American Studies, B.A.

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 |  |  

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
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 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 Second 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
Elective course d 3
Elective course d 3

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 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.