

# American Studies, BA

American studies majors develop broad training in cultural analysis and communication. Students take courses that make sense of the contemporary world, both nationally and internationally, using a variety of approaches to the study of culture, including film, the digital humanities, art, theater, and literature. Building on the strengths of the faculty, students use a variety of approaches to study culture, including racial and ethnic studies, gender studies, media studies, the digital humanities, history, art, theater, and literature.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the BA in American studies, students should have:

- a deepened knowledge and critical understanding of American history, cultures, and society;
- the ability to interpret a range of sources (literature, painting, maps, diaries, music, census data, material objects) and to integrate those sources into a persuasive argument about American culture; and
- the ability to explain one's own perspective on American identity and to place that identity in the diverse, global context of our time.