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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**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 |

**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** | 13-17 |

**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 |
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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 |

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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 Fulfill 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.