American Studies

Interim Chair

- Thomas P. Oates (American Studies/Journalism and Mass Communication)

Undergraduate majors: American studies (B.A.); sport studies (B.A.)
Undergraduate minors: American studies; sport studies
Graduate degrees: M.A. in American studies; Ph.D. in American studies
Faculty: https://americanstudies.uiowa.edu/people
Website: https://americanstudies.uiowa.edu/

The Department of American Studies provides an interdisciplinary introduction to American culture, past and present. It helps students acquire a broad familiarity with the dynamics of cultural experience and explore aspects of life in the United States, such as sport, popular and fine arts, institutions, values, gender and ethnic relations, artifacts, and the everyday life of a diverse citizenry.

The department offers undergraduate programs of study in American studies and in sport studies as well as graduate programs of study in American studies, with a sport studies subprogram available in the Ph.D. program of study.

The department also is the administrative home of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Program, which offers an undergraduate minor and undergraduate and graduate certificates; see Native American and Indigenous Studies in the Catalog.