

Folklore Minor

Departments of English, History,
Political Science, and Sociology
College of Humanities, Arts,
and Social Sciences

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Admission Requirements For This Major

1. New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission to this major.
2. Transfer students from other institutions need a 2.75 total GPA for admission to this major in good standing.
3. Students transferring from other USU majors need a USU total GPA of 2.75 for admission to this major in good standing.

The Program

Many important issues associated with the origin, evolution, and manifestations of American culture transcend the boundaries of traditional subject areas and are best explored from a variety of perspectives or disciplines. The American Studies major and minor provide students the opportunity to integrate studies in various fields into a broader understanding of American culture and its antecedents. Although housed in the Department of English, the American Studies program permits students to choose relevant courses for their cognate areas from a variety of participating departments throughout the University.

Although no foreign language is required for a Bachelor of Science degree in American Studies, a two-year competency in a foreign language is required for a Bachelor of Arts degree. American society is rapidly becoming bilingual. If for no other reason, students with a knowledge of a foreign language will have an edge in the job market and should give serious consideration to developing competence in a second language. Moreover, since most graduate schools require an understanding of at least one foreign language, students who plan to go on for a Master of Arts (MA) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree should plan to complete the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Upon declaring an intention to major or minor in American Studies, students will meet with the American Studies advisor, who will assist them in planning their program so that it (1) meets the University requirements for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, (2) satisfies any specific requirement of the department in which the student is concentrating his/her work, (3) respects the interdisciplinary spirit of American Studies, and (4) prepares the student to meet future challenges. Students are urged to visit with their advisor on a regular basis to assure steady progress toward the completion of their degrees.

Career Opportunities

An American Studies degree prepares students for a broad range of professional career options, as well as providing a foundation for future graduate study. One advantage of an individualized course of study is that it grants students the freedom to tailor their courses to meet specific professional requirements while ensuring broad exposure to an array of academic disciplines. For example, students wishing to work for governmental agencies or private businesses in a specific locality can combine courses in local history with courses that study political institutions and the cultural makeup of the region. In addition, internships enable students to meet people working in the fields they wish to enter while learning first-hand about real job demands. American Studies majors are also excellent candidates for advanced education. An interdisciplinary background is desirable for admission to law school, managerial training schools, and a variety of humanities programs that prepare students for college or university teaching.

Degree and Program Offerings

American Studies: Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Arts (BA), Master of Science (MS), and Master of Arts (MA)

Academic Advisement

All students must contact the American Studies undergraduate advisor *each semester* for assistance with course selection, program planning, and meeting graduation requirements. To contact the advisor, Lisa Hamblin, call the College of HASS Advising Center at (435) 797-3883.

**Graduation Requirements:
BS/BA Degree in American Studies***

*A BA degree requires foreign language training. For further information, see the *General Catalog*.

Minimum University Requirements**

Total credits	120
Grade point average (most majors require higher GPA)	2.00 GPA
Credits of C- or better	100
Credits of upper-division courses (#3000 or above)	40
USU credits	30
(20 of which must be upper division, including 10 required by major)	
Completion of approved major program of study	See department
Credits in minor (if required by department)	12
Credits in American Institutions (ECON 1500; HIST 1700, 2700, or 2710; POLS 1100; or USU 1300)	3
University Studies requirements	See below

**Colleges and departments may require more credits or a higher GPA. See requirements on this sheet.

**University Studies Requirements
for American Studies Major**

Note: Approved University Studies courses and requirements are listed in the back section of each semester's *Schedule of Classes*.

General Education Requirements (27-31 credits)

Competency Requirements (9-13 credits)

Communications Literacy (CL1 and CL2) (6 credits)

ENGL 1010 (CL1) (3 credits) or satisfactory AP, CLEP, or ACT score
AND
ENGL 2010 (CL2) (3 credits)

Quantitative Literacy (QL) (3-4 credits)

MATH 1030 or 1050 or STAT 1040 (3-4 credits)
OR
One MATH or STAT course requiring MATH 1050 as a prerequisite
OR
AP Math score of 3 or higher

Computer and Information Literacy (0-3 credits)

Passing grade on six computer and information literacy related examinations. Although no specific course is required, USU 1000 and OSS 1400 teach the required skills.

Breadth Requirements (18 credits)

Select at least one approved course from each of the following six categories: **American Institutions (BAI)**, **Creative Arts (BCA)**, **Humanities (BHU)**, **Life Sciences (BLS)**, **Physical Sciences (BPS)**, and **Social Sciences (BSS)**. At least two of the six breadth courses must be University Studies courses with a **USU prefix** (excluding USU 1000, 1010, 1100, and 3330). (CLEP or AP credit may be used.)

Depth Education Requirements

Communications Intensive (CI) (2 courses)

ENGL/HIST 5690 (required Capstone Course), plus another course having CI designation, will meet this requirement.

Quantitative Intensive (QI) (1 course)

For most students, a course taken for the major will meet this requirement.

Depth Course Requirements (2 courses)

Select at least one approved 3000-level or above course from each of the following two categories: **Life and Physical Sciences (DSC)** and **Social Sciences (DSS)**.

American Studies Major Requirements

Minimum GPA for Admission: 2.75 within all English courses (other than ENGL 1010, 2010, CLEP, AP, etc.); 2.75 USU cumulative (including courses taken for another USU major); 2.75 career total (including transfer credits)

Minimum GPA for Graduation: 2.75 within all major requirements, including cognate areas; 2.0 USU cumulative; 2.0 career total

Minimum Grade Accepted: C within all major requirements, including cognate areas; *except* up to 3 credits of internship, which can be taken P/F

Number of Required Credits: 51

For admission and graduation, students must have and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.75. All courses used to fill either the major or minor requirements must be taken on an *A-B-C-D-F* basis, and major or minor courses passed with less than a C grade must be repeated. However, up to 3 credits of internship, which is recorded as *P/F*, may be used toward the major requirements.

Course Requirements

A. Core Requirements (12 credits) Credits

- ENGL 2160 American Literary History: Colonialism to 1865 (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL 2170 American Literary History: 1865 to Present (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL 2630 (BHU) American Culture and the Environment (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL 4610 Western American Literature (F,Sp). 3

B. Choose two of the following courses (6 credits):

- ENGL 3070 (DHA) Perspectives in Folklore (F,Su) 3
- ENGL 3300 Period Studies in American Literature (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL 3520 Multicultural American Literature (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL 3620 Native American Studies (F,Sp) 3

C. Choose three of the following courses (9 credits):

- ENGL 4310 American Writers (F,Sp). 3
- ENGL 4340 Studies in Prose Fiction (Sp). 3
- ENGL 4350 Studies in Poetry (F) 3
- ENGL 4360 Studies in Drama/Film (Sp) 3
- ENGL 4370 Studies in Nonfiction Prose (F) 3
- ENGL 4620 (CI) Advanced Seminar in American Studies (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL 4630 American Nature Writers (F,Sp). 3
- ENGL/HIST 4640 (CI) Studies in the American West (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL 4900 Internship/Cooperative Work Experience (F,Sp,Su) 1-3

D. Cognate Areas (21 credits)

Select two cognate areas and choose 9 credits from one and 12 credits from the other (21 credits total). Possible cognate course options are listed below.

1. Creative Writing
2. Folklore
3. History
4. Nature and Environment
5. Political Science
6. Sociology and Anthropology

E. Capstone Course (3 credits) Credits

- ENGL/HIST 5690 (CI) American Studies Capstone Seminar (Sp) 3

Cognate Course Options

Students are required to select **two** cognate areas and choose 9 credits from one and 12 credits from the other (21 credits total). Cognate courses *cannot* be used to fill University Studies requirements. **A maximum of 3 credits can be completed in lower-division courses.** The following are partial lists of appropriate courses. The Director of American Studies must approve substitutions.

1. Creative Writing

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following: Credits

- ENGL 3420 Fiction Writing (F) 3
- ENGL 3430 Poetry Writing (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL 3440 Creative Nonfiction Writing (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL 4420 Advanced Fiction Writing (Sp) 3
- ENGL 4430 Advanced Poetry Writing (Sp). 3
- ENGL 4440 Advanced Nonfiction Writing (Sp) 3

2. Folklore

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

- ENGL/HIST/ANTH 2210 (BHU)¹ Introduction to Folklore (F,Sp) 3 (formerly ENGL/HIST/ANTH 1710)
- ENGL/HIST/ANTH 2720 Survey of American Folklore (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL/HIST 3070 (DHA) Perspectives in Folklore (F,Su). 3
- ENGL/HIST 3700 (CI) Regional Folklore (F,Sp) 3
- ENGL/HIST 3710 (CI) Folklore Colloquium (Sp) 3
- ENGL/HIST 4700 Folk Material Culture (Sp) 3
- ENGL/HIST 4750 Advanced Folklore Workshop: Fife Conference (Su) 3
- ENGL/HIST/ANTH 5700 Folk Narrative (Sp). 3

3. History

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

- HIST/ENGL 1600 American Cultures in Film (F,Sp) 3
- HIST 2700 (BAI) United States to 1877 (F,Sp,Su) 3
- HIST 2710 (BAI) United States 1877-Present (F,Sp,Su) 3
- HIST 3720 Colonial America (F) 3
- HIST 3730 The New American Nation (Sp) 3
- HIST 3750 Civil War and Reconstruction (Sp) 3
- HIST 3760 (CI) The United States, 1900-1945 (Sp) 3
- HIST 3850 (CI) History of Utah (Sp) 3
- HIST 4550 (CI) The History of Women and Family in America 3
- HIST 4600 (CI) The History of the American West 3
- HIST/ENGL 4640 (CI) Studies in the American West (F,Sp) 3
- HIST 4710 American Indian History (F) 3
- HIST 4730 (CI) History of Black America (Sp) 3
- HIST 4740 American Immigration History (F) 3
- HIST 4790 American Religious History 3
- HIST 4810 American Military History 3

4. Nature and Environment

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

- ENGL 4630 American Nature Writers (F,Sp). 3
- ENV5 2340 (BSS) Natural Resources and Society (F,Sp) 3
- ENV5 5110 Environmental Education (Sp) 3
- FRWS 2200 (BLS) Ecology of Our Changing World (F,Sp) 3

	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 3950 (CI) Environmental History.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NR 1010 (BSS) Humans and the Changing Global Environment (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NR 2220 General Ecology (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 3510 Environmental Ethics (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 4820 (DSS) Natural Resources and Environmental Policy (Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3600 Sociology of Urban Places (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3610 (DSS) Rural Sociology (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 4620 (DSS) Sociology of the Environment and Natural Resources (Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 5250 Environmental Rhetoric (Sp)	3

5. Political Science

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 1100 (BAI) United States Government and Politics (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 2200 (BSS) Comparative Politics (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3140 (DSS) The Presidency (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS/ECON 3170 Law and Economics (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3310 (DSS) American Political Thought (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3320 The Foundations of American Constitutionalism	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3400 (DSS) United States Foreign Policy (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 4130 Constitutional Theory (Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 4140 Political Organizations	3

6. Sociology and Anthropology

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 1010 (BSS) Cultural Anthropology (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 3110 North American Indian Cultures (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 3130 (CI) Peoples of Latin America	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 3200 (DSS/CI) Perspectives on Race (Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 3300 (DSS) Archaeology in North America (Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 4110 (DSS) Southwest Indian Cultures, Past and Present (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 4360 (DSS) Ancient Desert West (F)	3-4
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 5800 Museum Development (F,Sp,Su)	1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 1010 (BSS) Introductory Sociology (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 2370 ¹ Sociology of Gender (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> (formerly SOC 2500)	
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3010 Race, Class, and Gender (F,Sp)	3

American Studies Minor (21 credits)

American Studies minors must meet and maintain a 2.75 GPA admissions and graduation standard. Students are required to complete ENGL 2160, American Literary History: Colonialism to 1865; ENGL 2170, American Literary History: 1865 to Present; and one upper-division English course. They must also complete 12 credits of upper-division coursework drawn from two cognate areas. These courses of study must be approved by the Director of American Studies or by the American Studies advisor (Lisa Hamblin, Taggart Student Center 302) at least one year in advance of graduation. Courses used to fulfill requirements for the English and History majors may *not* be used for the American Studies minor.

Folklore Minor (18 credits)

The 18-credit minor in folklore is an interdisciplinary program sponsored by the English Department and the History Department. The coursework for the minor must be approved by the Director of the Folklore Program (Jeannie Thomas, Ray B. West 302B) at least one year prior to graduation. Folklore minor students must maintain a 2.75 GPA admissions and graduation standard. Courses used to fulfill requirements for the English and History majors may *not* be used for the Folklore minor.

A. Required Courses (6 credits)

Credits

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST/ANTH 2210 (BHU) ¹ Introduction to Folklore (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> (formerly ENGL/HIST/ANTH 1710)	
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST/ANTH 5700 Folk Narrative (Sp)	3

B. Survey of Folklore in Culture and Place (3 credits)

Credits

Select *one* of the following courses:

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST/ANTH 2720 Survey of American Folklore (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST 3700 (CI) Regional Folklore (F,Sp)	3

C. Folklore Genres (3 credits)

Select *one* of the following courses:

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST 3070 (DHA) Perspectives in Folklore (F,Su)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST 4700 Folk Material Culture (Sp)	3

D. Focused Approaches to the Study of Folklore (3 credits)

Select *one* of the following courses:

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST 3710 (CI) Folklore Colloquium (Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST 4750 Advanced Folklore Workshop: Fife Conference (Su)	3

E. Electives (3 credits)

Select *one* of the following courses:

<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 1010 (BSS) Cultural Anthropology (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 2010 (BSS) ¹ Peoples of the Contemporary World (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> (formerly ANTH 2100)	
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 3110 North American Indian Cultures (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 3130 (CI) Peoples of Latin America	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 3160 (DSS) Anthropology of Religion (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 4110 (DSS) Southwest Indian Cultures, Past and Present (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 4120 (CI/DSS) Ethnography of Childhood (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 4130 (DSS) Medical Anthropology: Matter, Culture, Spirit, and Health (Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 5190 Applied Anthropology Practicum	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST 1600 American Cultures in Film (F)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST 3070 (DHA) Perspectives in Folklore (F,Su)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 3520 Multicultural American Literature (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 3620 Native American Studies (F,Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST 3710 (CI) Folklore Colloquium (Sp)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL/HIST 4750 Advanced Folklore Workshop: Fife Conference (Su)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 4850 Interpreting the Past for Teachers (F,Sp)	3

¹Due to House Bill 320 (Common Course Numbering), ENGL/HIST/ANTH 1710 was *changed* to ENGL/HIST/ANTH 2210, ANTH 2100 was *changed* to ANTH 2010, and SOC 2500 was *changed* to SOC 2370, effective Summer Semester 2006.

Further Information

For more information about the American Studies program, including feedback from graduates, visit the website at: <http://www.usu.edu/amstudy>.

Requirement Changes and Recording

Graduation requirements shown on this sheet are subject to change. Students should check with the American Studies advisor (Lisa Hamblin, Taggart Student Center 302) concerning possible changes.

Materials for Persons with Disabilities

This requirement sheet is available in large print, audio, and braille format upon request to the USU Disability Resource Center.

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