American Studies, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Before the fifth semester begins: declaration of the major and discussion of a plan of study with an American studies advisor.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least six courses from the plan of study and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least nine courses from the plan of study.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course | Title | Hours
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**Academic Career**

**Any Semester**

GE CLAS Core: Sustainability

**First Year**

**Fall**

AMST:1010 Understanding American Cultures 3

ENGL:1200 or RHE1:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4

GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Elective course 1 - 3

**Hours** 13-17

**Spring**

AMST:2025 Diversity in American Culture 3

ENGL:1200 or RHE1:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab 3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

Elective course 1 - 2

**Hours** 14-17

**Second Year**

**Fall**

AMST:2000 Introduction to American Studies 3

GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences 3

GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning 3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

Elective course 3

**Hours** 16-17

**Spring**

Major: 2000-level or above course 3

Major: elective course 3

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab 4

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

Elective course 3

**Hours** 17-18

**Third Year**

**Fall**

Major: 3000-level or above course 3

Major: elective course 3

GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives 3

Elective course 3

Elective course 3

**Hours** 15

**Spring**

Major: elective course 3

GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues 3

Elective course 3

Elective course 3

**Hours** 15

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

Major: elective course 3

Major: elective course 3

Elective course 3

Elective course 3

**Hours** 15

**Spring**

AMST:3900 Seminar in American Cultural Studies 3

GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts 3

Elective course 3

Elective course 3

Elective course 3

**Hours** 15

**Degree Application**

apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

**Total Hours** 120-129

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a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.

b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.

c Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS
Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

d Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

e GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

f Students are required to complete 15 s.h. of additional American studies courses.

g Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.