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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GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level
- Proficiency or elective course
- Elective course
  
  **Hours** 16-17

**Spring**
- Major: 2000-level or above course
- Major: elective course
- GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab
- GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level
- Proficiency or elective course
- Elective course
  
  **Hours** 17-18

**Third Year**
Fall
- Major: 3000-level or above course
- Major: elective course
- GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives
- Elective course
- Elective course
- Elective course
  
  **Hours** 15

**Fourth Year**
Fall
- Major: elective course
- GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues
- Elective course
- Elective course
- Elective course
  
  **Hours** 15

**Spring**
- AMST:3900 Seminar in American Cultural Studies
- GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts
- Elective course
- Elective course
- Elective course
  
  **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.