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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**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 Second 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
- Elective course 3

**Hours** 15

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

- Major: elective course 3
- Major: elective course 3
- 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

**Total Hours** 120-129

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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.