individualized option is available but student must propose their track with a rationale that will be approved by their advisor and the director.
- 4 Graduate certificate available. (<http://catalog.lehigh.edu/coursesprogramsandcurricula/interdisciplinarygraduatestudyandresearch/graduatecertificates/>)
- 5 EPD offers Graduate Certificates in Urban Environmental Policy and Planning, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Law and Policy. (<http://catalog.lehigh.edu/coursesprogramsandcurricula/artsandsciences/environmentalinitiative/#graduatestext>)
- 6 Sample courses include HIST 448 Land Use, Growth Management, and the Politics of Sprawl; SOC 421 Information Ecology; ANTH 352 Environmental Archaeology; ES 431 Public Administration .
- 7 Sample courses include WGSS 458 Readings in Gender History; WGSS 450 Seminar in Feminist Theory; SOC 351 Gender and Social Change; WGSS 441 Gender and Health .
- 8 Sample courses include HIST 332 Slavery and the American South; SOC 465 Inequalities at Work; HIST 367 Rise and Fall of the Old South; SOC 379 Race and Class in America.
- 9 Sample courses include SOC 402 Sociology of Cyberspace; ANTH 376 Culture and the Individual; HIST 328 American Intellectual History since 1900; POLS 435 Power, Persuasion and the American Presidency.
- 10 Sample courses include HIST 438 Techniques in Public History; HIST 305 Public History; HIST 337 History and Community Memory; AMST 425 ; AMST 433 Documentary Film Production.
- 11 Free electives chosen in consultation with advisor from American Studies approved classes.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN AFRICANA STUDIES

A Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies is offered in the College of Arts and Sciences. Candidates for the certificate must complete 12 credit hours (4 courses) at the 300-level or above, with no more than 6 credits at the 300-level.

The Graduate Certificate in AAS is designed as a complement to a graduate program (e.g. English, History, Sociology, American Studies, Political Science) or as a standalone post-baccalaureate course of study. The Certificate is a small, flexible program that provides students with breadth and the challenge of working outside their home discipline in concentrated interdisciplinary study of Africana Studies. In recognition of contemporary educational and employment contexts that are increasingly diverse and international, the AAS Program offers the graduate certificate as a means to enrich academic, personal, and employment horizons.

4 courses from the list below at the 300-level or above 12
with no more than 6 credits at the 300-level

COURSES

Additional courses may be chosen in consultation with the program director.

AAS/SOC/WGSS 310	Gender, Race and Sexuality: The Social Construction of Differences
AAS/FREN 312	Modernity in the Maghreb
AAS/SOC 313	Keep the Change: Social Movements in Society
AAS/HMS/SOC/GS 314	Infections and Inequalities: HIV, TB and Malaria in the Global South
AAS/ENGL 318	African-American Literature and Culture
AAS/ANTH/GS 324	Globalization and Development in Africa
AAS/HIST 330	Africans and the Atlantic World
AAS/HIST 331	United States and Africa
AAS/HIST 332	Slavery and the American South
AAS/HIST 335	Special Topics in African History and/or Diaspora
AAS 339	Special Topics in Africana Studies

AAS/GS/HIST 341	Global Africa: Aid, Volunteerism, NGO's and International Studies
AAS/ASIA/GS/POLS 343	Global Politics of Race: Asia and Africa
AAS/SOC 345	Colonialism and the Black Radical Tradition
AAS/COMM 375	Global Media and Culture
AAS/COMM/WGSS 376	New Media, Race and Gender
AAS 376/SOC 379	New Media, Race and Gender
AAS 382	Seminar on a topic in Africana Studies
AAS 391	Special Topics in Africana Studies
HIST 367	Rise and Fall of the Old South
POLS 430	Social Movements From the 1960s to Present
POLS 443	Global Politics of Race: Asia and Africa
SOC/WGSS 365/ SOC 465/WGSS 465	Inequalities at Work
SOC 374	Social Stratification: Race, Class, Gender
SOC 443	Race, Ethnicity, and Health

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN WOMEN, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES

The Graduate Certificate in WGSS is designed as a complement to a disciplinary graduate program or as a standalone post-baccalaureate course of study. The Certificate is a small, flexible program that provides students with breadth and the challenge of working outside their home discipline in concentrated interdisciplinary study of women and gender. In recognition of contemporary educational and employment contexts that are increasingly diverse and international, the WGSS Program offers the graduate certificate as a means to enrich academic, personal, and employment horizons. A certificate in WGSS will be especially beneficial to those who wish to incorporate a broader perspective into their teaching (either in secondary or higher education), and qualifies them for positions that require such expertise. Additionally, individuals interested in fields such as social policy, human resources, and business will also gain from understanding how gender operates at individual, organizational, and institutional levels. Students will work closely with outstanding faculty from diverse disciplinary backgrounds.

WGSS 450	Seminar in Feminist Theory	3
Select three additional courses ^{1,2}		9
Total Credits		12

¹ 2 courses outside home department (for matriculating students)

² No more than 6 credits at the 300-level

Refer to Women, Gender and Sexuality catalog entry (<http://catalog.lehigh.edu/coursesprogramsandcurricula/artsandsciences/womengenderandsexualitystudies/#courseinventory>) for course listing.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PLANNING

Core Course		3
ES 404	Socio-cultural Foundations of Environmental Policy	
Elective Courses¹		9
ES/POLS 412	Urban Environmental Policy Workshop	
ES/POLS 414	Urban Agriculture Policy, Planning and Practice	
ES/POLS 455	Environmental Justice: From Theory to Practice	
EES 446	Human-Climate Interactions	
POLS 348	Land Use, Growth Management, and the Politics of Sprawl	

POLS 416	American Environmental Policy
ES 466/POLS	Advanced Environmental Policy

Total Credits 12

¹ Additional courses selected in consultation with the program adviser may fulfill program requirements. No more than 6 credits can be taken at the 300 level.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Core Courses 6

ES 404	Socio-cultural Foundations of Environmental Policy
ES 410	Foundations of Sustainable Development Practice

Elective Courses ¹ 6

ANTH/GS/AAS 324	Globalization and Development in Africa
ECO 303	Economic Development
ES/POLS 414	Urban Agriculture Policy, Planning and Practice
EES 446	Human-Climate Interactions
ES 453	Ethnobotany: People and Plants
POLS/ENTP 310	Social Entrepreneurship: How to Change the World
POLS/GS/WGSS 342	Gender and Third World Development
POLS 348	Land Use, Growth Management, and the Politics of Sprawl
SDEV/ENTP 307	International Social Entrepreneurship
SOC/GS/HMS 322	Global Health Issues
SOC/GS 319	The Political Economy of Globalization

Total Credits 12

¹ Additional courses selected in consultation with the program adviser may fulfill program requirements. No more than 6 credits can be taken at the 300 level.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY

Core Course 3

ES 401	Philosophical-Policy & Legal Design: Methods & Applications
or ES 404	Socio-cultural Foundations of Environmental Policy

Elective Courses ¹ 9

Select any three of the following:	
ES/POLS 411	Environmental Valuation for Policy Design
ES/POLS 431	Public Administration
ES 433/333	International Environmental Law & Philosophical-Policy Design
ES 442	International Law & Philosophical-Policy Design
ES 443	Comparative Environmental Law & Philosophical-Policy Design
ES/POLS 455	Environmental Justice: From Theory to Practice
ES/POLS 475	Seminar: Green Polity
EES 446	Human-Climate Interactions
POLS 416	American Environmental Policy
POLS 468	Political Economy

Total Credits 12

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Courses

AMST 347 (PHIL 347, REL 347) American Religious Thinkers 3-4 Credits

An examination of the writings of key figures in the history of American religious thought (such as Edwards, Emerson, Bushnell, Peirce, James, Royce, Dewey and the Niebuhrs). Attention will be directed both to the historical reception of these writings and to their contemporary significance.

AMST 400 American Studies: Theory and Method 3 Credits

An introduction to the theoretical orientations and methodological strategies of American Studies. Seminar involves extensive reading as well as application of theory and method to students' research.

AMST 401 Special Topics in American Studies 1-3 Credits

Graduate seminar focused on one particular subject area in American Culture.

AMST 402 Independent Study 3 Credits

Individually supervised course in the area of American Culture. Consent of the program director required.

AMST 433 Documentary Film Production 3 Credits

An independent study mode of course awarding credit for the production of a 30-minute documentary film that meets two standards: 1) high production value, and 2) scholarly content based on detailed research and driven by critical analysis.

AMST 471 Special Topics 3 Credits

AMST 481 Independent Study 1-3 Credits

AMST 482 Independent Study 1-3 Credits

AMST 490 Master's Thesis 1-6 Credits

Independent work, with a faculty member, on a single master's thesis or two thesis papers. Topic approved by individual faculty member. Typically taken in the last semester of course work.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.