

American Studies Minor

For information, contact the program advisor in the Department of Global and Intercultural Studies, 120 MacMillan Hall, 513-529-5333.

This interdisciplinary minor is open to all students and provides valuable context for majors from across the university including business, communication, education, fine arts and science; it also complements well-established liberal arts fields such as political science, English, history, sociology, and psychology. Focusing broadly on American culture and society in global context, the minor fosters critical and creative thinking, intercultural awareness, interdisciplinary research skills, synthetic analytical skills, strong writing and oratory skills, an understanding of multiple kinds of media and texts, and a broad understanding of social, cultural, and historical contexts—skills necessary to succeed in professional work in any field. Students take three core courses in American Studies and then work with the program director to develop an area of concentration that reflects their specific intellectual interests. This allows students to individually tailor the minor to support work they are doing in their major field.

Program Requirements

(18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses:		
AMS 205 or AMS 207	Introduction to American Cultures America: Global and Intercultural Perspectives	3
AMS 206	Approaches to American Culture	3
Select any two courses from the five below: ¹		6
AMS 301	American Identities	
AMS 302	Immigrant America	
AMS 303	Consumer Culture	
AMS 305	American Icons	
AMS 310	Special Topics in American Studies	
American Culture Focus:		
With the approval from the CDA, students take 6 additional semester hours from AMS courses cross-listed with other departments or courses examining U.S. society and culture offered by other departments. Culture focus hours must include 2 disciplines.		6
Total Credit Hours		18

¹ With the approval of the CDA, the second course can be one of the courses above OR it can be a 300-level cross-listed AMS class.