

American Studies Minor

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The American Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program of study which helps students think analytically and creatively about the U.S. while fostering reading and writing skills. The program explores the relationship of America with the Western cultural tradition, identifying points of commonality and departure. Students who major or minor in U.S. History, Political Science, English and/or Sociology may enroll in this minor but they may not select elective courses from their major or minor departments. Students enrolled in the Washington Seminar and the Chicago Semester programs may apply, as appropriate, one of their off-campus course electives, provided the course lies outside their major or minor.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY SHEET

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Minor: American Studies

Student's Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Advisor	Date Major Declared
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Course Code	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
<i>Core Courses: 9 credits required</i>				
<i>Choose one history course from the following list</i>				
HIS 103	US History to 1877	3		
HIS 104	US History Since 1877	3		
<i>Choose one English course from the following list</i>				
ENG 238	American Literature to the Civil War	3		
ENG 239	American Literature since the Civil War	3		
<i>Choose one course from the following list</i>				
POL 211	American Government & Politics	3		
SOC 111	Introduction to Sociology	3		
Total core course hours		9		
<i>Elective Courses: Choose 3 courses for 9 credits total from the following list.</i>				
Religion				
REL 319	Recent Christian Thought	3		
English & Fine Arts				

Course Code	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
ENG 315*	Literary Modes and Genres	3		
ENG 325*	Literary Movements	3		
ENG 330*	Visions and Revisions	3		
ENG 335*	A Sense of Place	3		
ENG/WGS 340*	Gender and Literary Expression	3		
ENG 345*	Ethnic Literature	3		
ENG 350*	Studies in the Author	3		
ENG 355*	Literature and the Other Arts	3		
MUS 303	Music History and Literature	3		
Political Science & Anthropology & Sociology				
POL 301	The American Presidency	3		
POL 304	American Political Theory	3		
POL 311	Parties, Voting, and Campaign Strategies	3		
POL 319	Public Administration	3		
POL 362	American Foreign Policy	3		
Total elective hours		9		
TOTAL HOURS FOR MINOR		18		

*Focused primarily on the United States

If any substitutions or waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

 Advisor Signature

 Department Chair Signature