

American Studies

“The American Studies major is interdisciplinary in nature, designed to provide students with a flexible, multifaceted approach to the study of American society. Since the major provides much latitude in the selection of courses, students are encouraged to work closely with the program director and their advisor in choosing courses which will form a cohesive curriculum. The major provides excellent preparation for students interested in social justice, law, communications, library science, museum work, teaching, and many areas of public service.”



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New students considering a major in American Studies should select any of the core AMST courses: AMST 201 or 202. There are also numerous electives that count in the major. For more information, contact the director or see the catalog.

Below please find some examples of first semester schedules for an American Studies major. There are many variations of a first semester schedule; the examples are just meant to help you see that there are many ways to reach the same goals.

Example 1:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. HISP 101 - The American Heritage (3)	Major, HES
2. PSCI 102A - Intro to International Relations (3)	GI
3. AMST 201 or 202	Major
4. FSEM – Any Topic	FSEM
5. Foreign Language	Language

Example 2:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. AMST 201 - Intro to American Studies (3)	Major
2. PSCI 101A - Intro to Political Science (3)	HES
3. MUTH 181A - Music Theory I (3)	QR
4. FSEM 100RR - When America Came Marching Home (3)	FSEM
5. ARTH 114A - History of Western Art I (3)	ALPA

Example 3: Athletes for varsity sports must register for the 400-level course of the sport. Practice times for varsity sports can vary, but generally speaking, athletes should allow enough time to get to and from practice on weekdays from 3 - 6 p.m. Please check with the individual coach for your sport to verify specific practice times each semester.

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. AMST 201 or 202	Major
2. LING 101B - Intro to Linguistics (3)	HES
3. FSEM 100Z - International Short Fiction by Women (3)	FSEM
4. BIOL 121 - Biology Concepts I with Lab (4)	NS
5. PHYD 400 - Intercollegiate Baseball - Men (1)	Elective

***This particular course is in a discipline that allows students with demonstrated competence upon admission to UMW (such as AP/IB credit, dual enrollment, etc.) to begin courses at a higher level. Talk to your Student Success Coordinator if you believe you should start at a higher level.*