

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
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
AMST:1010	Understanding American Cultures ^b	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Elective course ^d		1 - 3
Hours		13-17
Spring		
AMST:2025	Diversity in American Culture ^b	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		1 - 2
Hours		14-17
Second Year		
Fall		
AMST:2000	Introduction to American Studies	3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^e		3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^c	4 - 5
Elective course ^d	3
Hours	
16-17	

Spring	
Major: 2000-level or above course	3
Major: elective course ^f	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^e	4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^c	4 - 5
Elective course ^d	3
Hours	
17-18	

Third Year	
Fall	
Major: 3000-level or above course	3
Major: elective course ^f	3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^e	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3
Hours	
15	

Spring	
Major: elective course ^f	3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^e	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3
Hours	
15	

Fourth Year	
Fall	
Major: elective course ^f	3
Major: elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3
Hours	
15	

Spring		
AMST:3900	Seminar in American Cultural Studies	3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^e		3
Elective course ^d		3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours		15
Total Hours		120-129

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 Society.

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

c Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high

school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.

- 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 Degree Services.